

**MINUTES OF THE
OKLAHOMA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION (OACIE)
REGULAR MEETING FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2022
OCTOBER 19, 2022, 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 10:00 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: Sydna Yellowfish, Adrienne Lalli Hills, Lisa John, Jackie White, Carrie Whitlow, Paul Pinkerton, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Lucyann Harjo, Annette Long, Monte Randall, and Raymond (Matt) Higdon; 11 present

Absent: Joy Hofmeister, Lori Hamilton, and Cori Gray; 3 absent

(B) GUESTS: Amber Silverhorn-Wolfe, Kathy Dodd

(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 2022.

3. (Action) Discussion to approve or disapprove OACIE minutes for Regular Meeting on July 27, 2022 (Q3)

Council chair Lucyann Harjo asked for a correction on page 13 to be updated to her name. *Council member Butler-Wolfe made a motion to approve minutes, with a second from Council member Higdon. Voice vote conducted; MOTION CARRIED 10 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 1 IN THE ABSTENTION (10-0-1)*

4. Discussion on current issues, goals, and updated relate to American Indian Students

(A) American Indian/Alaskan Native Data, Jackie White, OACIE Board member

Jackie White thanked everyone for being there and briefly introduced Kathy Dodd, the deputy superintendent over federal programs. Katy stated she was there to listen and learn and she was glad to be part of the discussion. Jackie White talked about the importance of collecting student data, and touched on HB 1104, in hopes to have data on American Indian students in Oklahoma during the next meeting. *Council member Lalli-Hills* asked if there was any state recognized tribes and Jackie White stated there was one which is the Euchee tribe. Jackie White discussed the Indian Education Student Day. White, Butler-Wolfe, and Yellowfish briefly discussed Native American flag displays. White discussed NJOMA initiative to support

for forward funding for JOM. *Council members* discussed the issue with school management systems and the option students or parents are able to select regarding their race/ethnicity and tribal affiliation.

(B) Cherokee Nation, *Corey Bunch, Chief of Staff*

This agenda item was tabled until the next regular meeting, February 19, 2023.

(C) Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, *Amber Silverhorn-Wolfe, Education Services Administrator*

Amber Silverhorn-Wolfe started off by passing around a packet of resources and information about programs their education department has for their Native American students. Silverhorn-Wolfe talks about how a recent grant has helped them expand their curriculum, broaden services for students with disabilities, support students through family engagement nights of financial literacy, and how they are working with local colleges/universities. Silverhorn-Wolfe goes on to explain that Wichita tribal members can receive assistance even when living outside of the jurisdiction and talks about support from multiple tribes if you identify as more than one tribal affiliation. *Board member* Jackie White notes that regardless of how small a tribe is, they should all have a voice and be able to receive the support they need. Silverhorn-Wolfe begins discussing the difficulty of keeping accurate counts of Wichita tribal members in pre-K-12th grade, because they have to rely on each school to capture those specific numbers or how Native students might not always take advantage of programs tailored for them, making that data inconclusive. *Council members* go around the room to introduce themselves, as Silverhorn-Wolfe did not recognize Lisa John. Silverhorn-Wolfe does a reprise of things she's covered thus far, and reminds everyone she is open to collaborating, and that all of their school's information is located on their website and to reach out if anyone needs anything. *Board member* Jackie White asks if they are reached out to by any schools outside their district and Silverhorn-Wolfe talks about what communities they encompass in their service area, and the schools outside the area that they have been connecting with. *Council member* Adrienne Lalli Hills updates everyone on the Davis partnership and their work with Chickasaw Nation about getting a grant submitted to support tribal education departments across the state, along with their partnership with First Americans Museum and the tools they are developing to help Native Students feel more connected. Lisa John and Jackie White discuss state standards regarding curriculum and giving teachers the proper curriculums and resources to be able to support their students.

5. Public Comment (NONE)

Open Floor

6. New Business

(NONE)

7. Closing Remarks

Open Floor

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

8. (Action) Adjournment

Open Floor

Matt Higdon made a motion to adjourn, with a second from *Annette Long*. By a unanimous voice vote, the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education (OACIE) adjourned official business at 12:00 pm. **MOTION CARRIED 11 IN THE AFFIRMATION, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, AND 0 IN THE ABSTENTION (11-0-0).**

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 FEBRUARY 15, 2023.

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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.