

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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**Request for Nominations of Members
To Serve on the Bureau of Indian
Education Advisory Board for
Exceptional Children**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for
nominations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA), the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) requests nominations of individuals to serve on the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children (Advisory Board). There will be eight positions available. Board members shall serve a staggered term of two years or three years from the date of their appointment. The BIE will consider nominations received in response to this request for nominations, as well as other sources. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

DATES: Please submit nominations by January 29, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Ms. Jennifer Davis, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Bureau of Indian Education, Division of Performance and Accountability, 2600 N. Central Ave., Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Telephone (602) 265-1592 or (505) 259-4731; Fax to (602) 265-8293.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jennifer Davis, DFO, at the above listed address and telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463. Members of the Advisory Board provide guidance, advice, and recommendations with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in BIE-funded schools in accordance with the requirements of IDEA.

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1411(h)(6), the Advisory Board is composed of up to 15 individuals involved in or concerned with the education and provision of services to Indian infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities. The Advisory Board composition reflects a broad range of viewpoints and includes at least one member representing each of the following

interests: Indians with disabilities; teachers of children with disabilities; Indian parents or guardians of children with disabilities; service providers, state education officials; local education officials; state interagency coordinating councils (for states having Indian reservations); tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives; and other members representing the various divisions and entities of the BIE.

Members of the Advisory Board will not receive compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel, including subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government Service under 5 U.S.C. 5703.

A member may not participate in matters that will directly affect, or appear to affect, the financial interests of the member or the member's spouse or minor children, unless authorized by the appropriate ethics official. Compensation from employment does not constitute a financial interest of the member so long as the matter before the committee will not have a special or distinct effect on the member or the member's employer, other than as part of a class. The provisions of this paragraph do not affect any other statutory or regulatory ethical obligations to which a member may be subject.

The Advisory Board meets at least twice a year, budget permitting, but additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs or the DFO. All Advisory Board meetings are open to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act regulations.

Nominations are requested from individuals, organizations, and federally recognized tribes, as well as from State Directors of Special Education (within the 23 states in which BIE-funded schools are located) concerned with the education of Indian children with disabilities as described above.

Nominees should have expertise and knowledge of the issues and/or needs of American Indian children with disabilities.

The Department of the Interior is committed to equal opportunities in the workplace and seeks diverse Committee membership, which is bound by the Indian Preference Act of 1990 (25 U.S.C. 472).

A summary of the nominee's qualifications (resume or curriculum vitae) must be included along with the completed nomination application, which can be found on the Bureau of

Indian Education website. Nominees must have the ability to attend Advisory Board meetings, carry out Advisory Board assignments, participate in teleconference calls, and work in groups. If you wish to nominate someone for appointment to the Advisory Board, please do not make the nomination until the person has agreed to have his or her name submitted to the BIE for this purpose.

Information Collection: This collection of information is authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0179, "Solicitation of Nominations for the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children." Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: December 6, 2017.

John Tahsuda,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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**Advisory Board for Exceptional
Children**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is announcing that the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children (Advisory Board) will hold a public meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to meet the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) for Indian children with disabilities.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018, and Friday, January 12, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Large Conference Room on the 3rd floor, at 1011 Indian School Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jennifer Davis, Designated Federal Officer, Bureau of Indian Education, 2600 N. Central Ave. Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004; telephone number (480) 777-7986.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, as amended). The Advisory Board was established under IDEA to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, on the needs of Indian children with disabilities. The meetings are open to the public.

The following items will be on the agenda:

- Introduction of Advisory Board members
- Report from Tony Dearman, Director, BIE Director's Office
- Report from Dr. Jeffrey Hamley Associate Deputy Director, BIE, Division of Performance and Accountability (DPA)
- Report from Donald Griffin, Supervisory Education Specialist, BIE, DPA/Special Education
- Board work on Priorities for 2018
- Public Comment (via conference call, Friday, January 12th meeting only*).
- BIE Advisory Board—Advice and Recommendations

The meeting on January 12, 2018, will include a public comment period via conference call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the amount of time for individual oral comments may be limited. To allow for full consideration of information by the Advisory Board, written comments must be provided to Jennifer Davis, Designated Federal Officer, Bureau of Indian Education, 2600 N. Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004; or by telephone (480) 777-7986, no later than Thursday, January 11, 2018. All written comments received will be provided to the Advisory Board. The call-in information for the public comment period is 1-888-417-0376, Passcode: 2509140.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 5; 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*

Dated: December 12, 2017.

John Tahsuda,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Office of the Secretary

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Notice Regarding Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is publishing this Notice under subsection 10.2 of the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement (UKBCA), executed by the Klamath Tribes (Tribes), State of Oregon (State), and numerous irrigators in the Upper Klamath Basin. The UKBCA contains measures to address the needs of water users in the Upper Klamath Basin, who are not affiliated with the Bureau of Reclamation's Klamath Project (Project). The UKBCA also contains conditions that must be achieved before the UKBCA can become permanent. Despite the efforts of the UKBCA parties, one or more conditions in subsection 10.1 of the UKBCA have failed to occur. Accordingly, pursuant to the terms of subsection 10.2 of the UKBCA and as further described below, this statement serves as a "Negative Notice" that the UKBCA is terminated as set forth in UKBCA subsection 10.2.

DATES: The termination of the UKBCA is effective on December 28, 2017 or, if judicial review of the termination is timely sought, then the effective date of the termination shall be the date on which the termination is sustained following any and all appeals.

ADDRESSES: The Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement (UKBCA) is available at www.oregon.gov/gov/policy/environment/taskforce/Pages/Final_Upper_Klamath_Basin_Comprehensive_Agreement_Documents.aspx.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Address all comments and requests for additional information to Christina Kalavritinos, Senior Advisor, Commissioner's Office, Bureau of Reclamation, (202) 513-0509.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 18, 2010, the Tribes joined

more than 60 other parties in signing the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA). A subset of those parties signed a second agreement, the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSa), that same day. Those two agreements aimed to restore the Basin fisheries and sustain local economies by restoring fish habitat and implementing a water-sharing agreement among the parties who rely upon water from Upper Klamath Lake (Lake) and the Klamath River. A majority of the water users living above (upstream of) the Lake did not agree to this water-sharing agreement, so the KBRA provided only general direction on a possible Upper Basin water-sharing agreement.

In spring 2013, the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) ruled that the Tribes and United States held water rights for maintaining water levels in the major tributaries above the Lake. The Klamath County Circuit Court subsequently determined that enforcement of those determined in-stream flow rights should not be stayed. In summer 2013, at the request of the Governor of Oregon and several Congressional representatives, the Tribes began negotiating with the State and the non-Indian water users who are upstream of the Lake and not affiliated with the Project (referred to as "Off-Project irrigators"), in an effort to reach a water-sharing and habitat restoration agreement that would benefit their respective interests. The resulting agreement, the UKBCA, was executed on April 18, 2014.

The UKBCA included:

- A Water Use Program that would increase inflow into the Lake by an annual average of at least 30,000 acre feet by reducing consumptive water use in key reaches of the tributaries above the Lake, while also providing a stable, sustainable basis for the continuation of irrigated agriculture;
- A Riparian Program designed to improve and protect riparian conditions;
- An Economic Development Program designed to create economic opportunities for the Tribes and its members;
- Increased opportunities for the exercise of Tribal cultural rights; and
- A Transition Period to allow for the elements of the UKBCA to be phased in over time.

The UKBCA established a five-year transition period with interim milestones and operating procedures. The parties anticipated that once the conditions contained in subsection 10.1 of the UKBCA were achieved, the UKBCA would become permanent. During the transition period, the Tribes