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**MINUTES OF THE
OKLAHOMA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION (OACIE)
REGULAR MEETING FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2018
OCTOBER 24, 2018, 10:00 A.M.**

OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM)
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Lucyann Harjo

Chair Lucyann Harjo called the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education meeting to order at 10:10 A.M., the purpose of the regular meeting is to meet “at least quarterly” provided by 70 O.S. § 3-173(D) per Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education Act.

2. Meeting Quorum

(A) ROLL CALL:

Present: Joy Hofmeister, Cori Gray, Esther Bell, Greg Anderson, Lucyann Harjo, Mary McCormick, Paul Pinkerton, Shoshana Wasserman, Todd Crabtree, Lisa John, Lori Hamilton; 11 present

Absent: David Walkingstick, Jana Roth, Jim Parrish, Judy Davis, Lisa John, Lori Hamilton, Rhonda Hayworth, Robert Bible, Matt Higdon; 9 absent

(B) GUESTS: Clara Keawphalouk, Seminole Nation Director of Higher & Adult Education; Johnathan Bennett, Seminole Nation Director of Johnson O’Malley; Tesia Zeintek, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Director of Education; Dolores Harjo, Administrative Assistant Seminole Nation Higher Education, Lisa Nelson and Annette Long, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

(C) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HOST

Chair Harjo thanked the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) for serving as the host for the regular meeting of the fourth quarter of 2018.

3. State Superintendent Remarks

Superintendent Joy Hofmeister

Superintendent Hofmeister welcomed another quarterly meeting of the Council and thanked the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for their support of the statewide trauma informed summit-conference. The summit was sold out in 72 hours, over 800 attendees and 300 on the waiting list. *Superintendent* announced that according to a report released last week by ACT, graduating AI/AN seniors increased their ACT benchmark scores from 17% to 19% this year, stated that meeting this benchmark is indicative of those students having the potential to succeed in postsecondary opportunities. *Superintendent* announced that since March, the agency has been awarded over \$50 million dollars, 4 out of the 50 of that has been awarded to the Office of American Indian Education. Stated that for the first time since the early 1990s the OSDE are able to add staff, resources, and build capacity to serve the American Indian student population from a staff of one to six. Superintendent emphasized four focal points: (1) to increase AI/AN student leadership and postsecondary opportunity readiness, and (2) to increase advanced placement coursework completion, (3)

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to provide remediation in mathematics, and (4) close a gap in instruction and readiness through various summer learning opportunities.

4. (Action) Discussion to approve or disapprove OACIE minutes for Regular Meeting on July 25, 2018 (Q3) Open Floor

Council member John made a motion to approve minutes, with a second from *Council member Anderson*. Voice vote conducted; *MOTION CARRIED 10 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 0 IN THE ABSTENTION (10-0-0)*

5. (Action) Proposed 2019 OACIE Regular Meeting Calendar Open Floor

Chair Harjo announced proposed 2019 dates to be first quarter being February 20, second quarter being April 17, third quarter being July 24, and 4th quarter being October 23; stated all meetings still at 10am on Wednesday. *Council member John* made a motion to approve 2019 OACIE Calendar dates, with a second from *Council member Gray*. Voice vote conducted; *MOTION CARRIED 10 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 0 IN THE ABSTENTION (10-0-0)*

Council member Guerrero (proxy) requested of *Chair Harjo* an amendment to agenda item 6c as the next discussion item due to time conflicts of the presenter. *All members* allowed amendment to agenda to hear item 6c as presented by *Ms. Tiffany Neill*, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the State Department of Education.

Amended Agenda Item (6c) Discussion of OAS: Social Studies Revision Updates

Tiffany Neill presented a brief update regarding the Oklahoma Academic Standards: Social Studies revision process, stated the state textbook committee will meet this summer and subsequently districts will purchase materials starting July 2020 for social studies texts. *Tiffany Neill* outlined the process of selection for the drafting, writing, and executive committees. *Council member John* announced that Chickasaw Nation will provide comments on the revision process and has begun development of Chickasaw Academic Standards and revamping their curriculum for classroom use.

6. (Action) Discussion and vote on or elect 2019 Officers Open Floor

Chair Harjo opened the floor for discussion regarding action item 6, current officers were recited as *Lucyann Harjo*, Chairperson; *Jim Parrish*, Vice-Chairperson; *Jacob Tsotigh*, Recording Secretary. *Council member John* nominated Lucyann Harjo to serve as Chairperson, seconded by Paul Pinkerton. Voice vote conducted; *MOTION CARRIED 9 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 1 IN THE ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCORMICK (9-0-1)*.

Council member Crabtree nominated Jim Parrish as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by *Council member Anderson*. *Chair Harjo* inquired with the floor for any additional nominations, *Council member John* moved to cease nomination process for Vice-chair, seconded by *Council member Anderson*. *MOTION CARRIED 9 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 1 IN THE ABSTENTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCORMICK (9-0-1)*.

