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**Moderator: Tina Hunter**  
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Now I'll turn the meeting over to your host, Ms. Tina Hunter. Ma'am you may begin.

Tina Hunter: Good afternoon and thank you so much for joining this NACIE call today. Before we get started, we would like to have roll call. So can each of you announce who is on the line?

Deborah Dennison: Dr. Deborah Dennison.

Virginia Thomas: Virginia Thomas.

Robin Butterfield: Robin Butterfield.

Sam McCracken: Sam McCracken.

(Dakota Brown): (Dakota Brown).

(Noreen Brown): (Noreen Brown).

(Teresa John): (Teresa John)

(Mandy Smokerbrother): (Mandy Smokerbrother)

(Joyce): And, Tina, this is (Joyce). I'm on line also.

Tina Hunter: Thank you Joyce.

Woman: We also have (Jolee) who's unmuted because... so she's on line.

Tina Hunter: Okay, thank you. So the purpose of today's meeting is to discuss the final review and approval of the annual report to congress, the schedule to submit recommendations to the secretary of education, and to discuss the hiring process for the Office of Indian Education for the program director.

Dr. Dennison, I will turn this meeting over to you now. Thank you.

Deborah Dennison: Thank you Tina. I'm going to open it up by asking for additional discussion if everybody's had the chance to review, and then we'll just start there.

Robin Butterfield: I think, Deborah, this is Robin. I would just make a motion to approve the report to congress, and then we can go into discussion if there's a second.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. There's a motion to approve the report to congress. Do we have a second?

Virginia Thomas: Second. This is Virginia.

Deborah Dennison: Okay, second by Virginia. Okay, we can go ahead and discuss then while we call for the question.

Virginia Thomas: I have a question, Tina, this is Virginia. Did all of those recommendations that came in fairly late or right at the edge, were they able to be considered and put in place?

Tina Hunter: The final report that I had sent out did not include the recommendations from the last person that sent them in.

Virginia Thomas: Okay.

Deborah Dennison: Yes, I think we gave a pretty hard deadline because I know we had - we needed to have those items in by a certain date. And I know they were good recommendations but they didn't get included because we had assigned this task to put it together for this date to (Alan). And so this is what he gave us for this particular meeting.

Virginia Thomas: Okay, thank you.

Robin Butterfield: And this is Robin. I think there were some really good process kinds of recommendations which wouldn't necessarily interfere with the content of the report. So maybe we could talk about those after.

Deborah Dennison: Yes, I would suggest that that'd be the way we handle the recommendations that came forward later.

Robin Butterfield: Yes.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. Any other discussion on the Report to Congress? So we have a motion to approve and a second. All in favor say aye.

Group: Aye.

Deborah Dennison: Are there any opposition? Since we're on phone I can't tell. Say aye if you're opposed. Okay, the motion's been approved. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine people on call to zero.

Okay, we can go on to the next item which is to discuss the schedule. This is just the schedule -- we're not going to discuss the content -- the schedule to meet the recommendations to secretary (unintelligible).

Woman: Well, no, wait a minute. For the report to congress is one saying the report to the secretary is a separate document, correct?

Deborah Dennison: Correct.

Woman: Okay. Well, maybe just by way of my understanding -- I don't know about the rest of you -- but that committee didn't complete its assignment partly because we were focused on this report to congress. So I'm still missing pieces on the original decision that the NACIE council made to do a new letter to the secretary. So we essentially don't have a completed document to submit so we would need to talk about a timeline for completing it if that's what we're going to do, and then when we would submit it.

So I can only do as much as I can do and some of the committee members needed to get other pieces to me. But I didn't really follow up because we had

a set one day that I thought we were going to have a call and it didn't happen. So I think things got a little confused trying to schedule work sessions on two separate documents. So that's kind of where it was left.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. So as far as the progress, what would you say we need to do in set? How many more subcommittee meetings do you think you need before we can move on approving?

Woman: Well, I think the main committee members just need to meet again and I need to know who's doing which pieces. They were - assignments were made but I'm still missing some kind of critical sections.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. Anybody on the call...

((Crosstalk))

Woman: So maybe two calls. One for the committee and then one to, you know, get all the pieces in and then have the document finalized.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. Why don't you set a date for the committee to meet and then we can - because you can go through Tina and get that set up too, and then get in contact with the committee members that still are needing to submit things and then get the dates squared away with Tina and then get that out. And I think that by the time we have our meeting in DC in September or in -- when is it, September, latter part of September -- that might be a time to get that approved too as well.

Woman: Okay, yes, so that we could have at least one call through your subcommittee before we get to DC then is what you're saying.

Deborah Dennison: That's what I'm saying.

