

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****25 CFR Part 1000**

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**Self-Governance PROGRESS Act
Negotiated Rulemaking Committee;
Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Self-Governance PROGRESS Act Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee), will hold public meetings to negotiate and advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on a proposed rule to implement the Practical Reforms and Other Goals To Reinforce the Effectiveness of Self-Governance and Self-Determination for Indian Tribes Act of 2019 (PROGRESS Act).

DATES: The meeting is open to the public and will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, from 1 to 5 p.m. ET. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 13, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of the Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 in the North Penthouse Conference Room. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or participate virtually. Send your comments, within 30 days following the meeting, to the Designated Federal Officer, Vickie Hanvey, using the following methods:

- *Preferred method:* Email to comments@bia.gov with “PROGRESS Act” in subject line.
- *Alternate methods:* Mail, hand-carry or use an overnight courier service to the Designated Federal Officer, Ms. Vickie Hanvey, Office of Self-Governance, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 3624, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vickie Hanvey, Designated Federal Officer, comments@bia.gov, (918) 931-0745. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make

international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These meetings will be held under the authority of the PROGRESS Act (Pub. L. 116–180), the Negotiated Rulemaking Act (5 U.S.C. 561 *et seq.*), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10). The Committee is to negotiate and reach consensus on recommendations for a proposed rule that will replace the existing regulations at 25 CFR part 1000. The Committee will be charged with developing proposed regulations for the Secretary’s implementation of the PROGRESS Act’s provisions regarding the Department of the Interior’s (DOI) Self-Governance Program.

The PROGRESS Act amends subchapter I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), 25 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.*, which addresses Indian Self-Determination, and subchapter IV of the ISDEAA, which addresses DOI’s Tribal Self-Governance Program. The PROGRESS Act also authorizes the Secretary to adapt negotiated rulemaking procedures to the unique context of self-governance and the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian Tribes. The **Federal Register** (87 FR 30256) notice published on May 18, 2022, discussed the issues to be negotiated and the members of the Committee.

Meeting Agenda

These meetings are open to the public. Detailed information about the Committee, including meeting agendas can be accessed at <https://www.bia.gov/service/progress-act>. Topics for this meeting will include Committee priority setting, possible subcommittees and assignments, subcommittee reports, negotiated rulemaking process, schedule and agenda setting for future meetings, Committee caucus, and public comment.

For in-person meetings, members of the public are required to present a valid government-issued photo ID to enter the building; and are subject to

security screening, including bag and parcel checks.

Plenary Meeting (Number 15)

- *Meeting date:* March 14, 2024.
- *Meeting time:* 1 to 5 p.m. ET.
- *Meeting location:* Hybrid (in-person and virtual link).
- *In-person meeting room:* North Penthouse.
- *Address:* Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.
- *Virtual link:* https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MzhlMGE0MDU4YTU4NS00Mjg4LWFjOWYtMjU0ZDMwNDhiMTY1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%220693b5ba-4b18-4d7b-9341-f32f400a5494%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%2213321130-a12b-4290-8bcf-30387057bd7b%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%22%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a.
- *Comments:* Submit by April 13, 2024.

Public Comments

Depending on the number of people who want to comment and the time available, the amount of time for individual oral comments may be limited. Requests to address the Committee during the meeting will be accommodated in the order the requests are received. Individuals who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written comments to the Designated Federal Officer up to 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be sent to Vickie Hanvey listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10)

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