

WSNAEAC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2026

9–11 am

[Zoom](#)

WSNAEAC Attendee List

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

ONE Attendee List

	Name		Name		Name
1	Bawaajigekwe Boulley	5	Anna Hernandez-French, OSPI	9	
2	Kari Tally	6	Susan Lathrop, OSPI	10	
3	Kathrine Lawrence	7		11	
4	Maxine Alex	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>)

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Time	Item	Notes
9 am	Sign In	
9:05 am	Call to order Affirmation of quorum	Quorum established
9:06 am	Welcome & Land Acknowledgment	In the chat
9:10 am	Action: Approval of Agenda	• Motion to approve made by: Cindy • Seconded by: Patsy • Motion carried unanimously
9:12 am	Action: Approval of Minutes March 30 & 31, 2026	• Motion to approve made by: Elese • Seconded by: Sally • Motion carried unanimously • Patsy abstained
9:15 am	Introductions	• Welcome • Anna Hernandez-French, Assistant Director of Policy and Implementation • Susan Lathrop, Acting Assistant Superintendent for the Office of Native Education (ONE) • Welcome Lucy Dafoe, Chief Kitsap Academy (CKA)
9:20 am	WSNAEAC Unfinished Business	Board Vacancies/Position Status: • Elementary/Secondary Education East (vacant) ◦ Kwasa Goudy-Sutterliet (Yakama) suggested by Michael Vendiola ▪ Lola will reach out to Kwasa • State-Tribal Education Compact (STEC) ◦ Appointment letter sent to and position accepted by Lucy Dafoe (CKA) • Pre-K/Early Learning Rep (vacant) ◦ Jen will add to next IPEL agenda ◦ Advocate for filling Pre-K/Early Learning and Elementary/Secondary Education East positions
9:30 am	WSNAEAC New Business	ONE Office Update: • Assistant Superintendent position open until July 19. ◦ ONE and WSNAEAC will be involved in the hiring process. We will reach out to GOIA to invite them to participate as part of the process. ◦ Temporary administrative support has been added during the transition. • Budget constraints continue, with additional reductions anticipated in January 2027.

		• Funding options for the vacant Tribal Language position are being explored; Susan will provide an update. • Direct Tribal Language Program questions to: ◦ susan.lathrop@k12.wa.us ◦ kathrine.lawrence@k12.wa.us • Members discussed creating best-practice meetings and PLCs. • Frequency of WSNAEAC Executive meetings discussed. Advisory Member Updates: • Ongoing discussions focus on strengthening tribal-district relationships, teacher certification pathways, and sharing tribal histories and perspectives. • Members highlighted the importance of developing tribal AI, data, and IT capacity. • UW grant opportunities continue to support language revitalization and Indigenous knowledge. Upcoming Conferences: • ATNI: September 13–17, Snoqualmie, WA • NIEA: October 7–10, Buffalo, NY
10:00 am	ONE Program Updates	ONE Program Reports (written reports provided June 26): • Tribal Consultation: ◦ OSPI may contract for up to 3 years with same subject matter expert, then are required to submit RFQs (Request for Qualifications). ▪ Send info to Bylaws subcommittee. ◦ Smaller, rural school districts with title funds are at risk of high-level changeovers, not taking opportunity to submit paperwork. ▪ How can we offer our help (especially Yakima)? ▪ DoE changes affected process; provide DoE letter to advisory, create written summary of changes. ▪ Send formal message of application protocol and best practices. ▪ This is first year of Title VI process; need more accurate data and application. • Native Student Success: ◦ Literacy standards plan to implement to schools. ▪ Principles & Indicators guidance: Building regional trainings this year.
10:43 am	Next Meetings	• Fall: September 21, 2026, 9am—Noon, virtual. • Winter: January 11, 2027, 9am—Noon, virtual.

		• Spring 2027: Day before, same location as WSIEA (Yakima).
10:45 am	Open Public Comment	• Gratitude expressed to ONE's constant navigation of multiple governments. • Communication will be sent to the advisory for Assistant Superintendent position involvement in hiring. ◦ Position will be filled before filling other positions. • Announcement: Elwa canoe journey, July 22–23.
10:52 am	Meeting Adjournment	• Motion made by: Cindy • Seconded by: Lola • Motion carried, meeting adjourned