

has submitted a request for authorization to re-petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe to the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) under 25 CFR part 83, subpart D. The Department invites public comment and evidence concerning the request.

DATES: Comments and evidence must be postmarked by April 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The narrative portion of the re-petition request, submitted by BLB (with any redactions in accordance with 25 CFR 83.50(b)), is available at the OFA website: www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa.

Comments and evidence may be submitted to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Attention: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Mail Stop 4071 MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to: Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nikki Bass, OFA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, by phone: (202) 513-7650; or by email: Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 21, 2025, the Department revised the Federal acknowledgment regulations in 25 CFR part 83 to establish a conditional and time-limited opportunity for petitioners denied Federal acknowledgment to request authorization to re-petition.

On August 22, 2025, OFA received a request for authorization to re-petition from BLB, in accordance with 25 CFR 83.50. This group has been assigned Petition Number R002.

The contact information for BLB is Bart T. Stupak, 600 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004.

Under 25 CFR 83.51(b)(1), OFA publishes on its website the following:

- i. The narrative portion of the request for authorization to re-petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.50(b));
- ii. The name, location, and mailing address of the petitioner and other information to identify the entity;
- iii. The date of receipt;
- iv. The opportunity for individuals and entities to submit comments and evidence supporting or opposing the petitioner's request for acknowledgment within 120 days of this notice of the request; and
- v. The opportunity for individuals and entities to request to be kept informed of general actions regarding the petitioner.

Authority

The Department publishes this notice and request for comment in the exercise

of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by Department Manual part 209, chapter 8.

William Henry Kirkland III,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Request for Nominations for Bureau of Indian Education Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered for appointment to the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children (Advisory Board). There will be five positions available to serve specifically in the areas of: Indian persons with disabilities; Teachers of children with disabilities; State education officials; Local Education Officials; State Interagency Coordinating Councils under Section 641 of the Act in States having Indian reservations; and Tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives. Advisory Board members shall serve a staggered term of two years or three years from the date of their appointment. The BIE will consider nominations received in response to this request for nominations, as well as other sources.

The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

DATES: Please submit nominations by February 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Ms. Jennifer Davis, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Bureau of Indian Education, Division of Performance and Accountability, 2600 N Central Ave., Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004, or Fax to (602) 265-0293 or email to jennifer.davis@bie.edu.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Davis, DFO, at Telephone (202) 860-7845; or email jennifer.davis@bie.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10. The

following provides information about the Committee, the membership, and the nomination process.

1. Objective and Duties

(a) Members of the Advisory Board will provide guidance, advice and recommendations with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in BIE funded schools in accordance with the requirements of IDEA.

(b) The Advisory Board will: (1) Provide advice and recommendations for the coordination of services within the BIE and with other local, State and Federal agencies; (2) Provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues dealing with the provision of educational services to American Indian children with disabilities; (3) Serve as advocates for American Indian students with special education needs by providing advice and recommendations regarding best practices, effective program coordination strategies, and recommendations for improved educational programming; (4) Provide advice and recommendations for the preparation of information required to be submitted to the Secretary of Education under 20 U.S.C. 1411 (h)(2); (5) Provide advice and recommend policies concerning effective inter/intra agency collaboration, including modifications to regulations, and the elimination of barriers to inter- and intra-agency programs and activities; and (6) Will report and direct all correspondence to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs through the Director, BIE with a courtesy copy to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

2. Membership

(a) Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1411(h)(6), the Advisory Board will be composed of up to fifteen individuals involved in or concerned with the education and provision of services to American Indian infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities. The Advisory Board composition will reflect a broad range of viewpoints and will include at least one member representing each of the following interests: American Indians with disabilities; teachers of children with disabilities; American Indian parents or guardians of children with disabilities; service providers; state education officials; local education officials; state interagency coordinating councils (for states having Indian reservations); tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives; and other members representing the various divisions and entities of the BIE.

(b) The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs may provide the Secretary of the Interior recommendations for the chairperson; however, the chairperson and other Advisory Board members will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Advisory Board members shall serve staggered terms of two years or three years from the date of their appointment.

3. Miscellaneous

(a) Members of the Advisory Board will not receive compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel, including subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government Service under 5 U.S.C. 5703.

(b) The Advisory Board meets at least three or four times a year, budget permitting, but additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs or the DFO.

(c) All Advisory Board meetings are open to the public.

4. Nomination Information

(a) Nominations are requested from individuals, organizations, and federally recognized tribes, as well as from State Directors of Special Education (within the 23 states in which BIE-funded schools are located) concerned with the education of Indian children with disabilities as described above.

(b) Nominees should have expertise and knowledge of the issues and/or needs of American Indian children with disabilities. Such knowledge and expertise are needed to provide advice and recommendations to the BIE regarding the needs of American Indian children with disabilities.

(c) A summary of the candidates' qualifications (resume or curriculum vitae) must be included with a completed nomination application form, which is located on the Bureau of Indian Education website. Nominees must have the ability to attend Advisory Board meetings, carry out Advisory Board assignments, participate in teleconference calls, and work in groups.

5. Basis for Nominations

If you wish to nominate someone for appointment to the Advisory Board, please do not make the nomination until the person has agreed to have his or her name submitted to the BIE for this purpose. A person can also self-nominate.

6. Nomination Application

Please submit a complete application form and a copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae to the DFO by February 27, 2026. The nomination application form can be found on the BIE website at <https://www.bie.edu/landing-page/special-education>

7. Information Collection

This collection of information is authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0179, "Solicitation of Nominations for the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children" Dated: 11/30/2027.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10; 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*

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Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Request for Nominations for the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Department of the Interior, is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members on the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission (Commission).

DATES: Written nominations must be received by January 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Nominations or requests for further information should be sent to Karen Beck-Herzog, Site Manager, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, P.O. Box 700, Middletown, Virginia 22645, or via email karen_beck-herzog@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Beck-Herzog, via telephone (540) 868-0938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission was established in accordance with the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Act of 2002 (16 U.S.C. 410iii-7). The Commission was designated by Congress to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior on the preparation and implementation of the park's general management plan and in the identification of sites of significance outside the park boundary.

The Commission consists of 15 members appointed by the Secretary, as follows:

(a) 1 representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia; (b) 1 representative each from the local governments of Strasburg, Middletown, Frederick County, Shenandoah County, and Warren County; (c) 2 representatives of private landowners within the Park; (d) 1 representative from a citizen interest group; (e) 1 representative from the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation; (f) 1 representative from the Belle Grove, Incorporated; (g) 1 representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; (h) 1 representative from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation; (i) 1 ex-officio representative from the National Park Service; and (j) 1 ex-officio representative from the United States Forest Service. Alternate members may be appointed to the Commission.

We are currently seeking primary and alternate members to represent Belle Grove, Inc., the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Town of Strasburg, the Town of Middletown, Shenandoah County, Frederick County, Warren County, and private landowners within the Park.

Each member shall be appointed for a term of three years and may be reappointed for not more than two successive terms. A member may serve after the expiration of that member's term until a successor has been appointed. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be elected by the members to serve a term of one-year renewable for one additional year.

Nominations should be typed and should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Commission and permit the Department to contact a potential member. All documentation, including letters of recommendation, must be compiled and submitted in one complete package. All those interested in membership must follow the nomination process.

Members of the Commission serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission as approved by the NPS, members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed