



## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON INDIAN SERVICES

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### MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** September 18, 2020

**Meeting Location:** Virtual via Zoom

**Present at Meeting:**

Brenda Meade, Chair, Coquille Indian Tribe (LCIS Chair)  
Cheryle Kennedy, Chair, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Dan Courtney, Tribal Chairman, Tribal Board of Directors, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians  
Debbie Bossley, Tribal Chair, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw  
Doc Slyter, Chief, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw  
Arnie Roblan, Senator  
Bill Hansell, Senator  
Tawna Sanchez, Representative  
Jackie Mercer, CEO, NARA Northwest  
Aimee Steketee, Employee Services

**Staff:**

Adrienne Fischer, Commission Assistant, Legislative Commission on Indian Services

**Welcome:** Chairperson Brenda Meade called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

**Invocation:** Chief Doc Slyter offered the invocation.

**Chairperson Meade:** Given the untimely departure of the Executive Director for the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) the Commission has come together to formally to address the immediate needs of the Commission.

Chairperson Meade asked Commission Members if they would be willing to support authorizing the appointment of an Interim Director and allow the Commission to move to the next steps of recruiting a new permanent Executive Director. Chairperson Meade stated that there are options for this process,

including the option of not appointing an Interim and instead moving immediately to the recruitment of a permanent Executive Director.

Chairperson Meade asked for the support of Commission Members to appoint an Interim Director and clarified that this doesn't mean that person must be identified at this time. This would allow the Commission to move forward in contacting individuals who would have interest.

Chairperson Meade noted that options for the Interim Director Position and a recommended timeline for the recruitment of a permanent Executive Director will be presented at the regular LCIS meeting being held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Senator Hansell, Senator Roblan and Chair Bossley all stated their approval for this process.

Aimee Steketee, from Legislative Employee Services, added that she was available if anyone had any questions and assured that they had very qualified and willing individuals that they planned to reach out to.

Chairperson Meade asked for a motion to authorize Employee Services and the Chair of LCIS to proceed with the search for an interim Director and the effort to offer a three-to-six-month plan for a full recruitment and hiring process. The Commission will review this information at the meeting on September 29, 2020. Chair Kennedy moved that the Commission proceed with this plan. This was seconded by Chair Bossley. The motion was approved by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.