

# Tribal Advisory Committee Minutes

<b>Project:</b>	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	1/8/25
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Sonya Moody-Jurado Julie Siestreem	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	3:00PM-4:30PM PT
<b>Minutes / Time:</b>	Dorianne Houser	<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Virtual

## AGENDA ITEMS + NOTES:

### Open & Welcoming

Julie Siestreem, Co-Chair, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative

### Notes:

- Julie provided welcoming words.

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### Roll Call

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

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Julie Siestreem, Co-Chair, 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

Jory Spencer, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative

Jaimie Crane, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative

Valerie Switzler, Committee Member, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

Alissa Lane-Keene, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative

Jemiah Wassman, Committee Member, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative

Jesse Jackson, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Jennifer Reid, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Mileah Skunkcap, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative

Caroline Cruz, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

T.J. Folz, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

Becky Wilson, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

**DELC Team present:**

Alyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director

Paulina Whitehat, Tribal Affairs Director

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

Kathy Wai, Interim Government Affairs Manager

**Notes:**

- Quorum Confirmed (At least 1 rep from 5/9 tribes) Yes, 7 of 9 tribes represented

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

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**Tribal Early Learning Plan Follow-Up**

**Legislative Session**

Kathy Wai, Interim Government Affairs Manager

@Kathy: Highlighting legislative session which begins on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Technical aspects of testifying. Full calendar available on the legislative website.

Pre-Session

- 1/9/25-1/10/25: New member orientation
- 1/13/25: Swearing in ceremony
- 1/17/25: Member LC request Deadline

Session

- 1/21/25: First day of Session
  - Pre-Session filed bills in OLIS, start of bill analysis and tracking
  - Communities will start hearing bills
- Mid-February: W/M Ed Sub Committee
- 2/25/25: Deadline for introducing bills
- 3/10/25: Floor votes start in chambers
- 3/21/25: Bills must be posted for a work session, or they die

DELC has 3 priority bills

- HB 2811/LC 406: Imagination Library of Oregon Program
- HB 2814/LC 411: Licensing Statute Alignment
- HB 2815/LC 412: Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund

Bills must be scheduled for a public hearing in a committee. They are typically comprised of 5-7 members.

### Testifying

- In-Person
  - Takes place in the state capital building in a committee room
  - There might be an audience depending on other items in the agenda
  - Those travelling more than 100 miles to testify sometimes given priority to go first
  - Can sign up to testify up to 30 minutes prior to meeting
- On-Line Testimony
  - Takes place on Zoom. Committee staff will be in communication with virtual testifiers to give instructions, troubleshoot, etc.
- Written Testimony
  - Can be submitted from when the bill is scheduled for public hearing in committee up to 48 hours (2 days) after the bill is heard
  - Once submitted, testimonies will be saved on OLIS and will follow the bill and respective committees.

Please let us know if you are interested in testifying and how.

@Sonya: I am hopeful that all the tribes testify. It showcases sovereignty and all of the work that we have done. It can really make a difference and impact our programs long term.

@Julie: Can I give in person or written testimony and the council, and the education director can give that also?

@ Alyssa: Yes, there is no limit to the amount of testimony, and each can testify in-person, virtually, or in writing. For this bill in particular, the legislature is most likely going to want to prioritize testimony from the tribes.

## **Funding Proposal**

Dana Castano, OTELA Liasian

@Dana: Funding distribution methods.

- Option 1: Each Tribe submits their full list of funding needs (no max) to DELC and OTELA for review. Funding is automatically granted up to the equal distribution amount.
  - Any remaining funds in the second half of the biennium are redistributed equally amongst the Tribes on track to fully expend their funding.
- Option 2: Each Tribe submits a list of funding needs up to a certain amount to DELC and OTELA for review.
  - Any Tribe who wants additional funding submits an application to OTELA to determine how unspent funding is distributed.

@Julie: Option 1 for funding, option 2 for redistribution.

@Jory: Option 1 for funding, option 1 for redistribution

@Angela: Option 1 is the preferred option

@Sonya: Option 1 have potential, but I also want all of the tribes to be able to utilize this money.

@Jennifer: CTCLUSI prefers option 1.

@Becky: Option 2

@Dana: We don't have to decide today. We can send out a poll so that everyone gets to provide feedback.

@Mileah: Lets do a poll please. Everything needs to go through Dianne. We have not had a chance to sit down and talk about this.

@Sonya: If we do option 1 for funding, and the needs are significantly less than set-aside. Overall, what would happen to the remaining funds?

@Dana: It might be a similar process as in redistribution. Also, extra funds could potentially roll over and stay in the TELF.

@Dana: We can move to Tribal discussion time. We talked about having Grand Ronde come and share their funding streams and options of how to braid those.

@Sonya: Once the legislation passes, I would like to talk about moving our meetings to every other month. How do other tribes feel about that?

@Julie: I like that idea, if something comes up unexpectedly, I would like to leave some flexibility. For emergencies.

@Sonya: I think we leave it in there as meetings, but only if needed by anyone.

@Sonya: Is the timing an issue with any of the Tribes? Maybe having to be in the classroom at the time we meet?

@Dana: Switching to every other month would be better for anyone with timing problems. It sounds like this would be beneficial. It looks like TAC supports this. Starting in July, 2025 we can move to bi-monthly. This will put us past legislative session.

@Jemiah: Supports

@Angela: Supports

@Jory: Supports

@Jennifer: Supports

@Julie: Maybe you can do a doodle poll, to make sure that this time of day works as well. As far as getting all nine Tribes involved.

@Dana: Yes, we can make sure the days, times, time of month are all working for you.

Adjourn: Next meeting February 12, 2025 3pm-4:30pm