

Eureka City Schools Indian Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026

Location: 2100 J Street, Room 114

Eureka CA 95501

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Melissa Defenbaugh at 5:15 PM

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Jennifer Johnson read the Land Acknowledgment

III. ROLL CALL

Present:

- Melissa Defenbaugh (Chairperson)
- Rachel Brakeman (Parent Representative)
- Cara Figas (Parent Representative)
- Hilary Manion (Teacher Representative)
- Thomas Smith (Student Representative)
- Shawna Morales (Non-Voting Member)

Absent:

- Teresa McGinnis (Vice Chairperson)
- Heather Martin (Second Vice Chairperson)
- Kristin Sobilo (Non-Voting Member)

IV. Quorum: Established per Article IV, Section 1 of the Bylaws.

V. APPROVAL OF THE EASIE PART II GRANT APPLICATION

- Motion made by Hilary Manion to approve the application for the EASIE Part II Grant
- Melissa Defenbaugh seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM

-----Land Acknowledgment Text

The Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee of Eureka City Schools acknowledges that the land on which Eureka City Schools sits is Wiyot ancestral land, and Humboldt is the unceded territory and traditional ancestral homeland of the Indigenous nations: Hupa, Karuk, Mattole, Tolowa, Wailaki, Wiyot, Yurok, and other original inhabitants of Humboldt County. We respect and share our gratitude to Indigenous communities. We thank and honor the original caretakers of this land that continues to be cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations.