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## Special Trustee Advisory Board Holds First Meeting

*The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians meets with special Advisory Board in Albuquerque, NM.*

WASHINGTON, D.C – The Office of The Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) held the first meeting of the Special Trustee Advisory Board, August 4-5, 2015 in Albuquerque, NM. Special Trustee, Vince Logan, organized the first meeting as a background briefing to familiarize the Advisory Board with the mission of the office. Department leadership presented the issues their staff are focused on and also provided a tour of the Masthead office.

At the first meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair were named for one-year terms. “The Advisory Board is a diverse group of individuals, committed to working with the Special Trustee, for the benefit of American Indians, Indian Nations and Indian Country as a whole”, said Chair, David Kimelberg. E. Paul Torres, Governor of the Pueblo of Isleta, and Chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council of Governors, welcomed the group and offered a blessing in his traditional language.

The Special Trustee Advisory Board consists of nine members, appointed by the Special Trustee and vetted by the White House for two-year terms, and advises on all matters within the jurisdiction of the Special Trustee.

Chair – David Kimelberg (Seneca)

Vice Chair – Leilani Wilson Walkush (Tlingit)

Patricia D. Gerard (Blackfeet)

Len Greenhalgh (Professor of Management, Director of Native American Business Programs, Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College)

Henrietta Mann (Cheyenne and Arapaho)

Terry Mason Moore (Osage)

Tyler B. Pearson (Cherokee)

Eldon Shiffman (Treasurer/Chief Investment Officer Santa Ynez Band of Chumash)

Starlyn R. Tourtillott (Little Shell Chippewa, Stockbridge and Menominee)

The Advisory Board will convene two to three times a year, with more meetings scheduled at the discretion of the Special Trustee. The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for November 2015 in Washington, D.C.

Residing within the Department of the Interior, the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians was established by the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994, Public Law 103-412 (Reform Act). The office was created to improve the accountability and management of Indian funds held in trust by the Federal government. OST partners with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and other bureaus and offices within Interior, other federal and state agencies, as well as tribal leaders and organizations to improve the quality of services.