

WSNAEAC Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 30–31, 2026
[Zoom](#)
 (<https://zoom.us/j/97141225121>)

Washington State Native American Education Advisory Committee (WSNAEAC) Attendees

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

Office of Native Education (ONE) Attendees

	Name		Name		Name
1	Henry Strom	5	Kathrine Lawrence	9	
2	Kari Tally	6	Maxine Alex	10	
3	Bawaajigekwe Boulley	7	Susan Lathrop—OSPI	11	
4	Shandy Abrahamson	8		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>)

Day One | Monday, March 30, 2026 | 11:30am–4pm

Time	Item	Notes
11:30am	Welcome	Signed in, grabbed lunch
11:45am	Call to order Affirmation of quorum	Quorum established with 11 WSNAEAC members.
11:46am	Welcome & Land Acknowledgment	
12:00pm	Action: Approval of March 30 Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve made by Sally • Seconded by Tamika • Michael suggested ONE discuss the Tribal Education Leaders Summit (TELS)—will add to March 31 agenda • Patsy asked to discuss the March 31 agenda • Note: Day 1 work informs March 31 agenda; motions to accept Day 2 agenda will be made after today • Motion to approve 3/30/26 agenda carried
12:05pm	Action: Approval of Minutes January 7, 2026, meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve made by Patsy • Seconded by Anna • Motion to approve 1/7/26 minutes carried
12:10pm	WSNAEAC Unfinished Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion included subcommittee structure improvements, communication, shared resources, and alignment between WSNAEAC and ONE. • Strategic topics included funding concerns, leadership transition planning, legislative engagement, and sustainability.
2:10pm	Bio Break	
2:30pm	OSPI Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Lathrop, Chief Education Officer—OSPI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Henry’s position will be posted, and will remain under the CFO as Asst. Superintendent or Executive Director • Discussion included budget and staffing constraints, need for advocacy, inaccurate data concerns, and reliance on tribal and local efforts.
3:30pm	Open Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
4:00pm	Day 1 Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to recess made by Jerad • Seconded by Anna • Motion carried • Meeting recessed

Day Two | Tuesday, March 31, 2026 | 8am–3pm

Time	Item	Notes
8:00am	Working Breakfast	Signed in, breakfast served, debriefing of Day 1 and networking
8:25am	Call to order Affirmation of quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: Approval of amended agenda for Day 2 • Motion to approve made by Cindy • Seconded by Sally • Motion to approve 3/31/26 agenda carried
8:30am	ONE Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program updates included tribal consultation, Native Student Success, JMLSTI curriculum work, literacy efforts, and TELS planning. • Themes included budget uncertainty and strengthening partnerships. Working with our ESDs and Tribes
9:45am	WSNAEAC Follow Up of Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item: Transition Planning Letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Else motioned for WSNAEAC Chair to write letter to Supt with recommendations for transition planning ○ Cindy seconded and suggested that Jen writes the letter ○ Else motioned to have the letter approved by April 13 (advisory will have draft by Friday, April 4) ○ Cindy seconded ○ Motion carried
10:10am	Bio Break	
10:30am	Subcommittee Support Session 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item: Subcommittee Best Practices Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Else motioned to recognize as discussed during March 30 meeting to guide our discussion ○ Cindy seconded ○ Patsy abstained ○ Motion carried • Action item: Subcommittee/Social Emotional Learning (SEL) reorganization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Else motioned to incorporate SEL into Early Learning, K–12, and Higher Education subcommittees ○ Sally seconded ○ Anna opposed ○ Motion carried
12:00pm	Subcommittee Breakouts/Share Outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members reorganized into subcommittee groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priorities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy sharing and compliance (RCW awareness) ▪ Early learning and K–12 alignment ▪ Post-secondary engagement ▪ Centralized resource and communication systems ○ Images of chart paper notes from breakouts may be requested; please email Kari Tally at kari.tally@k12.wa.us.
2:30pm	Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer: June 29, 2026 9am–12pm Virtual • Fall: September 21, 2026 9am–12pm Virtual • Winter: January 11, 2027 9am–12pm Virtual

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2027: Before WSIEA
2:45pm	Open Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose George Whitefoot gave thanks for sharing our space together, gave kind words for Henry's retirement and the job he's done for Native education • Dawn shared words of encouragement for our work • Sara Marie Ortiz stated the importance of the public comment section of our meetings
3:00pm	Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn made by Cindy • Seconded by Sally • Motion carried • Meeting adjourned