Indian Nations Council of Governments
Board of Directors

INDIAN NATIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
INCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2026, AT 12:00 PM
MINUTES OF REGULARMEETING

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Nations Council of Governments was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 12:00 PM, at 2 West Second Street, Tulsa, OK, in the INCOG Executive Conference Room. The agenda was posted with the Tulsa County Clerk on February 6, 2026. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Stan Sallee, and a quorum was declared.

Members Present In Person	Others Present In Person
Ron Burrows – Rogers County	LaDonna Brewer
Karen Keith – Tulsa County	Rich Brierre
Stan Sallee – Tulsa County	
Newt Stephens – Creek County	**Others Present Remotely**
David Tillotson – Glenpool (Alternate)	Bob Slavin
Debra Wimpee – Broken Arrow	Tom Gates

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 13, 2026

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Keith, seconded by Mr. Burrows, the Executive Committee, voted to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2026. The motion carried.

Aye: Burrows, Keith, Sallee, Stephens, Tillotson
Nay: None
Abstain: None

The Chair moved to item 4. on the agenda.

[Debra Wimpee arrived]

4. Report from Slavin Management Consultants on Executive Director Search Process

Tom Gates and Bob Slavin with Slavin Management appeared remotely. They gave an update on the Executive Director recruitment, noting that the second recruitment effort has produced 25 applications to date. The position was re-advertised on six industry sites and through approximately 390 targeted emails, including outreach to prior interested individuals. Of the applicants received so far, six appear to be very well qualified, five require additional follow-up for clarification, and approximately twelve do not meet the outlined qualifications. The initial review date remains February 13, after which highly qualified candidates will receive additional questions and vetting. Mr. Gates indicated there is no need to extend the recruitment timeline, as the applicant pool is strong and further delay could risk losing candidates. Per the approved schedule, a list of the most highly rated candidates will be provided to the Executive Committee on March 6. Due to scheduling conflicts on March 10, the Executive Committee discussed holding a special meeting with executive session on Monday, March 9 at 11:00 a.m. to review candidate information. Mr. Slavin and Mr. Gates expressed confidence in the process and will proceed according to the established timeline.

3. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Brierre provided several updates to the Executive Committee. He first discussed the Opioid Abatement Program administered through the Attorney General's Office, noting that although approximately $20 million per year has been appropriated from the opioid settlement, a significant portion of the funds remain unspent due to a lack of eligible or approvable applications. The Attorney General's Office is exploring a Colorado-based model that would allocate approximately 60% of the funds to regional Councils of Governments (COGs) to provide technical assistance and help local entities develop approvable projects, while the Opioid Board would retain final funding authority. Under this model, INCOG's estimated annual allocation could be approximately $2.5 million. This would require dedicated staff and a formal agreement between the COGs and the Attorney General's Office. Committee members discussed successful local examples of opioid funding use, including partnerships for mental health response and jail-based mental health services, and emphasized the importance of education, technical assistance, and sharing examples of successful projects with communities.

Mr. Brierre also provided updates on several competitive grant efforts. An EDA project associated with a proposed Kratos development in Bristow will not move forward due to the company selecting an Oklahoma City location. However, staff continue to pursue other opportunities, including a potential EDA project associated with the Port and a BUILD grant application for Tulsa County to replace structurally deficient bridges over Hominy and Bird Creeks that are load restricted and date back to the early 1900s.

An update was also shared from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) policy meeting in Washington D.C., where discussions with the Oklahoma's congressional delegation focused on transportation reauthorization, formula versus discretionary funding, emergency management match requirements, and challenges with federal administrative processes that delay project implementation. Members emphasized the importance of federal transportation funding to counties, which maintain a significant share of road miles and bridges.

5. Set Date, Time and Place for Next Executive Committee Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Burrows and seconded by Ms. Wimpee to hold the next Executive Committee Meeting on **Monday, March 9, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.** The motion carried.

Aye: Burrows, Keith, Sallee, Stephens, Tillotson, Wimpee
Nay: None
Abstain: None

6. Contracts

A. Receivables:
   1. DHS Aging Services Division – Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) $209,939 – (Increase contract by $83,976 original contract $121,963)
   2. Oklahoma Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning Services (JP11768(39)) – Extend contract through June 30, 2026

B. Expenditure:
   1. Resolute PR – Ozone Alert! Marketing – not to exceed $50,000 – (new)
   2. Masonic Charity Foundations of Oklahoma – Aging Services Projects:
      a. Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental, Inc. – not to exceed $45,300 ($41,387 in 2025)
      b. Morton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc. – Vision exams and eyewear – not to exceed $24,300 ($21,873.68 in 2025)
      c. Richard D. Kirkpatrick – minor home repair safety improvements – not to exceed $13,000 – ($16,419.37 in 2025)
      d. Oklahoma ABLE Tech-Durable medical equipment – not to exceed $4,000 – ($13,454.32 in 2025)

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Keith and seconded by Ms. Wimpee, the Board voted to approve the contracts as presented. Motion carried.

Aye: Burrows, Keith, Sallee, Stephens, Tillotson, Wimpee
Nay: None
Abstain: None

New Business
No New Business

Adjourn
There being no further items to be brought before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned.