



WSNAEAC Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2024 | Zoom

WSNAEAC Attendees

1	Anna Armstrong	2	Cindy Kelly	3	Cynthia Savini	4	Else Washines	5	Gail Morris
6	Jarrod Da	7	Jennifer LeBret	8	Jerad Koepp	9	Jeremy Rouse	10	Joseph Martin
11	Lolita Ceja	12	Michelle Parkin	13	Patsy Whitefoot	14	Sally Brownfield	15	Sara Marie Ortiz
16	Sonia Barry	17	Tamika LaMere	18	Zenitha Jimicum	19	Zoe High eagle Strong		

ONE Attendees

1	Henry Strom—ONE	2	Kari Tally—ONE	3	Kayla Guyett—ONE	4	Maxine Alex—ONE	5	Mona Halcomb—ONE
6	Rebecca Purser—ONE	7	Shandy Abrahamson—ONE	8	Willard Bill Jr—ONE	9	Anna Hernandez-French—OSPI		

Minutes Taker: Kari Tally

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10:00am	Sign In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA 	NA
10:05am	Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirmation of quorum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum affirmed 	NA
10:10am	Welcome & Land Acknowledgment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patsy shares of first day back to school and asks for blessings for our children 	NA
10:15am	Action: Approval of Today's Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair asks if any revisions • Jen suggests that members have more space for new business (updates) • Patsy suggests having Anna present earlier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve revised agenda made by Joseph • Motion seconded by Patsy • No Abstentions • Motion carried unanimously to switch time slots (Legislative Updates & WSNAEAC Updates) 	NA



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10:20am	Action: Approval of April 6 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes content incomplete: Approval of Agenda—Names of motions not captured • Jen suggests to set something on how to proceed in this case • Rebecca offers “approval with corrections and to add motions at later date” • Else suggests motion language • Patsy suggests inputting date of motion to approve agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Else motions to table because Cindy is not in attendance yet • Another motion made by Else to put new verbiage in minutes to pass • Motion seconded by Anna • “Approval of Agenda” verbiage revised as suggestions were made • Added “Permission to add specific information at a later date.” This is in place so we don’t have to come back with an action • Else motioned to approve minutes with amendments made in this meeting • Seconded by Anna • All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions • Motion carried unanimously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kari will render, ADA, and post minutes to WSNAEAC website
10:35am	Action: Approval of October 25 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No discussion, no revisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made by Joseph • Motion seconded by Tamika • All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions • Motion carried unanimously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kari will render, ADA, and post minutes to WSNAEAC website
10:40am	Action: Approval of October 26 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No discussion, no revisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made by Anna • Motion seconded by Zenitha • All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions • Motion carried unanimously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kari will render, ADA, and post minutes to WSNAEAC website
10:45am	WSNAEAC Unfinished Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and approval of Bylaws revision (June 20, 2023) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen suggested tabling WSNAEAC unfinished business until after legislative updates • No second necessary as not on agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule a subcommittee meeting to review
10:45am	Legislative Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This update was prompted by the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short session: January 8 to March 7, runs through weekends and holidays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link provided: Washington State Legislature How to Testify



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	<p>Anna Hernandez-French, <i>Policy and Implementation Manager</i>, Government Relations</p>	<p>WSNAEAC in a previous meeting, to connect in advance of legislative session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Hernandez-French works with ONE on bill analysis and tracking • Bill tracking and analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can we ensure every bill impacting Native education is seen? ○ How might WSNAEAC help? • ONE representation and testifying on bills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna is reachable at all times (including weekends and holidays) • Full tracker, with special one just for ONE • Native education implicated in wide range of bills, can be refined to ONE-focus • Last year’s bills return for reconsideration • HB 1228 Dual Language/Tribal Language (Ortiz-Self) will be back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Never made it out of the House ○ Not sure of funding yet but will get policy with codified definition • HB 1332 STI Curriculum bill returns to pass this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mandates districts to implement STI curriculum ○ Mandating districts to give localized version through tribal consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deadline undetermined ○ Amendment language will ensure Tribes receive funding ○ Strong support to get passed • New legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centennial Accord approaches ○ Fentanyl education bills ○ STECs funding (Lekanoff) ○ Behavioral and mental health: New positions being hired for ONE • Anna’s involvement in WSNAEAC’s Legislative Subcommittee work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agency is shoring up priorities in Summer for upcoming session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members urged to share with parents, community members, and any others who would like to testify, or how to testify if unable to attend in person • ONE will alert Anna Hernandez-French and meet with her every two weeks • Anna is always available to any and all at: anna.hernandez-french@k12.wa.us • Anna will send handout • Build own bill tracker, sign up on LobbyGov Bill Tracking Solution • Legislative subcommittee to join our next meeting with Anna • Advisory to have formal conversations on priorities starting in late Spring • ONE will share hearing schedule, set up email alerts to ensure folks know dates and types of testimony is coming up • Suggestion to include legislative subcommittee, meet with Will on Fridays after Thursday legislative meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This would be good timing as changes are made on Fridays ○ Feedback as needed



