

RESOLUTION 24-R-09

**IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 31, 2024**

WHEREAS, The Iowa Executive Committee being duly organized met in Regular Meeting this 31st day of January, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe Executive Committee has authority to act for the Iowa Tribe under the present Constitutional authority as provided in Sec. 1.a., Article V - Powers; and,

WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska being organized and empowered by their Constitution and Bylaws (approved November 6, 1978, and amended August 27, 1980); and,

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee recognizes the urgent need to reform the state education system to create a culturally appropriate learning environment thereby committed to eradicating the imposition of counter-cultural standards on our children; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee believes at this time a collaborative approach with the Four Tribes of Kansas and the State of Kansas may be one way to remediate deficiencies by establishing a sustainable education environment benefiting not only Indian children but all children; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee wishes to approve the endorsement of the memorandum of agreement between the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBOE) and the Kansas Board of Regents (KSBOR) and the creation of the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education. (Attachment A)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee does hereby approve the endorsement of the memorandum of agreement between the KS BOE and the KSBOR and the creation of the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted this date, January 31, 2024, in a Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, at which ___ members of the Committee were present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of ___ for, ___ against. Chairman abstained.

Timothy N. Rhodd, Chairman
Iowa Tribe Executive Committee

ATTEST:

Anthony G. Fee, Secretary
Iowa Tribe Executive Committee

Attachment A



**Memorandum of Agreement
Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education
Kansas State Board of Education
Kansas Board of Regents**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) is between the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBOE) and the Kansas Board of Regents (KSBOR).

WHEREAS the Kansas State Board of Education is charged with providing general supervision of public schools, educational institutions, and all Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade educational interests of the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS the Kansas Board of Regents is charged with the control and supervision of public institutions of higher education throughout the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS over 10,000 American Indian / Alaska Native students attend public schools across the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS the parties recognize the unique status of Native Nations with sovereign and inherent rights to be involved in the education of their citizens;

WHEREAS the parties affirm their shared responsibility with Native Nations and communities to ensure Kansas schools are providing a culturally appropriate learning environment for all students, including Indian American / Alaska Native students; and

WHEREAS the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska all endorse this effort of the state agencies to work collaboratively as demonstrated by signed resolutions passed by their respective councils.

Therefore, KSBOE and KSBOR agree to collaboratively establish the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education (KACIE) whose goal will be to serve as a consulting body in matters related to Indigenous education in the State of Kansas. In support of this collaboration, the parties further agree:

To appoint the following voting members of KACIE,

One representative of each of the four Tribal Nations currently residing in Kansas; the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Kickapoo

Tribe in Kansas, and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, as appointed by each respective Nation;

The President of the Kansas Board of Regents or her/his designee;

One member of the Kansas State Board of Education as selected by the State Board;

The Commissioner of Education or her/his designee;

Three American Indian community representatives, with preference to individuals actively working in Kansas school districts as of the date of their nomination by any of the four tribal representatives; and

One state university representative appointed by the Kansas Board of Regents.

To appoint the following non-voting members as representatives from their respective nominating organizations;

One representative from the Bureau of Indian Education;

Up to 5 representatives from federally recognized tribes residing in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, and/or Colorado with a current or historical connection to Kansas;

One representative from the Kansas Legislative Branch to be nominated by the representatives of the four Kansas Tribal Nations, KSBOE, or KBOR; and

One representative from the Kansas Executive Branch to be nominated by the representatives of the four Kansas Tribal Nations, KSBOE, or KBOR.

To arrange for KACIE meetings at least twice a calendar year, with additional meetings on an as-needed basis called by the Chair; and

To share information made available to, as well as policy recommendations made by, KACIE on publicly accessible agency websites.

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT BYLAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

Within 45 days of executing this agreement, the Kansas State Board of Education representative shall schedule and call the first meeting of the voting members of the advisory council. During its first meeting or as soon thereafter as it can be completed, the advisory council shall establish the manner in which the Chair of the council is to be determined, the term for which the Chair may serve, and shall so designate its Chair. The council may establish any other rules of procedure it feels necessary in order to accomplish the goals established herein without infringement upon the sovereign authority of any Tribal Nation. Nothing within this agreement shall be interpreted as a delegation of authority from either party.

EFFECTIVE DATES AND DURATION

This agreement becomes effective on the date of the last signature below and shall continue until terminated upon written notice from one party to the other. Either party may terminate this Memorandum in whole or in part if it is determined that such termination is in the best interest of the State of Kansas, and shall provide the other with written notice at least 30 days prior to the termination date.

VIII. SIGNATURES

Signature
Melanie Haas, Chair
Kansas State Board of Education

Date

Signature
Jon Rolph, Chair
Kansas Board of Regents

Date