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Special Trustee Advisory Board Meets in Washington, DC

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians meets with Indian Country Advisory Board; welcomed by Bureau of Indian Affairs Assistant Secretary, Kevin Washburn.

WASHINGTON, D.C – The Office of The Special Trustee for American Indians announces the second meeting of the Special Trustee Advisory Board, November 3-4, 2015 in Washington, DC.

The Special Trustee Advisory Board consists of nine members, appointed by the Special Trustee and vetted by the White House, and advises on all matters within the jurisdiction of the Special Trustee. Legislated by the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994, the Advisory Board consists of five members that represent trust fund account holders, both Tribal and Individual Indian Money Accounts. Additional members of the Advisory Board include two members that have hands-on experience in trust fund and financial management, one member versed in fiduciary investment management, and a final member, from academia, with extensive knowledge of the general management of large organizations.

“These meetings have proven invaluable to helping us develop concrete strategies to meet our goals,” said Vince Logan, Special Trustee. “I look forward to seeing the board and hearing their counsel.”

The upcoming meeting addresses hot topics for the board including an update from Capitol Hill regarding relevant legislation being considered, an overview of the Federal budget cycle and how it affects OST, and a discussion on ways to expand OST’s engagement with stakeholders.. The Advisory Board convenes two to three times a year, with more meetings scheduled at the discretion of the Special Trustee.

“After meeting with Indian Country leaders at various events and speaking to my staff in the field, I have a lot of input to share with the board,” said Logan. “The attitude towards the board in Indian Country is positive and that will only help us move forward with our initiatives.”

Media Availability

The Special Trustee is available for interviews before and after the meeting sessions each day. Special arrangements can be made prior to November 2, 2015 if a time cannot be accommodated on the current schedule. For more information and to schedule a time with the Special Trustee, please email Genevieve Billia at Genevieve_Billia@ost.doi.gov, or call at 202-208-4289.