

# Montana Board of Public Education Executive Summary

**Date:** January 12-13, 2023

<b>Presentation</b>	MACIE Appointments
<b>Presenter</b>	Joan Franke
<b>Position Title</b>	Administrative Assistant Office of Public Instruction
<b>Overview</b>	Present Dr. Sean Chandler as an appointment to MACIE.
<b>Requested Decision(s)</b>	Action item: Approval of Dr. Chandler's appointment.
<b>Related Issue(s)</b>	MACIE, Indian Education
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	Approval of Dr. Chandler's appointment.



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MONTANA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION  
ADVISORY TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND  
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Please fill out this form and return to:

Joan Franke  
Administrative Assistant  
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Yes, our tribe/organization wishes to appoint the person listed below as our representative to Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE).

Name: Sean\_Chandler  
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City, ZIP: Harlem,\_MT\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please provide a brief bio articulating the nominee's qualifications for membership on MACIE.

Dr. Sean Chandler, an enrolled member of the Aaniinen (Gros Ventre Nation), is the President of Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC) located on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in north-central Montana. He is also the Co-Director of the White Clay Immersion School (WCIS) at ANC. In 2016, Dr. Chandler was appointed to the Montana Arts Council. Additionally, in April of 2018, Sean received the Montana Indian Education Association's Indian Educator of the Year Award. For the past 20 years Sean has been employed with ANC, serving mostly as an Instructor and Director of American Indian Studies, until 2017 when he began to fill the role of Academic Dean and later as President in 2020. In addition to his administration duties, he also instructs the Aaniiih (Gros Ventre) Language to grade school aged children within the WCIS. Sean acquired a Bachelor of Arts in Art in 1997, as well as a Master of Arts in Native American Studies in 2003 from Montana State University-Bozeman. In 2014, he attained a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from The University of Montana with his dissertation entitled, The Identity of Indigenous Lifeways.

Yes, I have contacted our nominee who has agreed to represent our tribe/organization as an active member of MACIE.

No, our tribe/organization does not wish to be represented on the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education.

Tribe/Organization: Aaniiih Nakoda College\_\_\_\_\_

President/Chairperson/Director signature:

Date: 12/13/22\_\_\_\_\_