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Bureau of Indian Education
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Division of Performance and Accountability

BIE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP 2026-2027

1. **NORMAN SHAWANOKASIC, CHAIRPERSON** **TERM:** 7/10/2026 TO 7/10/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: WISCONSIN
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES
2. **JOSHUA SHUMAK, VICE-CHAIR** **TERM:** 4/24/2026 TO 4/24/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: SOUTH CAROLINA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS
3. **MARIAH L. CROW, SECRETARY** **TERM:** 4/24/2026 TO 4/24/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: NORTH CAROLINA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
4. **DELYSSA BEGAY, BOARD MEMBER** **TERM:** 9/15/2026 TO 9/15/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: NEW MEXICO
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
5. **KATINEE G. CHAVEZ, BOARD MEMBER** **TERM:** 4/24/2026 TO 4/24/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: WISCONSIN
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: INDIAN PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
6. **ERIC CULTUM, BOARD MEMBER** **TERM:** 9/15/2026 TO 9/15/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: ARIZONA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS
7. **HEATHER A. CHURCH, BOARD MEMBER** **TERM:** 4/24/2026 TO 4/24/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: MICHIGAN
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS

8. **SEASON GOODPASTURE, BOARD MEMBER** **TERM:** 4/24/2026 TO 4/24/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: CALIFORNIA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCILS
 9. **TARYN C. JIM, BOARD MEMBER** **TERM:** 4/24/2026 TO 4/24/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: WYOMING
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: BIA EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WITH THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
 10. **DR. PAULA SORRELL SEANEZ, BOARD MEMBER** **TERM:** 4/24/2026 TO 4/24/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: ARIZONA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES
 11. **MELANIE C. STAR, BOARD MEMBER** **TERM:** 5/20/2024 TO 5/20/2027
STATE RESIDENCE: NORTH DAKOTA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: BIA EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WITH THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
 12. **AMBER JADE TYNER, BOARD MEMBER** **TERM:** 4/24/2026 TO 4/24/2029
STATE RESIDENCE: CALIFORNIA
REPRESENTING CATEGORY: STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS
- Currently, there are three vacant board positions. A Call for Nominations will be posted in the Federal Register in the fall of 2026.

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