



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Education
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Washington, DC 20240

BIE Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

Online One-Day Meeting | June 18, 2024 | 10:10 AM – 4:00 PM (MDT)

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: To meet the mandates of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) for Indian children with disabilities. To provide board members and the public, with information about various special education issues to improve special education and related services for children with disabilities within the BIE school system. The BIE advisory panel provides policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Public Law 108- 446 IDEA, Part B, Sec. 611(a)(6); Sec. 612(a)(21)(A); and is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 10

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public is encouraged to provide recommendations to improve special education and related services for students with disabilities within the BIE school system. Comments can be sent to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO): Email: Jennifer.davis@bie.edu or U.S. Postal/Delivered to: Bureau of Indian Education, Attention: Jennifer Davis, DFO, 2600 N. Central Ave., Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004. During the board meeting verbal comments can be made during public comment sessions, and written comments can be provided in the chat box.

MEETING REGISTRATION

This meeting is open to the public and can be accessed online. The Mountain Daylight Time zone (MDT) will be used for this entire meeting. The BIE Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for: **TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024**, and starts at 10:10 AM and ends at 4:00 PM (MDT). Registration is required. Click on the link below to register in advance for this Zoom.Gov meeting:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdeGrqj4tE1oyFLOYDCyPdIuS5bEh3uE>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Register once to attend either meeting date.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

This agenda is based on the Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) zone

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM **Advisory Board Training** – A contractor, Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE), will provide a 2-hour training session for BIE Advisory Board members only, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM MDT.

10:10 AM - 10:15 AM **Advisory Board Meeting Starts** - Roll Call, Old Business, New Business

10:15 AM - 4:00 PM **Public Comment Session**

Comments (verbal or written) can be made [any time during the board meeting](#). Comments can be provided verbally via webinar or in writing using the chat box.

Providing comments allows an opportunity for the public to provide comments to the Board. Comments should be related to topics regarding Indian students with disabilities within the BIE school system. The public can contribute their viewpoints on improvements, corrections or what is working in a school or within the BIE school system. **Guidelines for public comments:**

- Provide your first and last name, position title and the School/Organization you are representing.
- Limit your comments to three (3) minutes.
- Please respect confidentiality. Do not mention names of individuals (students or staff).

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM **Division of Performance and Accountability (DPA)/BIE Special Education Program | Dr. Eugene Thompson, Supervisory Education Specialist**

If the presenter is finished early, the board will start their work session.

PRESENTER QUESTIONS:

1. Provide an update on the following items:
 - a. BIE Summer Trainings (Principal Leadership Academy, Interactive Data Workshop and Fiscal Management)
 - b. BIE FFY2022 Annual Performance Data Report
 - c. BIE Special Education Policy & Procedures Handbook

12:00 - 12:10 PM **BREAK**

12:10 - 4:00 PM **Advisory Board Work Session**

THE BOARD WILL WORK THROUGH THE LUNCH HOUR. TEN MINUTE BREAKS WILL BE TAKEN AT 1:30 – 1:40 PM, 2:45 – 2:55 PM

- [Review all public comments provided during 10:15 AM to 12:00 PM.](#)
- Finish any new business or old business; Priority setting and begin working on the annual report; Finalize next meeting agenda and logistics.

3:00 - 4:30 PM **Public Comments**
[Review all public comments provided during 12:00 to 3:55 PM.](#)

4:00 PM **ADJOURN**



BIE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024

NORMAN SHAWANOKASIC, CHAIRPERSON | TERM: 7/10/2024 TO 7/10/2026 | STATE: WISCONSIN
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

PILAR PELTIER, VICE-CHAIRPERSON | TERM: 2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025 | STATE: OREGON
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: BIA EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WITH THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

LEON K. REVAL, SECRETARY | TERM: 9/14/2023 TO 9/14/2026 | STATE: NEW MEXICO
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

DR. JANET SLOWMAN-CHEE, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 9/14/2023 TO 9/14/2026 | STATE: ARIZONA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

SPENCER CHURCHILL, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 5/20/2023 TO 5/20/2026 | STATE: ARIZONA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCILS

MONICA CLEVELAND, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 3/17/2023 TO 3/17/2026 | STATE: ARIZONA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

LESLIE FINNEARTY, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025 | STATE: NORTH DAKOTA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

RACHEL HARRISON, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 4/18/2023 TO 4/18/2026 | STATE: OKLAHOMA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

WENDY KROUPA, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 4/18/2023 TO 4/18/2026 | STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS

GRETCHEN LEHMANN, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025 | STATE: NORTH DAKOTA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

MELANIE C. STAR, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 5/20/2023 TO 5/20/2026 | STATE: ARIZONA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: BIA EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WITH THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

BRIAN WAGNER, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: TERM: 11/4/2022 TO 11/4/2025 | STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA
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DR. ELIZABETH YOUNCE, BOARD MEMBER | TERM: 9/14/2023 TO 9/14/2026 | STATE: NORTH CAROLINA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS

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