

WSNAEAC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

WSNAEAC Attendee List

January 7, 2026

10:30am–12:30pm

[Join the Zoom here \(https://zoom.us/j/97922367935\)](https://zoom.us/j/97922367935)

	Name		Name		Name
1	Anna Armstrong	9	Jerad Koepp	17	Tamika LaMere
2	Cindy Kelly	10	Joseph Martin	18	Waylon Michel — Absent
3	Dawn Hardison-Stevens	11	Lolita Ceja	19	Zenitha Jimicum
4	Dr. Chelsea Craig	12	Michael Vendiola	20	Zoe Higheagle Strong — Absent
5	Else Washines	13	Michelle Parkin	21	
6	Gail Morris	14	Patsy Whitefoot	22	
7	Jarrod Da — Absent	15	Sally Brownfield	23	
8	Jennifer LeBret	16	Sara Marie Ortiz	24	

ONE Attendee List

	Name		Name		Name
1	Henry Strom	5	Kathrine Lawrence	9	Susan Lathrop—OSPI
2	Kari Tally	6	Maxine Alex	10	
3	Bawaajigekwe Boulley	7	Shandy Abrahamson	11	
4	Destiney Petty	8	Anna Hernandez-French—OSPI	12	

Minutes Taker: Kari Tally

Links to Resources:

[WSNAEAC Website \(https://ospi.k12.wa.us/about-ospi/workgroups-committees/currently-meeting-workgroups/washington-state-native-american-education-advisory-committee-wsnaeac\)](https://ospi.k12.wa.us/about-ospi/workgroups-committees/currently-meeting-workgroups/washington-state-native-american-education-advisory-committee-wsnaeac)

[WSANEAC Bylaws \(https://ospi.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/2025-01/wsnaeac-bylaws_january-8-2024_approved.pdf\)](https://ospi.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/2025-01/wsnaeac-bylaws_january-8-2024_approved.pdf)

[ONE Statute: RCW 28A.300.105 \(https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=28A.300.105\)](https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=28A.300.105)

[WA State Legislature Learn and Participate \(https://leg.wa.gov/learn-and-participate/\)](https://leg.wa.gov/learn-and-participate/)

Time	Item	Notes
10:30am	Sign In	
10:35am	Call to order Affirmation of quorum	Quorum established with 10 members present
10:35am	Land Acknowledgment	In the chat
10:40am	Welcome: Susan Lathrop, Chief Education Officer, OSPI	WSNAEAC introductions to Susan Offers support to the advisory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal changes to K–12 system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Info not offered, have to learn in news Litigation: cannot discuss Gov released Budget—cuts and support to schools WSNAEAC can email
10:55am	Action: Approval of Agenda Any revisions?	Motion to approve made by: Patsy Seconded by: Sally Motion carried unanimously
11:00am	Action: Approval of Minutes July 15, 2025	Motion to approve made by: Joseph Seconded by: Jerad Motion carried unanimously
11:02am	Action: Approval of Minutes 9/22/2025	Motion to approve made by: Tamika Seconded by: Lola Motion carried unanimously
11:04am	Introductions	Introductions from ONE and Anna Hernandez-French
11:08am	WSNAEAC Unfinished Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Bylaws—Motions needed for each section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: To amend Section III—Membership, <i>Three (3) Urban Representatives</i> by striking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “groups” And inserting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “communities” And adding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “such as First Nations, villages, etc.” To be read as: Organized urban Indian communities shall nominate three (3) individuals—such as First Nations, villages, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion made by: Patsy Seconded by: Gail Discussions on motion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna: Clarification of anywhere in the state (East/West) Sally: Representation concern and verbiage on First Nations, villages; Lola clarifies Dawn suggested to change “such as” to “which may include”

- Clarification on “Federally-recognized tribe” language in first paragraph of section
- Sara: Involve attorneys to unpack language; need to continue conversation; strike “communities” and include “organizations”
- Lola: Bylaws meetings and history of bylaws revisions not since 2021; can a legal person help – Henry will ask OSPI legal department
- Else: Approve now but continue making changes and motions to approve changes along the way
- Section starts with “Federally recognized” language but doesn’t reiterate it into all bullets
- Anna: Add “educational leadership” after “Indian organizations shall nominate:”
 - Amendment to the motion made by Patsy: to accept suggested changes made by: Dawn, Anna, and Sara
 - **Motion carried unanimously**
- **Motion:** To amend Section III—Membership, *One (1) Pre-K/Early Learning Education Representative*, by adding and to be read as:
 - “If nomination is not brought forward from within public and tribal schools, requests for nomination shall be made from federally recognized tribes and Indian organizations.”
 - Motion made by: Else
 - Seconded by: Michael
 - Suggested to amend main section FR language
 - Patsy: Wants orgs that focus on EL (DCYF & IPEL) whereas other orgs are broad in focus (K–12)
 - Motion to approve as stated and continue discussion on additional language remade by Else
 - Motion opposed by Sally
 - **Motion carried**
- **Motion:** To amend Section IV—Removal or Resignation of Members, *Termination of Membership*, by adding and to be read as:
 - “Any advisory member who does not follow these bylaws will be subject to removal from the advisory committee.”
 - Motion to approve made by: Michael
 - Seconded by: Patsy
 - **Motion carried unanimously**
- **Motion:** To amend Section IX—Subcommittees and Special Committees, by striking:
 - “No person shall be eligible for appointment to the Advisory Committee, nor shall any member continue serving as a member of the Advisory Committee, if that person is, or becomes, a party to any contract with OSPI which is

		<p>concerned with, or related to, the same subject area or program over which the Advisory Committee has jurisdiction.”</p> <p>And inserting, to be read as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Advisory committee members may enter into contracts or agreements with OSPI provided that the opportunity is made equally available to all advisory members and fully disclosed. If this condition is not met, no advisory member shall be eligible for appointment to any contract with OSPI that concerns, or is related to, the subject area or program under the Advisory Committee’s authority.” ▪ Motion to approve made by: Patsy ▪ Seconded by: Sally ▪ Motion carried unanimously <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee Best Practices: Henry & Else <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ONE works with s/c lead to schedule meetings ○ Need communication avenue of reporting back ○ Exec. meetings are scheduled bi-monthly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subcommittees should follow suit ○ Suggest ONE to coordinate meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allows ONE presence (bylaws) ▪ Specifies purpose ▪ Provides updates to advisory ○ Frequency of meetings: Follow up with Jen
NA	WSNAEAC New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from advisory members (Discussion deferred due to limited time.)
NA	ONE Program Updates Written Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ONE program reports (written) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilize the January 22 Exec meeting for the ONE team to share their reports
12:25pm	OSPI Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Updates: Anna Hernandez-French, Cindy Kelly, Shandy Abrahamson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed resources provided in email to advisory ○ Utilize the January 8 Exec meeting for deeper legislative discussion with the entire advisory, ONE, and Anna • TLC Meeting: January 13 9:30–11:00am OSPI (hybrid)
12:30pm	Next Meetings <i>(dates, times, and locations)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2026: March 31 (Day before, same location as WSIEA) • Summer 2026: <i>Discussion was deferred due to limited time.</i> • Fall 2026: <i>Discussion was deferred due to limited time.</i>
12:30pm	Open Public Comment	None
12:30pm	Meeting Adjournment	<p>Motion made by: Joseph</p> <p>Motion seconded by: Anna</p> <p>Motion carried, meeting adjourned</p>