



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Education

1849 C Street, NW,
Washington, D.C. 20240

BIE Advisory Board for Exceptional Children
In-Person and Virtual Meeting
January 19-20, 2023

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide board members and the public with information about various special education issues to help improve special education and related services for children with disabilities within the BIE school system.

Supplementary Information: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Public Law 108- 446 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, Part B, Sec. 611(a)(6); Sec. 612(a)(21)(A); and is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended); and the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended).

Meeting Location & Time Zone: This meeting can be accessed virtually or in-person at the Hyatt Place Hotel located at 3535 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85226. The Mountain Standard Time zone (MST) will be used for this entire meeting. Both in-person and virtual meetings are open to the public.

To Attend Each Meeting Day Please Register

The BIE Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for the following days and times:

- **Thursday, January 19, 2023** | 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mountain Standard Time (MST)
Please register using this link:
<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltd-uorzwpHX0JScKwuiQ5-fhSLVprEg>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting for Thursday, January 19, 2023.
- **Friday, January 20, 2023** | 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mountain Standard Time (MST)
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscCvqDsvGeULtmV6M2Lp47zKIRfHfRY>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting for Friday, January 20, 2023.

Public Comments: From the public regarding the concerns/issues to improve special education/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., 12th Floor, Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85004; or **Verbal or Written Comments:** can be made during the public commenting sessions, in-person or online.



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Day 1 – Thursday, January 19, 2023

TIME	AGENDA ITEMS
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Roll Call, Introduction of new Board member, Old Business, New Business
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	BIE Central Office Updates - Report on the State of the BIE, progress on new Strategic Plan, etc.
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Board Reflection - for Central Office Updates
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	BIE’s State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) - Stakeholder input from the Board on Indicator 3 Assessment for the FFY 2021 SPP/APR Part B.
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Board Reflection – for SPP/APR Discussion
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Break
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Public Comment Session #1
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Public Comment Session #2
1:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Associate Deputy Director (ADD) Regions - Special Education Updates from the ADD Bureau Operated Schools (BOS), ADD Navajo Schools, and the Tribally Controlled Schools (TCS). 1:15 – 2:00 PM - ADD Navajo Region 2:00 – 2:15 PM – Break 2:15 – 3:00 PM - ADD BOS Region 3:00 – 3:45 PM - ADD TCS Region
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Board Reflection for ADD Special Education Updates
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Work on next meeting logistics
4:30 PM	Recess



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Day 2 – Friday, January 20, 2023

TIME	AGENDA ITEMS
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Roll Call, Meeting Logistics, Old Business, New Business
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	BIE Special Education Updates - Updates and implementation of the Special Education Policies/Procedures Manual and Coordinated Services Plan, etc.
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute – Dean or Provost representatives to address the challenges of preparing educators for schools serving significant numbers of Native American students in Bureau funded schools.
10:45 AM - 11:00 PM	Break
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Board Reflection for Haskell and SIPI
11:15 AM - 11:30 PM	Public Comment Session #3
11:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Public Comment Session #4
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	BIE Human Resources – Status of unfilled educator positions and turnover from last year for educator positions at the school level, how the BIE recruits and retains personnel to fill position vacancies, etc.
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Board Reflection for BIE Human Resource
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 PM - 4:30 PM	Work on next meeting logistics
4:30 PM	Adjourn



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BIE Advisory Board Member Roster
FFY 2023-2024

Member Name & Position	Term Length and Representing the Category for:
1. Norman Shawanokasic Chairperson	7/9/2020 to 7/9/2023 Tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives
2. Dr. Harvey Rude, Ph.D. Vice-Chairperson	7/9/2020 to 7/9/2023 Service Providers to Children with Disabilities
3. Leslie Finnearty Secretary	2/10/2022 to 2/10/2025 Teachers of Children with Disabilities
4. Dr. Robin Blitz, M.D. Board Member	7/9/2020 to 7/9/2023 State Interagency Coordinating Councils
5. Dr. Perry Graves, Ph.D. Board Member	1/14/2021 to 1/14/2024 Teachers of Children with Disabilities
6. Gretchen Lehmann Board Member	2/10/2022 to 2/10/2025 Service Providers to Children with Disabilities
7. Pilar Peltier Board Member	2/10/2022 to 2/10/2025 BIE employee concerning the education of children with disabilities
8. Teryl Running Horse Board Member	1/14/2021 to 1/14/2024 Indian Persons with Disabilities
9. Brian Wagner Board Member	11/4/2022 to 11/4/2025 Tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives
10. Gretchen Wendell Board Member	2/10/2022 to 2/10/2025 Service Providers to children with disabilities