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OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION

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Indian Education Advisory Council

SD Office of Indian Education

5:30 to 6:30 PM CT

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Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Director Osborn at 5:30 PM, followed by Welcome of attendees. Roll call was then recorded. Short introductions of new members was made.

Present-Virtual: Cherie Farlee, Karen Lakes, Ted Standing Solider Jr., Janice Minder, Anna Brokenleg, Stephanie Hageman, Brian Brown, Megan Deal, Brian Wagner, Secretary Algin Young (DTR), Dr. Joseph Graves (SD DOE), Fred Osborn (SD OIE), Tammy Matson (SD DTR/OIE)

Others Present: Makenzie Huber, Susan Shebby, Dorothy Aguilera-Black Bear

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Brian Wagner, seconded by Janice Minder to approve the agenda. Motion passed by voice consent at 5:32 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve 12/09/2025 minutes by Brian Brown, seconded by Janice Minder. Motion passed by voice consent at 5:34 PM.

Agenda Item:

Item 1: Chronic Absenteeism Grants

The council was provided with an updated Chronic Absenteeism Grants Report provided by the SD DOE. No discussion was had.

Item 2: Health and Wellness Survey Update

The council received an update on the health and wellness survey project, including current progress, remaining tasks, and how the results will be used to inform future programming and support for students and educators. Members discussed timing for presenting a more detailed data report at a future meeting and agreed that an updated summary should be available before the next school year planning cycle. Director Osborn introduced Susan Shebby, Director of the Central Comprehensive Center. Susan Shebby explained the required grant application process and need for support from the council. Motion to provide a letter of support made by Anna Brokenleg, seconded by Janice Winder. Motion passed by voice consent at 5:45 PM.

Item 3: Praxis Certification Requirements Discussion

The council discussed Praxis teacher certification requirements, focusing on how current standards affect recruitment and retention of teachers in rural and tribal schools and on the balance between maintaining quality and addressing shortages. Secretary Graves discussed ideas such as potential “near-pass” approaches, targeted flexibility in high-need areas, and continued review of state and national Praxis expectations. Further discussion on the effects of how such allowances would potentially transfer between school districts was also had, with Member Megan Deal stating support for the certification standard set by passing the Praxis certification. Member Brian Wagner suggested prior teacher certifications based upon local control should be considered. Secretary Graves stated that any changes would require further analysis and stakeholder consultation.

Item 3: Council Planning, Representation, and Future Meetings

Members reviewed council membership and representation, including ongoing efforts to ensure all tribal seats are filled, and received a brief update on related meetings such as the Great Plains Tribal Education Association session. The council confirmed that the next IEAC meeting is planned for August, asked members to submit suggested agenda items by the end of July, and highlighted Health Survey Questions and Praxis Certification Requirements as priority topics for continued discussion.

Conclusion and next steps:

The council identified August as the timeframe for its next meeting and asked members to submit proposed agenda topics before the end of July. Follow-up items include possible return discussion on the teacher certification process requirement, continued work on tribal representation, and additional updates on the wellness survey project as they become available.

Next Meeting:

The next advisory council meeting will be held in August.

Motion to Adjourn: Brian Wagner motioned, Karen Lakes seconded
Meeting Adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Matson, IEAC Secretary.

Fred Osborn
Executive Director, SD IEAC

Date Minutes Approved

ABBREVIATION REFERENCE:

BIE: Bureau of Indian Education

BOR: Board of Regents

CTE: Career Technical Education

DACAC: Dakota Association for College Admission Counseling

DOE: Department of Education

DTR: Department of Tribal Relations

IEAC: Indian Education Advisory Council

IES: Indian Education Summit

OIE: Office of Indian Education

OSEUS: Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards