

Tribal Advisory Committee Minutes

Project:	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	Meeting Date:	9/30/2024
Facilitator:	Sonya Moody-Jurado	Meeting Time:	1:30PM-3:00PM PT
Minutes / Time:	Dorianne Houser	Meeting Location:	Virtual

AGENDA ITEMS + NOTES:

Open & Welcoming

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

Notes:

- Sonya provided welcoming words.

Roll Call

Sonya Moody-Jurado, Co-Chair

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

Jory Spencer, Committee Member, Umatilla 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

Jesse Jackson, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Jennifer Reid, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Mileah Skunkcap, Non-Committee Member, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative

DELC Team present:

Alyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director

Paulina Whitehat, DELC Tribal Affairs Director

Dori Houser, DELC, Tribal Affairs Coordinator

Dana Castano, DELC, OTELA Liaison

Crys O'Grady, DELC, Legal Affairs Manager

Notes:

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

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

Northwest Native Chamber Presentation

Amber Faist, NWNC

MyKel Johnson, NWNC

Notes:

Amber Faist, NWNC

- **@Amber:** NWNC is an organization that is committed to the economic opportunities and benefits for native peoples across the Northwest We do a lot of work with business Oregon, business development, working with tribal communities and Native American populations throughout the Northwest area.
- We are one of two organizations that are funded to do technical assistance
- NWNC 3 pillars of service
- Education and growth
- Relationship building
- Economic Justice & Transformation

- CCIF-Competitive statewide grant focused on funds for establishment, expansion, and improvement of childcare facilities across the state. No tribal set-aside for these funds, though the bill language specifically called out that these funds are to benefit culturally specific childcare centers.
- We want to be a resource for tribes looking to implement these dollars
- Applications due today (9/30/24)
- We acknowledge that we are here on the date that this is due, and that can be frustrating and alarming
- This is not a first come, first serve application
- We will be working on doing more outreach
- Not applying this round, does not mean there will not be money available to you, next round

@MyKal

- Project types
- Planning Projects: Up to 75k
- Minor renovations and repairs: 20-99k
- New construction or major renovation 100k-2mil
- Property Acquisition 20k-2mil

@T.J: The list 1-4 of things that these dollars can be used for, If the tribe decides to apply, do you have to pick one of those 4? Can you pick more than one, and do you have to complete a new application for each?

@MyKal: No, you can do one application. If you wanted to go after property acquisition type 4, and the building needed some remodeling, you could combine those. So, 4 & 3 in the same application.

@T.J: In round one, if the deadline is today, and you only have 2 tribes who say they want the money, where does the rest go? Is it stuck into the next round? Will it be divided between tribes?

@T.J: If we would have known, we would have had an application ready by today. It would have been a perfect time for someone to say that we had dollars available for renovations. This would have taken a huge burden off the tribe.

@T.J.: Down the road, I hope that someone has the conversation that tribes might be interested in having some tribal set aside

@MyKal: I want to reiterate that we hear you and that this is very much a long-term investment. There will be more rounds of funding. We want to create that space and time to help you create a quality application.

@Alyssa: I want to let you know that I will be passing along this feedback to Business Oregon's director, as they think about future funds and highlight some of the gaps that have surfaced and to make sure that the right folks, know about this opportunity.

LEGISLATIVE DRAFT LANGUAGE

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

Crys O'Grady, Legal Affairs Manager

@Dana: First, we wanted to follow up on the funding needs for the TELF for the next biennium. We have only heard back from a couple of tribes. We will talk about that at the end for times sake.

@Dana: I will re-send the scheduling poll for October

@Crys: For information, there were some reasons that Leg council did make changes in the language that were legally significant. One of their main concerns was the equal protection clause. In referring to American Indian and Alaskan Native children and educators throughout the text.

@Dana: Overall, some elements will need to be more specific, we can spell out in rule later. Most of the changes are not legally significant.

@TAC: Definitions, Objectives, Membership: deep dive into language: Refer to video recording.

@Alyssa: Concerning the change from "May" to "Shall"

@Angela: I support "May" for flexibility.

@Sonya: I support Angelas interpretation, I say we support using "May"

@Dana: (4) add "but not limited to"

@Sonya: Yes. Flexibility

@Angela: I support as well

@Crys: OTELA membership. Mandatory language: This was not of legal significance. The reason why this was changed was just for uniformity across other bills or laws. They are open to changes.

@Sonya: These are the non-voting members so the absence of them in any meeting wouldn't prevent us from having quorum and continuing with the work right?

@Angela: It looks like the old language and new language are the same as to "Shall"
So, it looks like a formatting thing to me.

@Sonya: I agree

@Dana: Definitions

@Sonya: concerning caregiver. There are more, foster parents, DHS employees who are applying as guardian. I think we should expand it to be inclusive.

@Angela: Yes, and if we have a definition of caregiver somewhere to make sure that we are including all those people. We could say that at least 2 non-voting members who are caregivers of planned children, because if we have defined caregivers as all, you don't need to include that and if we stick with plan children that are children who are enrolled in early childhood care, or education programs that are operated by tribes, then you don't have to all of that either. So I would say to shorten it to "at least 2 non-voting members who are caregivers of plan children."

@Alyssa: Can we bring this back to leg council and make sure they understand the difference and make sure it is incorporated? What I am hearing is that what's proposed isn't exactly what desired.

@Crys: Yes, we can do that

@Dana: Chair structure. Would TAC like the chair structure defined in statute, or leave the flexibility through rule? Does TAC want the Co-Chair structure for the OTELA body?

@Angela: I propose moving anything to rule that we can for more flexibility to change at a later date.

@Dana: Funding. We do need to hear from everyone of what their numbers are so we can inform the Governors requested budget.

@Sonya: It is hard to do that now if you have only received two responses

@Alyssa: We can send a follow up email for folks to let us know by the end of the week what a feasible amount would be and to determine the best path for you, moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: TBD