



National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE); Meeting

AGENCY: National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE), U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda, time, and instructions to access or participate in the January 24-25, 2024, virtual meeting of NACIE. This notice provides information about the meeting to members of the public who may be interested in attending and how to provide written and/or oral comment for the meeting.

DATES: The NACIE open virtual meeting will be held on January 24-25, 2024, from 1-4:30 p.m. (EST).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal C. Moore, Designated Federal Official, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)/Office of Indian Education (OIE), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Office 3W243, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: 202-453-5593, Email: Crystal.Moore@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Authority and Function: NACIE is authorized by section 6141 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended (20 U.S.C. 7471). The work of NACIE was expanded by Executive Order 14049. In accordance with Section 6141 of the ESEA, NACIE shall advise the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Interior on the funding and administration (including the development of regulations and administrative policies and practices) of any program, including any program established under title VI, part A of the ESEA, with respect to which the Secretary of Education has jurisdiction and (1) that includes Indian children or adults as participants or (2) that may benefit Indian children or adults. Also in accordance with section 6141 of the ESEA, NACIE shall make recommendations to the Secretary of Education for filling the position of Director of Indian Education whenever a vacancy occurs and shall submit to the

Congress, no later than June 30 of each year, a report on its activities that includes recommendations that are considered appropriate for the improvement of Federal education programs that include Indian children or adults as participants or that may benefit Indian children or adults, and recommendations concerning the funding of any such program. In accordance with section 3 of Executive Order 14049, NACIE shall advise the Co-Chairs of the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities (WHI-NATCU), in consultation with the WHI-NATCU, on (1) what is needed for the development, implementation, and coordination of educational programs and initiatives to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for Native Americans; (2) how to promote career pathways for in-demand jobs for Native American students, including registered apprenticeships as well as internships, fellowships, mentorships, and work-based learning initiatives; (3) ways to strengthen Tribal Colleges and Universities and increase their participation in agency programs; (4) how to increase public awareness of, and generate solutions for, the educational and training challenges and equity disparities that Native American students face and the causes of these challenges and disparities; (5) approaches to establish local and national partnerships with public, private, philanthropic, and nonprofit stakeholders to advance the policy set forth in Section 1 of Executive Order 14049, consistent with applicable law; and (6) actions for promoting, improving, and expanding educational opportunities for Native languages, traditions, and practices to be sustained through culturally responsive education. Also, in accordance with section 3 of Executive Order 14049, NACIE and the Executive Director of the WHI-NATCU (Executive Director) shall, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, facilitate frequent collaborations between the WHI-NATCU and Tribal Nations, Alaska Native Entities, and other Tribal organizations. Finally, in accordance with Section 3 of Executive Order 14049, NACIE shall consult with the Executive Director so that the Executive Director can address NACIE's efforts pursuant to section 3(a) of Executive Order 14019 in the annual report of the WHI-NATCU submitted to the President.

Notice of this meeting is required by section 1009(a)(2) of 5 U.S.C. chapter 10 (Federal Advisory Committees).

Meeting Agenda: The purpose of this meeting is to convene NACIE and conduct the following business: discuss fiscal year (FY) 2024 meeting calendar and agendas, Annual Report to Congress, and activity planning; hold an open public comment session; and engage in discussions with federal stakeholders (*e.g.*, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), WHI-NATCU, U.S. Department of Labor, and U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education).

Instructions for Accessing the Meeting:

Members of the public may access the NACIE meeting via virtual teleconference. Up to 350 lines will be available on a first come, first served basis for those who wish to join via teleconference.

The dial-in, listen only phone number for the meeting is: 1-669-254-5252 and Meeting ID is: 160 250 9522, Passcode: 140923, and Dial-in number: 1-669-254-5252. The web link to register to access the meeting via Zoom.gov is:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdeyopz4oGLtbQCpCY4h1bYrMVf3v8WE>.

Public Comment: Members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so via email to Crystal Moore at Crystal.Moore@ed.gov by 11:59 p.m. eastern time (ET) on January 22, 2024. Please note that written comments should pertain to the work of NACIE. Members of the public may also make oral comment during the open meeting. Requests to make oral comment will be accepted on a first requested, first served basis. Each commenter will have a maximum of two minutes to state his or her comment and/or question. Oral comments made during the open meeting should pertain to the work of NACIE.

Reasonable Accommodations: The virtual meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service for the meeting (*e.g.*, interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice

no later than January 22, 2024. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Access to Records of the Meeting: The Department will post the official minutes of this meeting on the OESE website, <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-indian-education/national-advisory-council-on-indian-education-oie/>, within 90 days after the meeting. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(b), the public may also inspect NACIE records at the Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET. Please e-mail Crystal Moore at Crystal.Moore@ed.gov to schedule an appointment.

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Authority: Section 6141 of the ESEA, as amended (20 U.S.C. 7471).

Adam Schott,
*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs,
Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and
Duties of the Assistant Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.*