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Council member Anderson motioned for an Office of American Indian Education personnel to serve in the capacity of agenda maintenance, recording secretary of the minutes; *Council member Guerrero (proxy)* confirms that the Administrative Assistant I of the Office could serve as recording secretary. *Council member John* motioned to table a vote on Recording Secretary appointed until American Indian Education staff are hired, seconded by *Council member Anderson*. Voice vote conducted; **MOTION CARRIED 10 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 0 IN THE ABSTENTION (10-0-0)**

**7. Discussion of current issues, goals, and updates
related to American Indian Students**

(a) American Indian Student Assessment Updates OSDE

Council member Guerrero (proxy) motioned to table AI/AN assessment updates for a quarterly meeting in 2019, seconded by *Council member Bell*. **MOTION CARRIED 10 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 0 IN THE ABSTENTION (10-0-0)**

(b) American Indian Education Updates Julian Guerrero

Council member Guerrero (proxy) updated the council of the OSDE being a recipient being a recipient of a U.S. Department of Education, Native Youth Community Project discretionary grant. The awarded grant will generate five additional full-time equivalents in Room 433 at the agency; announced the Project Director and Administrative Assistant will be housed at the agency, remaining three college and career readiness specialists will be office out in the field. The project will focus on building networks, fulfilling its proposed service to targeted students, and working alongside a model for AI/AN college and career readiness with various Tribal Educational Agencies partners. *Council member McCormick* stated her concern that grant partners go beyond western tribal partners and include Sac and Fox nation; *Council member Guerrero (proxy)* ensured that all Tribal Nations will be invited to partner on professional development and networking opportunities. *Council member Anderson* raised concern with duplicate sub-grantee representation with Anadarko Public Schools and Wichita and Affiliated Tribes in both SDE's NYCP grant and the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) NYCP grant, recommended to Council member Guerrero (proxy) to contact U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education (OIE) to inquire on any conflicts in a duplicate sub-awardee. *Council member Guerrero (proxy)* ensured that he will inquire with U.S. Office of Indian Education immediately to address *Council member Anderson's* concern and acquire clarification.

(c) OACIE Capacity, Agenda Process, Collaboration Chair Harjo

Chair Harjo asked Council member Guerrero (proxy) to introduce item 6d "Deep Dive" concept where a certain presentation be given additional time. *Council member John* recommended a written report in advance format, *Council member McCormick* stated there needs to be a greater invitation of tribal partners to learn more about the OACIE. *Chair Harjo* suggested that the OACIE invite a representative from a tribal nation not represented as an appointee on the OACIE, to be invited to educate the OACIE about their activities on a quadrant basis.

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(d) Legislative Updates

Todd Crabtree

Council member Crabtree stated interim studies are currently active, online charters are receiving money “off the top,” to fund them and a concern for student achievement accountability. *Council member Pinkerton* spoke briefly about the funding formula for all schools, particularly weights for grades and students could possibly change State Aid; raised concern about impact to smaller schools. *Council member Crabtree* SQ 801 does nothing except take money from “one pot and put into another for teacher raises,” and SQ 800 creates another savings account persay and money going there would “come off the top,” stated savings accounts sound good, but takes money already earmarked but doesn’t take long for it to be depleted.

8. Public Comment

Open Floor

Clara Keawphalouk (Seminole Nation Director of High Education) thanked Council member Guerrero (proxy) for inviting her to the OACIE quarterly meeting and wanted each member to introduce themselves. [*Council members introduced themselves individually, their name, title, and agency represented*] *Ms. Keawphalouk* raised concern with members speaking over each other, members not having respect for each other, and recommended the OACIE show more respect for one another in the conduct of business.

Lisa Nelson (Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education) provided information regarding Pre-ACT for 10th graders until November 30, 2018 in the fall. Additionally, colleges are providing a math gateway program: college algebra/pre-calculus, quantitative reasoning, etc.

9. Closing Remarks

Open Floor

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019


10. (Action) Adjournment

Open Floor

Council member Anderson made a motion to adjourn, with a second from *Council member John*. By a unanimous voice vote, the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education (OACIE) adjourned official business at 12:32pm. **MOTION CARRIED 10 IN THE AFFIRMATION, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, AND 0 IN THE ABSTENTION (10-0-0).**

Minutes provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education: Office of American Indian Education, on behalf of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education on ~~4-17-19~~ October 24, 2018 and were passed (passed/rejected) on APRIL 17, 2019 .

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I, **Lucyann Harjo**, as Chairman of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education (OACIE) hereby certify these minutes to be true and accurate as approved by the Council members who were present, in official quorum as provided by Oklahoma State Statute.

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