



BIE Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (MDT)

BOARD MINUTES

Name of Committee: Bureau of Indian Education Advisory Board for Exceptional Students

Meeting Location: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the safety of all individuals the entire Advisory Board meeting was conducted online using the Zoom.Gov platform and teleconference.

FACA Regulations: As an advisory board to a federal agency, the Board falls under the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2). FACA aims to ensure that the advice of federal advisory committees is objective and available to the public, and the committee complies with cost control and recordkeeping requirements. The BIE Advisory Board ensures all their board meetings are open to the public, all meeting notices are published in advance and are advertised using the Federal Register and posted on the BIE website at www.bie.edu. The BIE has provided a Designated Federal Officer (DFO) that is assigned to support the Advisory Board and the BIE ensures each board member avoid conflicts of interest and limits membership terms.

Start Time: 8:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

- Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call - Norman Shawanokasic, Chairperson

Advisory Board Roster attendance

1. Present - Norman Shawanokasic, Chairperson
 2. Present - Brenda Anderson, Secretary
 3. Present - Dr. Robin Blitz, M.D., Board Member
 4. Present - Katinee Chavez, Board Member
 5. Present - Marsha LaFollette, Board Member
 6. Present - Teresa McMakin, Board Member
 7. Present - Dr. Harvey Rude, Ed.D., Board Member
 8. Present - John Struck, Board Member
 9. Absent - Cynthia Frank, Board Member
 10. Absent - Dr. Perry Graves, Ed.D., Board Member
 11. Absent - Teryl Running Horse, Board Member
- Gallery: Jennifer Davis, DFO was present. Individuals who attend the online Board meeting and signed in, their names were provided in the Zoom.Gov recording.
 - Individuals in attendance - Barry Eagle, Candace Sherwood, Carrie Watahomigie, Cherie Poitra, Connie Albert, Crystal Becenti, Dr. Cooper, Evangeline Bradley-Wilkerson, Eugene Thompson, Frances Chretien, Gloria Yepa, Jay Twitchell, Jessica Hall, Karen Etsitty, Katharine Ford, Margo DeLaune, Mary Ruth James-Goy, Melanie Star, Reanna Albert, Susan Fristad, Tanner Rabbithead, Tim Begaye, Victoria Wind, Zonnie Sombrero



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- Webinar Logistics – The DFO provided an overview about the meeting purpose, objectives; the board authorizations; public commenting sessions and meeting reminders.
- Introduction of new board members did not occur. There were no new board members.
- New Business - None
- Old Business - Reviewed and approved the July 28-29, 2021 meeting minutes.

8:30 a.m. Advisory Board - The Board started to work on the 2021 Annual Report.

10:30 a.m. Break (15 minutes)

11:45 a.m. Public Commenting Session - (15 minutes) - No comments were provided by the public.

12:00 p.m. Lunch (1 hour)

1:00 p.m. Public Commenting Session - (15 minutes) - No comments were provided by the public.

1:15 p.m. Advisory Board - Continued to work on the 2021 Annual Report. The report as finalized during this meeting.

- Plan for the next Board meetings for FFY2021-2022.
 - The next scheduled Board meeting dates are January 12-13, 2022 and April 20-21, 2022.
 - Brenda Anderson, Board Secretary reminded the Board her term and two other Board members (Katinee Chavez and Teresa McMakin) terms will also expire. A new Secretary will need to be elected during the January meeting to prepare for the April 20-21, 2022 meeting. The DFO recommended a Call for Nominations should be started by December 2021 to advertise for the three upcoming vacancies. The vetting process takes time to get applicants approved.
- The board developed a draft agenda for January 12-13, 2021 Board meeting.
 1. Provide two Public commenting sessions.
 2. Provide reflection time for the Board after each presenter.
 3. Dr. Thompson, Supervisory Education Specialist for BIE's Special Education Program will review the Coordination of Services plan, its purpose, provide a summary and the status of the plan. Also, provide information about the preliminary FFY2020 APR Indicator data to the Board as stakeholders and answer other questions.
 4. BIE Central Office – to provide information about the status of the BIE funded schools current reopening plans for SY21-22 and answer other questions.
 5. BIE Office of Sovereignty in Indian Education (Mr. Spike Bighorn, Program Manager) – Will present a summary and status of the Tribal Education Department grantee projects as it relates to BIE special education and will also answer other questions.

4:30 p.m. MDT Adjourn. Dr. Harvey Rude, motioned to adjourn the meeting. John Struck second the motion. Eight board members approved the motion, zero board members opposed the motion.