

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
November 14, 2024**

Roll Call/Establish Quorum: Roll call was taken by Ann Cameron. A quorum was established.

Call to Order: President, Andrea Pesina called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President – Andrea Pesina Immediate Past President – Melissa Harris Treasurer – Jayme Trevino Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 1 – Tina Routh Zone 2- Jayme Goodlet-King Zone 2 – vacant, Alt. Zone 3- Vonda Pourier Zone 4–vacant Zone 4- Cheryl DuBois, Alt. Zone 5 – vacant Zone 5 - alt, vacant Zone 6 – Florinda Jackson Zone 6 – vacant, Alt. Zone 7 – Autumn Jimenez, Alt. Zone 8- Hilary Gourneau Zone 8 – DeAnn Brown, Alt. Zone 10 – Kristin Ramstad Zone 10 – Jennifer Russell, Alt.	Zone 1-Tina Saunooke, Alt. Zone 9 – Debbie Sioux Lee Zone 9 - Mary DuPuis, Alt.	Zone 3-Anne Reddy. Alt Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky

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

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. The 2025 budget was removed due to the postponement of the Finance Committee meeting. Todd was also unable to attend due to a conflict. Kristin moved to accept the agenda. Melissa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Seat Treasurer: As determined by the Treasurer election, Jayme will serve as the Treasurer. Melissa motioned to seat Jayme as the Treasurer, Vonda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Seat Board Members: Zone 7 – Autumn Jimenez. Zone 8 – Hilary and DeAnn. Jayme T motioned to seat the board members. Melissa H seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Items included in the consent agenda are October minutes, October treasurer report, and committee reports. Kristin moved to approve the consent agenda. Jayme T seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Correspondence:

- Election - Teri updated on her conversation with Greg/Brea on how the presidential election may impact Tribes, concerns about flat or reduced funding, waiting for appointments. Current appointments will be resigning. Waiting to gauge impact to Head Start, be ready for talk about block granting to states.
- GAO Interview - GAO office contacted the board to conduct an interview regarding tribal Head Start. Questions around workforce, eligibility, enrollment, impact of new regulations. The Executive Committee participated in the interview. They will be conducting additional interviews and visiting tribal programs.

Strategic Planning - Stakeholders: Ann/Teri provided an overview of the current strategic planning for input from the board. Next steps are to develop action steps and timeframes. The board will provide input during December. The Governance Committee will focus on the next steps during January.

Follow-up call with ACF/OHS: The board developed topics for discussion for a follow-up conversation with ACF/OHS. Discussed issues to share with OHS to work on before major changes occur during the transition of the administration – MOUs with states/Disabilities, Incident Reporting, COLA automatically funded. Teri will email the priority issues document to Katie and request an update on some of the issues. Also discuss 477 and the 4 tribes that now have Head Start in their 477.

2025 Conference: June 23-26, 2025 in Minneapolis. June 22 board meeting. Tracks: leadership, cultural curriculum, child plus, disabilities. Program exchange ideas.

Other Business:

- 2025 Committee sign ups will go out tomorrow, each board member should choose one committee (excluding executive)
- Finance Committee needs to reschedule their meeting to finalize the 2025 budget prior to the December board meeting.

Adjourn: Kristin motioned to adjourn, Vonda seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m. EST.