



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
June 22-23, 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 Chemawa Indian School located at 3700 Chemawa Road NE, Salem, Oregon. The Pacific Time zone (PDT) 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, June 22, 2023 and Friday, June 23, 2023**
Both days start at 8:00 AM and will end at 4:30 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)
Please register using this link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSd-2urTloGYqvBQdLsCW2XyFzejJriFU>
You only need to register once to attend either meeting date. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email and information about joining the meeting.

Public Comments: The public is encouraged to provide concerns and issues, including 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., 12th Floor, Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85004; or **Verbal or Written Comments:** can be made during the public commenting sessions, in-person or online. **During the advisory board meeting:** the public can also provide verbal comments, write comments in the chat box during the public comment sessions.



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Day 1 – Thursday, June 22, 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 | Chemawa Indian School - School leadership team, teachers, school improvement team, parent advisory board. <i>Report on the successes and concerns at your school. What do you see as an opportunity to improve services for children and families in the local community? What is one thing you would like to see changed?</i> |
| 9:15 AM - 9:30 AM | Board Reflection - for Chemawa Indian School |
| 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM | Break |
| 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM | BIE Off Reservation Board Schools (ORBS), Chemawa Indian School, Flandreau Indian School, Riverside Indian School, and Sherman Indian School. <i>During the COVID pandemic and post-COVID, how has it affected the school’s ability to provide educational services to all students and specifically students with disabilities?</i> |
| 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM | Public Comment Session #1 (see page 1 for public comment information) |
| 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM | Board Reflection – for BIE Off Reservation Board Schools |
| 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Lunch (on your own) |
| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | BIE Special Education Program. Dr. Eugene Thompson, Supervisory Education Specialist. <i>Provide updates about BIE regional conferences, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, the BIE’s Special Education Policy and Procedures Manual, and the special education findings regarding the BIE’s Fiscal and Programmatic Monitoring for SY22-23.</i> |
| 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM | Public Comment Session #2 |
| 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM | Break |
| 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM | Board Reflection – for BIE Off Reservation Board Schools |
| 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM | Work on any unfinished new or old business, next meeting logistics. |



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3:15 PM **RECESS.** The in-person & online board meeting will end at this time.

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM **Campus Tour of the Chemawa Indian School**
 The administrative staff of Chemawa Indian School will be providing a campus tour for the BIE Advisory Board members and individuals in the gallery.

Day 2 – Friday, June 23, 2023

| TIME | AGENDA ITEMS |
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| 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM | Roll Call, Meeting Logistics, Old Business, New Business |
| 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM | State Departments Office of Indian Education (Arizona, Montana, Oregon, and South Dakota). Tribal-State liaison Offices of Indian Education Panel. Discuss services and supports provided to BIE funded schools in each state. Discuss the relationship between the State’s Office of Indian Education and BIE funded schools within each state. What funding does the state provide to BIE funded schools when a student does not meet Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) eligibility criteria? |
| 10:00 PM - 10:15 AM | Break |
| 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM | Board Reflection - for State Departments Office of Indian Education |
| 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM | Public Comment Session #3 <i>(see page 1 for public comment information)</i> |
| 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM | Work on next meeting logistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on identifying priority topics; Propose the next steps. • Develop and finalize the agenda for the September 2023 board meetings (topics to be discussed, decide on presenters and their questions). |
| 11:30 PM – 12:45 PM | Lunch (on your own) |
| 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM | Public Comment Session #4 |
| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Work on next meeting logistics |
| 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM | Break |
| 2:15 PM - 4:30 PM | Work on next meeting logistics |
| 4:30 PM | Adjourn |



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BIE Advisory Board Member Roster
FFY 2022-2023

| Member Name & Position | Representing the Category for: | Term Length |
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| Norman Shawanokasic Chairperson (WI) | Tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives | 7/9/2020 to 7/9/2023 3-year term |
| Dr. Harvey Rude, Ph.D. Vice-Chairperson (CO) | Service Providers to Children with Disabilities | 7/9/2020 to 7/9/2023 3-year term |
| Leslie Finnearty Secretary (ND) | Teachers of Children with Disabilities | 2/10/2022 to 2/10/2025 3-year term |
| Dr. Robin Blitz, M.D. Board Member (AZ) | State Interagency Coordinating Councils | 7/9/2020 to 7/9/2023 3-year term |
| Monica Cleveland Board Member (AZ) | Indian parents or guardians of children with disabilities | 3/15/2023 to 3/15/2026 3-Years |
| Dr. Perry Graves, Ph.D. Board Member (KS) | Teachers of Children with Disabilities | 1/14/2021 to 1/14/2024 3-Years |
| Rachel Harrison Board Member (OK) | Teachers of Children with Disabilities | 4/18/2023 to 4/18/2026, 3-Years |
| Wendy Kroupa Board Member (SD) | Local Education Officials | 4/18/2023 to 4/18/2026 3-Years |
| Gretchen Lehmann Board Member (ND) | Service Providers to Children with Disabilities | 2/10/2022 to 0/10/2025 3-Years |
| Pilar Peltier Board Member (SD) | BIA employees concerned with the education of children with disabilities | 2/10/2022 to 0/10/2025 3-Years |
| Teryl Running Horse Board Member (SD) | Indian Persons with Disabilities | 1/14/2021 to 1/14/2024 3-Years |
| Brian Wagner Board Member (SD) | Tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives | 11/4/2022 to 11/4/2025, 3-Years |
| Gretchen Wendell Board Member (SD) | Local Education Officials | 2/10/2022 to 0/10/2025 3-Years |