Woman: Okay.

Woman: Yes, that works for me.

Deborah Dennison: Just communicate that with the subcommittee so that they know we're going to have that done by the time we get to DC in September.

Woman: Okay.

Deborah Dennison: Any questions on that? I don't think we need a motion for any if that's just to discuss the schedule.

Woman: You know, but before - just before we get off the phone, maybe Tina, I could talk to you just about a possible Google (unintelligible) or something.

Deborah Dennison: Tina?

Tina Hunter: I apologize. So what was that? I didn't hear it.

Woman: Oh, I just said before we leave this call today, if I could just get a date, a possible date, for our Google polls for the committee.

Tina Hunter: Sure. For the subcommittee?

Woman: Yes.

Tina Hunter: Okay, sure, absolutely.

Deborah Dennison: Okay.

Bill Mendoza: Hey, folks, this is Bill Mendoza (unintelligible) we're joining late.

Deborah Dennison: Thank you Bill. Let's go on to the third item is this is to discuss the hiring process of the OIE program director. So I'll turn that over to Virginia because I think she's the chair of that, aren't you, Virginia? Or where am I getting that idea from? I think I might have lost her. Who else is on the committee that can... or maybe that might be something. Tina, do you want to talk about it?

Tina Hunter: Sure. Today, the job description has been reviewed. The next step is vacancy announcement. The subcommittee will be meeting to discuss that. The question was whether or not the full committee was in agreement that the subcommittee would interview and make final recommendations or was that something that the full committee wanted to participate in.

Deborah Dennison: I think in the past the subcommittee was the ones that made - I can't remember now, let me think.

Tina Hunter: Yes. But we just needed to get concurrent from the full committee.

Deborah Dennison: How does the rest of us (unintelligible).

Virginia Thomas: Actually in the past it was the full committee that made the decisions.

Deborah Dennison: But the subcommittee do the interview though, right? The subcommittee did the interview, if I remember right. (Joyce) is there.

(Joyce): When I interviewed, there was a whole roster of people on the phone. I wouldn't know if it was subcommittee or not. But it seems like it was more people on the phone than a subcommittee.

Virginia Thomas: It was the full NACIE committee that interviewed (Joyce).

Deborah Dennison: Okay. Well, how does this council feel about it this time? Do you want to be involved because there's quite a few of us now than there were back then, so.

Woman: As well as you have a quorum I don't think that's an issue.

Deborah Dennison: Yes.

Woman: It is (unintelligible) council.

Deborah Dennison: Okay.

Woman: So I think it's more than a subcommittee.

Deborah Dennison: Who is this?

(Karen): Hey, I'm sorry. I apologize, committee members. This is (Karen). (Joyce), I was actually in the room. It was a close meeting. (Unintelligible) at the time was the designated federal official and it was the subcommittee of members that interviewed the best qualified candidate, and then in turn the full committee in a close session got to review the subcommittee's recommendations.

And Tina, I'll defer to you, but I think one of the things that was pointed out is if the - who decides. Whichever way they decide, it's pending whatever funds are available.

Woman: Right. The subcommittee last year did do the initial review of the applicants, and then narrowed it down to the - I think there are four of five that was selected for the full NACIE council to be a part of that.

Deborah Dennison: How would this council like to move forward? That's my question now. There's a whole lot of us on here now which is good, but I think that the current subcommittee would do - could fulfill the review of the applicants and then move forward from there just as we did the last time.

Robin Butterfield: This is Robin. Debbie, I agree. I think that the purpose of the subcommittee is to narrow the number, but the committee -- the full NACIE committee -- should be the interviewer group once that's been narrowed down.

Deborah Dennison: Okay.

Virginia Thomas: Debbie, this is Virginia. I agree with this because it's hard for us to even get a quorum as a full committee now. So I'd like to make that into a motion that the subcommittee be given that authority to do the initial review, and then the recommendations to the full council.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. There's a motion on the floor to allow the subcommittee to narrow the applications down to -- I think we did four last time -- and then present to the full committee to interview the final.

Sam McCracken: Sam McCracken, I second the motion. I'm on the subcommittee.

Deborah Dennison: Any more discussions? Okay, all those in favor say aye.

Group: Aye.

Deborah Dennison: Any opposition? Abstention? Motion carries. And I believe we're at nine still, nine to zero. That concludes our agenda for today.

Woman: Well, can we hear some timeline still on this?

Deborah Dennison: Sure, go ahead. I think Virginia's back on. I hear her voice.

