Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Blue Lake Rancheria Tribal Education Agency
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – 7PM
In Person & Zoom Meeting On-line Platform
Blue Lake, CA

I. OPENING MEETING

- a. Roll Call 7:02 PM meeting called to order; quorum established
 - i. BOE Present: Michele Johnson-Kindred; Tate Morgan; Jace Baldosser (online)
 - ii. BOE Absent: Michael Shackelford, Kelsay Shackelford (excused)
 - 1. Excused due to Baby Iris being born 5/17 maternity/paternity leave
 - iii. Staff: Alison Robbins, Marnie Atkins

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No public comment

III. REPORTS

- a. The Executive Director's Report BOE reviewed the report. Items below are additional to the written submitted report.
 - i. TEA Staff Updates
 - 1. Alison showed GYOA graduation necklaces to BOE; total 20 graduates from the GYOA program as of the completion of Cohort 4.
 - 2. Loleta Superintendent position advertised as a 1.0 FTE;
 - 3. Rental vehicle for internship on-boarding support; summer services: split between NACTEP, KTJUSD, and PIM needed multiple days, and to stay within budget. Hertz rental one-month rental is cheaper \$2K vs. \$7K using Tribal vehicle. Marnie provides info on insurance and liability waiver.
 - 4. Pictures shared of Drone Legends classroom/club set-up; showed video on Facebook page of Zoe Barnum drone club; video of planter box workshop with NCIDC; pictures of Success in Both Worlds conference; solar panel microgrid field trip. Lisa's work on Saturday's at Eureka cultural center doing Reading Villages; mini-lending library update; Blue Lake Elementary environmental fair pictures; Lisa's pictures of training at Food Sovereignty lab.
 - 5. PIM Program Officer update on APR direct quote read. Alison explains the reduction of US Dept of ED staff due to DOGE cuts. Wildland Firefighter Certification course disrupted by Tim Sanderson's cancelation and other issues. Student alternatives being arranged by Marnie, and Anita offered the cultural burn in June. Building Lives Building Structure w/ Frank Richards Marnie strengthening relationship 2 internships this summer in Hoopa.
 - 6. Review of Finance Policy on approval of technology purchased with credit card and Robert Pollard's responses re: higher ed program laptops.
 - ii. Social Media and Communications

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Updates on Facebook page 28K views since January. Alison explains that
the Facebook statistics are comparing the full year of 2024 to only the
first five months of 2025. Staff is just starting to upload 1-minute videos.
Alison shared 68% of views and clicks are from non-page followers
meaning the reach of information is getting to more than just those
people who follow the C-TIE page.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

No items

V. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION OR DISCUSSION

No items

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Approval of DRAFT BOE Meeting Minutes of 04/22/2025
 - 1. **DISCUSSION**: Michele asked for discussion or corrections, hearing none, called for a motion.
 - 2. **NOMINATIONS**: Tate Morgan motions to approve; Jace Baldosser 2nd the motion.
 - 3. **DECISION**: 3-0-0
 - 4. **ACTION**: Alison to remove watermark and post.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Mellon Foundation **proposal accepted**; **grant application submitted 03/28/2025**; we will receive notice by May 28 if we made it to their final round of consideration. If we do, then we will need to send them additional information they would request. If awarded, that work would begin in October of this year.
- b. Google Workspace & TEA Staff Development IT Meeting with Robert Pollard. Alison met with Robert on 5/15/2025. Robert said that TEA budget needs to pay for 2 members of Robert staff to have access to support the Workspace. Currently, no budget available, but it is included in grant applications, specifically the NATRI grant budget to support Native Ways of Knowing Institute. \$8400 per year for 27 licenses.
- c. NACTEP One Year Supplemental application due 6/4/2025; Full grant competition was cancelled by the Trump administration; In May received announcement of Supplemental Award of up to \$200K for current NACTEP year 5. Whole grant narrative is five page, plus budget narrative. *Alison noted that CA YCA grant application has been emailed to the BOE and that Anita, Marnie and Alison will be interviewed 5/21 for next step on this grant.

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- d. NATRI Native American Teacher Retention Initiative US Department of Education Office of Indian Education grant application submitted 5/13 emailed to BOE
- e. NYCP Native Youth Community Partnership US Department of Education Office of Indian Education grant application submitted 5/8 emailed to BOE
- f. PD Professional Development US Department of Education Office of Indian Education grant application submitted on 5/12 emailed to BOE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Government to Government relations meetings
 - i. National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) meeting June 18-19 emailed registration
- b. BOE Professional Development Opportunities
 - i. Native Education Programs Showcase: Institutions with Native Support Systems Panel Discussion June 4 @ 5:30PM EST emailed flyer
 - ii. Connecting CTE and Registered Apprenticeship: Delaware's Strategic Approach registration link June 12, 2025 at 10AM Pacific Time

IX. AJOURNMENT

a. 7:54PM – Jace Baldosser makes the motion to adjourn; Tate Morgan 2nds motion. Meeting adjourned.

5/20/2025 5:08 PM 3 Prepared by: Alison Robbins