

**MINUTES OF THE
OKLAHOMA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION (OACIE)
REGULAR MEETING FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2019
APRIL 17, 2019, 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 10:11 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, Lucyann Harjo, Jim Parrish, Lisa John, Greg Anderson, Lori Hamilton, Mary McCormick, Paul Pinkerton, Robert Bible, Shoshana Wasserman, Cori Gray, Annette Long, Todd Crabtree, Julian Guerrero; 13 present

Absent: Jana Roth, David Walkingstick, Judy Davis, Rhonda Hayworth, Ester Bell; 5 absent

(B) GUESTS: Jackie White- Consultant for Muscogee Creek Nation, Lisa Nelson- Director at Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Kida Upshaw- Coordinator for Office of American Indian Education, Debbie Downing- Guest;

(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 OACIE for their continued work with the State Department of Education. *Superintendent* went on to speak about attending the February 5, 2019 Oklahoma Council for Indian Education Legislative Day in support of the organization’s mission to improve statewide Indian Education outcomes for all 130,000 American Indian students in Oklahoma. On February 28, the State Board of Education approved the draft OAS: Social Studies academic standards that quadrupled the amount of references to tribal sovereignty and on March 18 SDE staff made a presentation to the state legislature. *Superintendent* reiterated how the Office of American Indian Education is working diligently to revitalize efforts to enhance our current “Oklahoma Indian Education Resource” materials found on the SDE website; this will be strengthened by the OAS: Social studies standards once they pass the legislature. March 7, 2019, we sent official written correspondence to 185 school district superintendents who are required to complete tribal consultations as part of their compliance to Section 8538 of the Every Student Succeeds Act. We continue to receive updates from superintendents who are currently conducting those critical meetings for the benefit of all American Indian students. Superintendent announced that, tentatively for

EngageOK, there are three sessions dedicated to presenting on matters important to American Indian Education, those session titles are: *Building Partnerships with Tribal Educational Agencies*, *Culturally Responsive American Indian Resources*, and *How to Conduct an Effective Tribal Consultation*.

4. (Action) Discussion to approve or disapprove OACIE minutes for Regular Meeting on February 20, 2019 (Q1) Open Floor

Council member Crabtree made a motion to approve minutes, with a second from *Council member John*. Voice vote conducted; *MOTION CARRIED 13 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 0 IN THE ABSTENTION (13-0-0)*

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

(a) American Indian Student Assessment Updates Sarah Price

Council member Guerrero (proxy) introduced Sarah Price, Federal Programs Administrator, and gave her the floor to present on behalf of Muscogee (Creek Nation- Native Edge presentation. The presentation focused on Native EDGE, which stands for Elevating District Growth and Education. It is the Nation's response to Oklahoma Edge, the state's comprehensive education plan. OE was created through the Every Student Succeeds Act requiring all state education agencies to submit a plan for the use of their federal dollars. ESSA mandates local educational agencies, known as LEAs to engage in consultation with tribal nations. Over the past two years, MCN has developed relationships with schools, gathering information to create Native EDGE's research-based services. "As we finished up last year we're trying to think about the changes in terms of 'okay now we've spoke with them one-on-one for the last two years, what is it that we can do to be innovative to move forward with using data-driven information to move forward with services," MCN Federal Programs Administrator Sarah Price said. MCN will be moving into the next phase of Native EDGE, beginning the first of three rounds of annual consultations this summer.

(b) State Assessment Data:

3 & 8 grade ELA, Mathematics, and Science OSTP Julian Guerrero

Council member Guerrero (proxy) updated the council of the Oklahoma School Testing Program data for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science with a 22-page document covering the testing data for 2018 figures over proficiency scores and ethnicities. The focus was the shift of the numbers from 3rd grade to 8th grade for native students and how those *below standard* numbers grow. *Council member Guerrero* reflects on the data and what that means for our intervention methods for native students. *Council member Guerrero and members* agree that more professional development opportunities should be made that could aid in furthering native students and testing.

(c) (Action) Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) resolution #19-04 Jim Parrish

Council member Parrish announced Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized is urging Congress to restore federal funding for tribal programs. Health, housing, educational opportunities and tribal sovereignty were among topics addressed. *Council member Parrish* is asking for support from OACIE. *Council member*

Bible made a motion to approve OACIE's letter of support for ITC and their efforts for Native Americans and tribal governments in the nation, with a second from *Council member Pinkerton*. Voice vote conducted; *MOTION CARRIED 10 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 0 IN THE ABSTENTION (13-0-0)*

(d) Guest Speakers at OACIE

Mary McCormick

Council member McCormick thanked the State Department of Education staff for preparing the handouts, prompted the Council to be reminded of the authorizing legislation that established the OACIE. Commented that more state legislators need to be informed about the topics or at least receive an invitation from Council. Recommended more references to treaty rights of the sovereign nations and cited the responsibility of the State of Oklahoma to properly fund public education. Chair Harjo thanked Councilmember McCormick for her recommendations.

(e) Discussion of Sunset Bill

Lisa John

Council member John cited House Bill 2929 signed in 2010 which first created the Council, referenced first sunset House Bill 3079 in 2012 extended for a couple more years; House Bill 3243 in 2014 by former State Representative Seneca Scott. Referenced that next summer (2020) is the sunset of the Council, recommended reaching out to state leaders to discuss the Sunset which is to occur next summer. Referred to Secretary Lisa Billy, former State Representative as an advocate for American Indian education. Councilmember John recommends working on the Sunset language to work during the summer of 2019. *Chair Harjo* executed a subcommittee to work on the Sunset language, members will consist of: *Lisa John, James Parrish, Annette Long, Greg Anderson, and Julian Guerrero*.

(f) Bylaws Discussion

Lucyann Harjo

Chair Harjo suggested that the bylaws should be updated as there are some issues with the current bylaws as compared to the actual law. The term proxy is used and cannot be used legally and should be removed from the bylaws. *Council member John* suggested that one changes should include that members of the council should be a resident of Oklahoma. The next meeting, *council member John* will bring and submit language to councilmembers for recommendations for the changes to the bylaws to be discussed the next meeting in July. *Council member John* will submit documents prior to the next meeting.

(g) Public Comment (NONE)

Open Floor

(h) Closing Remarks

Open Floor

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2019

(i) (Action) Adjournment

Open Floor

Council member McCormick 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 12:13 pm. *MOTION CARRIED 10 IN THE AFFIRMATION, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, AND 0 IN THE ABSTENTION (13-0-0)*.

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 _____ and were _____ (*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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