Virginia Thomas: I am. I was (unintelligible) because I had my phone on mute trying to talk. I know it's Oklahoma time, I'll tell you. We did have a timeline. I sent one out to the subcommittee and then Tina. So then another one is out, the subcommittee. I don't know if you want to send it out to the full committee for the timeline that we've got, but it's very narrowed down. Tina, are you able to send that out to the full committee?

Tina Hunter: I will send that out today.

Virginia Hunter: Okay, because there are dates and timelines that we did already fulfill some of the initial ones like for the announcement that had to be posted. The subcommittee gave me their recommendations. And those who didn't have any, notified me. Robin, I guess we just couldn't get a hold of you, but (unintelligible) gave us some really good ideas and we incorporated all these into it. There is a timeline coming out.

The final of the vacancy was completed by the 26th of August. We're going to make sure that we -- what we've done today, that it'll be incorporated so the

subcommittee will go forward. It looks like the announcements that we did is going - I think they're already being posted. Is that not right, Tina?

Tina Hunter: No. The announcement will be posted... let's see here. I'm looking at the schedule. The beginning of September.

Virginia Thomas: That's right. What we did - we were asking. And when you see this, when it comes out, we're asking a full NACIE to get behind this and help us to publicize with an outreach to make sure that it gets in tribal papers, different things that we can't get just through the (unintelligible) register. If you know...

Deborah Dennison: And then what would be the closing date?

Virginia Thomas: For this?

Deborah Dennison: Yes. So it will be posted for 30 days.

Woman: Okay.

((Crosstalk))

Virginia Thomas: ...will notify us when they're posted, and then we'll know by that when the 30 days.

Deborah Dennison: Absolutely.

Virginia Thomas: So as far as this subcommittee, I think we're on track.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. Right, so...

Robin Butterfield: And then, well, just one more question. This is Robin. So when it closes on the 31st, then how much time does the subcommittee have to narrow the recommendations? And then when would it hit NACIE as an action item?

Tina Hunter: So this is Tina. According to the schedule, the interviews and recommendation will be completed by the end of October.

Robin Butterfield: Okay.

Tina Hunter: It may be sooner, but it's estimated by the end of October.

Robin Butterfield: Okay, thank you.

Tina Hunter: You're so very welcome.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. Any more questions or discussion on that? Okay.

Robin Butterfield: Just who is on the committee one more time?

Woman: (Unintelligible), yourself, (Sam) and (Jolee) and me.

Robin Butterfield: Oh, I didn't realize I was on the committee.

Woman: Oh! Maybe that's why. Well, I had you down.

Robin Butterfield: I don't think I was because I was on -- I was chairing the other two committees, but that's okay.

Woman: We can take you out if you don't want to be on it because I don't want you overload.

Robin Butterfield: That's fine if you want to take me off because I still -- we still got to get that letter done, so.

Woman: Okay, yes, you'll get the timeline letter. So that would just be (unintelligible), (Jolee), (Sam) and myself.

Robin Butterfield: Okay, sounds good.

Woman: Okay.

Robin Butterfield: Then I'm not holding up your quorum either.

Woman: Thank you Robin.

Deborah Dennison: Okay, that explains why they couldn't find you, Robin.

Robin Butterfield: Yes I know. I didn't think I was on it so, sorry.

Deborah Dennison: All right. Well, that takes care of that discussion. And I know we have - I asked for a post conference so do we need to adjourn?

Woman: Yes.

Deborah Dennison: A motion to adjourn.

Woman: Debbie, we'll talk about our next meeting.

Deborah Dennison: Right.

Woman: Okay.

Deborah Dennison: Is there a motion to adjourn?

(Bill Mendoza): Is there any time, madam chair, to just seek input or offer input on the development of the agenda for your next conversation? Is that possible?

Woman: No, (Bill), I'm sorry. We wouldn't be able to do that because of (unintelligible). I apologize.

(Bill Mendoza): Okay. We're misunderstood then.

Woman: Yes, well, it's just that...

(Bill Mendoza): ... appropriate opportunity and work with the DFO to raise an important agenda item for NACIE that we think needs their input.

Woman: Okay, awesome. Yes, absolutely. And the only reason, (Bill), just so you know is because when we developed the federal register for members of the public, we would have needed to announce that in case members of the public would have been interested in listening in on that, so I apologize.

(Bill Mendoza): Yes, yes. So, Tina, this is the same issue we've raised with you and (Joyce) multiple times so we need to find an opportunity to get this in front of NACIE somehow. But we'll (unintelligible) offices, okay.

Tina Hunter: Thank you so much, (Bill). Okay, madam chair.

Deborah Dennison: Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Robin Butterfield: This is Robin, so move.

((Crosstalk))

Woman: Second.

Deborah Dennison: All in favor say aye.

Group: Aye.

Deborah Dennison: We are officially adjourned.

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