

# Tribal Advisory Committee | Minutes

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| <b>Project:</b>        | HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub | <b>Meeting Date:</b>     | 3/13/2024             |
| <b>Facilitator:</b>    | Sandy Henry & Sonya Moody-Jurado    | <b>Meeting Time:</b>     | 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM PT |
| <b>Minutes / Time:</b> | Dorianne Houser                     | <b>Meeting Location:</b> | Virtual / In-person   |

## AGENDA ITEMS + NOTES:

### Open & Welcoming

Sandy Henry, Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep; Sonya Moody-Jurado, Vice-Chair, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative

### Notes:

- Sonya provided welcoming words.

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### Roll Call

Sonya Moody-Jurado, Vice-Chair, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative

Sandra (Sandy) Henry, Committee Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

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

Angela (Angie) Blackwell, Committee Member, ELC Representative, Grand Ronde 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

Marsha Frost, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative

Becky Cantrell, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative

Jennifer Jackson, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative

Melissa Montero, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative

Lloyd Commander, 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

TJ Cooper, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Jaimie Crane, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative

Elizabeth Smith, Committee Member, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative

### **DELIC Team present:**

Alyssa Chatterjee, DELIC Director  
Paulina Whitehat, DELIC Tribal Affairs Director  
Dori Houser, Tribal Affairs Coordinator  
Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

### **Notes:**

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

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### **ELC Update**

**Angie Blackwell**, Early Learning Council Rep, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

- **@Angie Blackwell** will be leaving her position with the ELC after accepting a promotion within the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Government. ELC position will be posted in Workday. Must be a member of one of the 9 Federally recognized Oregon Tribes to qualify. Alyssa will send information to TAC members who may want to share this information.

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**NOTES: HIGH LEVEL recording available @ [www.oregon.gov/delc](http://www.oregon.gov/delc)**

### **Grant Update/Reminder**

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

### **Notes:**

- **@Dana** – Final grant report due March 15, 2024. This information and link have been previously shared. Please forward that information to the appropriate person in your tribe. Reach out to [@dana.castano@delc.oregon.gov](mailto:@dana.castano@delc.oregon.gov) with any questions/concerns.

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### **TELH Discussion**

Sandy Henry, Chair, Cow Creek Tribe Rep  
Sonya Moody-Jurado, Vice Chair, Siletz Tribe Rep

### **Notes:**

- **@Sonya** – Angie B will be leaving the workgroup. Will need another volunteer.
- **@Angela Fasana** – Will volunteer to take that place on the workgroup **@Micheal Cherry** to be back-up
- **@TAC** – Next session to be set after DELIC completes information gathering.
- **@Val** – Would like to elevate/re-prioritize AI/AN to promote language and culture as being at the highest priority.
- **@Sandy** – Agree-TAC to re-prioritize as a group, once everything is further defined.

## **Survey Response update/Cont. TELH discussion.**

Dana Castano, OTELA Liasian

### **Notes:**

- **@Dana** –Four responses have been received.
- **@Sonya**- Would like to keep OTELA branding, keep developing funding with TAC, people who are “boots on the ground” and can share ideas with each other.
- **@Melissa**-Tribal Council concerns regarding open discussions in public meetings. Can the TAC stop this?
- **@Alyssa**- Has reached out to LCIS on possibility of facilitation of meetings so that sovereignty of tribes is honored, including the ability to have discussions outside of public view.
- **@Julie**-Thankful. Feels like DELC is validating tribal voices by offering several avenues to keep tribal sovereignty upheld.
- **@Julie**-can the wording of request for funding make a flex to include inflation?
- **@Sonya**- HHS has codified this as a percentage to adjust for inflation.
- **@Alyssa**-Written as ongoing fund where inflationary adjustments apply. Will not have to be requested every year.
- **@Lloyd**-prefers sub-committee plan as hybrid, but not my decision. Will try to get board meeting scheduled soon.
- **@Sonya**- TAC seems to like a hybrid option with a set aside, keeping the TAC as OTELA in place, no outside contract that would cause the tribes to lose money. Professional Development going through OTELA. Office of Tribal Affairs will be available for technical assistance and provide services where they can.
- **@Alyssa**- We can open statute. Rename TAC. There will be no sunset for TAC. Fund and implement plan. Remove advisory to ELC portion, which will remove public meeting requirements and allow tribes to speak freely.
- **@Val**- Sometimes the two entities (DELC grant and ELC) don't sit together. DELC grant under education and ELC under HHS.
- **@Alyssa**- Hybrid model comparison document shared.
- **@TAC**- Hybrid model best option.
- **@TAC**- April meeting to be in person. DELC to continue info gathering. Tribes continue to get tribal council input. All to bring to table in April for further consideration.

**Next meeting in person/virtual option available. April 9, 2024, at 9AM.  
700 Summer St. NE #350, Salem Or**

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### **Closing**

Angie Blackwell, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal representative.