

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 13, 2021**

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

**Call to Order:** President, Lee Turney called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. CST-2:08 p.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President – Lee Turney Immediate Past President-Tina Routh Treasurer – Jenny Oatman Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 1-Melissa Harris Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder Zone 2 – Luanne Wiggins, Alt Zone 3-Anne Reddy Zone 3- Vonda Pourier, Alt. Zone 4–Robert Pickens Zone 4- Cheryl DuBois, Alt. Zone 5-Jo Williams Zone 5 – Andrea Pesina, Alt Zone 6 – Tami Brungard, Alt. Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky Zone 7 – Rhonda Laughlin, Alt Zone 8-DeAnn Brown Zone 10-Ethan Petticrew Zone 10 – Beverly Mierzjek, Alt.	Zone 1 – Tina Saunooke, Alt Zone 9- Debbi Lee	Zone 9-Mary DuPuis, Alt. Zone 6- Cheryl Conde

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

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Ethan moved to accept the agenda. Jenny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of April minutes:** Jenny moved to approve the minutes. Ethan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:** Jenny presented the treasurer’s report. Crystal moved to approve the treasurer’s reports. Anne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**General Correspondence:**

- OHS Director Call: Executive Committee met with Dr. Futrell. They shared NIHSDA history, background, and discussed policy agenda topics.
- AIAN Committee Request: Todd requested volunteers for a TTA steering committee. There will be two more committees.
- Policy Brief on Categorical Eligibility – A graduate student working with TRC developed a policy brief regarding categorical eligibility of AIAN children in Head Start
- Fully Funding Head Start workgroup – NIHSDA is part of this workgroup headed by CLASP.
- Office of Early Childhood Development: Teri is a part of this monthly call

## **Committee Reports:**

- Finance Committee: April financials, Investment spending policy.

Ethan moved to approve the report. Vanessa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Conference Update:** Teri provided an update on the 2021 conference planning progress. 73 sessions, announcement has gone out. Need facilitators. Native vendors who have some kind of online sales can participate for free. Teri reminded board members to send in raffle items and community photos.

**For the Good of the Board:** Most pressing policy agenda item.

Zone 1: Quality Improvement funding, Eligibility, Facilities

Zone 2: Quality Improvement funding, facilities for expansion

Zone 3: Quality Improvement

Zone 4: Eligibility, lack of qualified staff

Zone 5: Staffing, enrollment (categorical eligibility) expansion

Zone 6: Categorical eligibility, expansion

Zone 7: Expansion, competitive wages, quality improvement, categorical eligibility

Zone 8: Quality funding, facilities, categorical eligibility

Zone 10: Qualified staff, categorical eligibility

**Adjourn:** Jenny moved to adjourn the meeting. Tina seconded. Motion carried. 2:55pm