

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
June 17, 2023**

Roll Call/Establish Quorum: Roll call was taken by Teri Stringer. A quorum was established.

Call to Order: President, Melissa Harris called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President – Melissa Harris Treasurer – Jenny Oatman Zone 1-Tina Saunooke Zone 1 – Tina Routh, Alt Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder Zone 2 - Deborah Thundercloud, Alt. Zone 4–Jayme Trevino Zone 4- Cheryl DuBois, Alt. Zone 5 - Jo Williams Zone 6 – Tami Brungard Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky Zone 8 - Hilary Gourneau, Alt. Zone 9-Mary DuPuis, Alt. Zone 10 - Christa Green	Immediate Past President – Lee Turney Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 3- Vonda Pourier, Alt Zone 3-Anne Reddy Zone 5 – Andrea Pesina, Alt Zone 8-DeAnn Brown Zone 9 – Debbie Sioux Lee	Zone 7 - Lola Henry, Alt

Others Present: Kristi Bentkowski and Teri Stringer from Three Feathers Associates.

Introductions: Board members introduced themselves and shared about their programs. Kickapoo KS is experiencing a tribal coup, Deborah Thundercloud is retiring at the end of December, Mary still doesn't have an approved budget. Navajo Nation is trying to dissolve all of the local school boards and have one main one. This would affect Alamo Navajo. Jo plans to retire in February.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Jo moved to accept the agenda. Vanessa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of April minutes: Christa moved to approve the minutes. Crystal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of April & May Treasurer's Reports: Jenny presented the treasurer's report. Jo moved to approve the treasurer's report. Deborah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NIHSDA Priorities:

- Degree requirements (especially around language)
- Online ECE degree programs
- Jo has a state (NM) certificate program that her program specialist is not accepting (as CDA comparable)
- Need to look at the requirements and regs about numbers and qualifications that must be in the classroom

- How is OHS handling reportable incidents? Jo says it is repetitive and cumbersome – having to submit emails multiple times. Tina S. stated they had 2 reports (incidents) in one year. They were threatened with losing their funds. Need more transparency on this process/timeline. Also are things categorized/levels?
- Issues around expectant families #s and filling the slots (one month)
- More clarification on the PC role in hiring/firing

Annual Board Meeting: Hold in October at NIEA. Really try to focus on workforce.

Adjourn: Tina S. moved to adjourn. Christa seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 2:48 pm EST.