

Agenda

Department of the Interior Self-Governance Advisory Committee (DOI SGAC)

Dates: Wednesday - Thursday, February 25-26, 2026

Location: Embassy Suites Convention Center, Washington, DC

ZOOM Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87614807504?pwd=cjZqY3JYVThxaFpTN2ltaVjcWpEUT09>

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Wednesday, February 25, 2026

1:00PM – 2:00PM | Tribal Caucus

(Tribal representatives only)

An opportunity for Tribal representatives to review priorities, share updates, and prepare key discussion items for the full SGAC session.

2:00PM – 2:20PM | Full SGAC Meeting Convenes

- Opening Prayer
- Welcome & Introductions – *W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'klallam Tribe and Tribal Chair for DOI SGAC*
- Committee Business
 - Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Nomination-Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

2:20PM – 2:40PM | Opening Remarks from Indian Affairs

2:40PM – 4:00PM | Dialogue with Indian Affairs Leadership

Session Overview:

A forward-looking discussion on shared priorities, collaboration opportunities, and advancing Self-Governance.

Shared Priorities and Areas for Collaboration, Priorities for IA

Joint dialogue identifying opportunities for innovation, efficiency, and stronger Tribal–federal partnerships

William 'Billy' Kirkland, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs

Kennis Bellmard, Deputy Assistant Secretary-Policy and Economic Development for Indian Affairs

Jason Bruno, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management

- *Update on revisions to IFF guidance*
- *OSG Leadership Changes*
- *TERA*

4:00PM – 5:00PM | Budget Update for FY 26 and FY 27

- Randi Adams and Sharon Omps, Division Chief, Division of Budget and Formulation

Thursday, February 26, 2026

9:00AM – 10:00AM | BIA Updates (Field, Indian Services, and Trust Services)

Updates on 477, Workforce, Wildland Fire Initiative and other Topics

- Bryan Mercier, Director of Bureau of Indian Affairs

10:00AM – 11:00AM | Update from the Office of Self-Governance

Updates and discussion with OSG, including CSC distribution, base funding disbursement timeframes, SGDB and fund transfer process, new Tribes negotiating Self-Governance agreements, and staffing

- Matt Kallappa, Acting Director, Office of Self-Governance

11:00AM – 11:15AM | BREAK

11:15AM – 11:45AM | BIE Update

Updates and discussion with BIE, including status of transferring programs to BIE

- Tony Dearman, Director of Bureau of Indian Education and/or Sharon Pinto, Deputy Director of School Operations, BIE

11:45AM – 12:15PM | Update on Changes to Section 105(l) Guidance & Addressing Backlogs

- Cody Seaton, Chief, Office Tribal Leases, Indian Affairs

12:15PM – 1:45 PM | Lunch Break

1:45PM-2:30PM | Discussions with Office of Justice Services

- Charles Addington, Principal Director-Justice Services and Law Enforcement and Kevin Martin, Deputy Associate Director

2:30PM – 2:45PM | Update from Tribal Self-Governance Consortium

- Jay Spaan, Executive Director, Tribal Self-Governance

2:45PM – 3:00PM | BREAK

3:00PM-3:30PM | Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (TERA)

- Johnna Blackhair, BIA

3:30PM – 4:15PM | Continued Dialogue with AS-IA leadership

- Hon. William ‘Billy’ Kirkland, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs
- Kennis Bellmard, DAS-PED
- Matt Kallappa, Acting Director, Office of Self Governance

4:15PM | Final Thoughts/ Conclusion of SGAC Meeting

4:30PM – 5:00PM | SGAC Technical Workgroup Meeting (if needed)