

Tribal Advisory Committee Minutes

Project:	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	Meeting Date:	8/19/2024
Facilitator:	Sonya Moody-Jurado & Julie Siestreem	Meeting Time:	3:00 PM to 4:30 PM PT
Minutes / Time:	Dorianne Houser	Meeting Location:	Virtual

AGENDA ITEMS + NOTES:

Open & Welcoming

Sonya Moody-Jurado, Co-Chair, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative
Julie Siestreem, Co-Chair, Committee Member, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative.

Notes:

- Julie provided welcoming words.

Roll Call

Dorianne Houser, Tribal Affairs Coordinator

Sonya Moody-Jurado, Co-Chair, Siletz Tribe Representative

Julie Siestreem, Committee Member, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative

Diane Teeman, Committee Member, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative

Michael Cherry, Committee Member, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative

Angela Fasana, Committee Member, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative

Becky Cantrell, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative

Marsha Frost, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative

Jennifer Jackson, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative

Melissa Montero, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative

Jaimie Crane, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative

Valerie Switzler, Committee Member, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

Alissa Lane-Kane, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative

Jemiah Wassman, Committee Member, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative (late arrival)

Jesse Jackson, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Jennifer Reid, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

DELC Team present:

Alyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director

Dori Houser, DELC, Tribal Affairs Coordinator

Dana Castano, DELC, OTELA Liaison

Kate Denison, DELC, Government Affairs Manager

Crys O'Grady, DELC, Legal Affairs Manager

Kevin Gleam, DOJ

Notes:

- Quorum Confirmed (At least 1 rep from 5/9 tribes) **Yes, 6 of 9 tribes represented.**

This is a high-level capture of the meeting. Please see the recording for full details

OTELA/TAC Updates

Alyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

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OTELA Updates

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

- Public Meeting law update: OTELA will be advising DELC and DELC is governed by the ELC, so OTELA is technically and advisory body with the oversight of public funds and therefor will be subject to public meeting laws. Kevin Gleam from DOJ is here for any questions you might have.
- **@Kevin**-I'm going to keep this as a more general higher level and not as strict legal advice.

- If 2 or more members of a “body” having authority to give recommendations to another public body-here, the state through DELC-then that is considered a governing body and is subject to the public meetings law. At a minimum, you are making decisions about how to use public funds.
 - Sometimes these laws can feel constraining, or like they are infringing on your right to have an honest conversation, but the public records law, public meeting law, all these open government laws are there in a way for increased transparency and accountability.
 - Each side of these discussions can benefit from this type of transparency and accountability. This this is all open and recording, it is also holding DELC accountable.
 - **@Julie**-For my understanding, the reason that OTELA will be following the public meetings law, I want to understand if the tribes can hold an executive session with only the tribes present.
 - **@Kevin**-It depends on how you do that. You can hold an executive session with this group, but you can only do that for specific purposes that are listed in the public meetings law. Not a general discussion. That doesn't mean that you all couldn't have a separate conversation outside of this group. For instance, tribes could presumably have separate conversations amongst the tribal members, with other tribes, with DELC etc, there are a lot of different variations.
 - **@Dana**- First newsletter was sent on the 8th. Due to spam issues, we can not add you to our mailing list. You need to go in and subscribe. There is a link that we will resend.
 - Reporting reminder. We wanted to make sure you knew that the first due date for the annual progress reports was July 30. You may not actually have a report due, depending on your agreement.
 - **@Julie**-Can you resend that to us? With the links and recap of what you said?
 - **@Dana**-Yes
 - **@Val**-How do we know what category we fall in?
 - **@Dana**, please email me, call or text and I will reach out and let you know.
 - **@Dana**-Childcare infrastructure fund is now accepting applications. This is a pot of 10 million in grants for first round. Then there is an additional 15 million (check) in the second round. It is going through Business Oregon. Applications open August 15 and go through September 30.
 - Webinar about CCIF applications August 21 12-1
 - We could explore Northwest Native Chamber joining us in a meeting also.
- @Dana**- Next is OTELA scheduling and the Legislative timeline.
- October is a crucial meeting to reconvene as a group and review the language that has come back and adjust as needed.

- In September, DELC will be presenting to the LCIS and possibly to the legislature.
- There is an update on the ARB

@Alyssa-We are preparing to release our agency request budget.

- This is required for agencies to release by September 1st and then the Governors recommended budget will come on December 1st.
- The last 10 years, ARB has been used as a way for agencies to communicate what communities and tribes and partners have elevated as major needs for the coming biennium. We have been able to look and see what is reasonable, but also to put forward a sort of menu of options as part of the ARB.
- Given the latest revenue forecast, Governor Kotek has directed all agencies to limit their budget to request no more than 1% of our budget. For DELC, this means less than 6 million for general fund requests.
- With this cap, our agency request budget will not include the Tribal Early Learning fund request.
- The governor is committed to tribal sovereignty and ensuring that the tribes don't continue to face the same barriers. She is still open to discussing how to operationalize an investment specifically for early learning for tribes in her recommended budget.
- We talked about submitting a legislative concept which we have been working on, to put forward the funding request in ARB on September 1st. This is delaying that process and we can spend the next couple of months working with you and the Governors office before the Governors final recommended budget.
- The DTLL sent in July requested approval, endorsement, consensus around the TAC recommendation to establish a Tribal Early Learning fund. It would be helpful to understand from each of you and each of your tribes, how much funding you feel like you could reasonably spend in a biennium.
- Our hope is that we can come back on September and hear from you all about what amount that is, knowing that can grow over time and that we can make future requests.
- **@Sonya**- Is it possible, without naming the tribes, to put together what is allowable and what other tribes have used this for?
- **@Alyssa**-yes, I think we can pull that together for you quickly
- **@Kate**- You can speak to the House Early Childhood and Human Services Committee. We don't have an official agenda yet, but that committee will meet on September 23rd from 2:30-5PM. They do accept virtual appearances, and we can work with you on getting materials in advance to put together a presentation.

- This would be an opportunity to highlight the work that you've been doing and the importance of seeing an investment in the governors recommended budget in December. It is a good platform to elevate all of the good work we've been doing, and it could be quite compelling.
- We will follow up with more information.

@Sonya- We worked hard on the OTELA branding; can we use this?

@Alyssa- we will fold in the branding and the colors.

@Alyssa- Paulina will be on leave until mid-September, and upon her return she will most likely be starting back at 2 days per week for a while. We wanted you all to be aware.

@Dana-This is a lot of information and we will send follow up items.

- We will send a scheduling poll for the September and October meetings.

Next meeting: TBD