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advisory to have formal conversations on priorities starting in late Spring ● Subcommittee leads responsible for instigating conversations ● Legislature website contains info ● How to communicate to each other? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One document for input ● Will Bill is ONE's legislative point person, with Max and Rebecca ● Funding for STI tracked through Tribes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding streams not determined yet ○ Funding targeted to Tribes, very narrow, and can't be misused ○ Bill language doesn't speak in detail, but this gives us more time to have conversations before decisions are made. ○ Districts to work closely with Tribes ○ Every bill is attached to an audit ● Seismic safety funding and relocation of school districts/Tribes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anna's colleague, Tyler Muenche, is lead on seismic safety ○ OSPI priority to ensure at risk districts are funded and safe ○ Bill introduced or in the budget, both give us opportunity to testify ○ ONE can share hearing schedule, set up email alerts to ensure you know 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Make certain to include parents, youth, and community members in the discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These voices are most impactful testimonies ○ More effective for bill supports ○ Anna's handout can be shared out to these folks ○ A goal is to make the testimonies accessible to all
11:25am	WSNAEAC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Impact Aid ● March conferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Else/Lolita on Yakama Nation support of bill 23.007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Indian Impacted Schools Association does a lot of



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Biden’s executive order to tribes, 480 days left to respond to ○ Impact Aid, bond support ○ Follow up with previous resolutions through ATNI ○ Yakama is example ○ How do you find out if your school is negatively impacted or underfunded? • Jen begins new position with DCYF • Committee does not have to follow Robert’s Rules 	<p>work with Impact Aid. They also work with all the other Impacted Aid schools associations.</p> <p>https://niisa.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their March conference includes a Hill Day with all the other Impact Aid associations. • Celebrating Salish Conference – Kalispel Tribe of Indians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024 Celebrating Salish Conference Registration, Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 7:00 AM Eventbrite
11:30am	ONE Staff Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maxine Alex: Tribal Consultation Program Supervisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canvas modules end of Feb, videos, surveys for G2G training • Dates for G2G training, bulletin to post • AWSP partnership for pre-conf workshop • WWNEAC partnership to provide G2G training • WSSDA partnership convenings on the calendar • Attending National Indian Impacted Schools Association; Impact Aid goes to four workgroups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More updates next in meeting • March for legislator conference (Impact Aid) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential to expand into the four areas
11:35am	ONE Staff Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kayla Guyett: Tribal Language Liaison Program Supervisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Kayla’s written notes 	
11:35am	ONE Staff Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mona Halcomb: Native American Student Success Program Supervisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance & Reengagement grant funds up in June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with STECs to learn what’s important on grant



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.air.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/Indigenous-Students-Count-report-2023.pdf • Share Our Voices, Hear Our Stories is back, we met on 12/13. Look out for future events. • NIEA AIR report on Max ID • Else did research 	
11:40am	ONE Staff Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry Strom: ONE Executive Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yakama Gathering was a success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Superintendents, Tribal council in attendance • STI trainings, site visits, student voice • Shandy with Reardan/Spokane Tribe/Wellpinit at this time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lummi Gathering in February • Colville in March • Spokane in May • Cowlitz outreach (Feb or March?)
11:45am	ONE Staff Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Purser: Native Educator Cultivation Program Supervisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured R16 funding for workgroup began November 1, six members, meets monthly, until September 30, 2024 • Future Native Teacher Initiative hosting event in April with Cowlitz & Green River College • Community listening sessions start back up this month, every two weeks • PLCs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for announcements • Clock hours available
11:50am	ONE Staff Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willard Bill: ONE Assistant Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter STI training coming soon • Met with Cowlitz on work and gathering planned • APS1 position recruitment, closes 1/5 • AA3 hiring for Max's program assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help spread the word on the APS1 recruitment • Will send offer to HR for AA3 by close of week
11:53am	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait until after March 7 (legislative session closes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kari will send calendar invite out for April 2

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee agrees to hold the next meeting the day before the WSIEA Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Muckleshoot, Auburn ○ April 2: 10am-5pm ○ Allows WSIEA folks to stuff bags for the conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If feedback will provide a Doodle Poll with other dates • ONE to do written reports other than legislative reporting
11:55am	Open Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can meals be provided for meetings when OSPI doesn't cover meals? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is meal donation a possibility? • Question of state laws on tribal land and traditional cultures, so providing food as a "gift" may be acceptable outside of OFM rules, if host wants to provide a meal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend next meeting to seven (7) hours so that a working lunch can be worked in • Follow up as needed • ONE will continue to advocate to be in Tribal facilities
12:20pm	Action: Approval to Adjourn Meeting	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn made by Elese • Seconded by Zenitha • Motion carried unanimously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned

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