



## LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION

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*Tlingit/Athabaskan*  
Executive Director

### **SELF GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 14, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Shown Imitates Dog called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The following Board Members were in attendance:

- Imitates-Dog (Chairperson)
- Cheri Thomas (Treasurer)
- Randall Murphy (Secretary)
- Cynthia Begay
- Dawn Jackson

The following Board Members were absent:

- Tracy Perez
- Chrissie Castro
- Allison Hicks

#### **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF JULY 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

The Self Governance Board reviewed the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes. Board Member Dawn Jackson set forth a motion to accept the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes. Treasurer Cheri Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PROGRAM & FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Interim Executive Director Sandi Mitchell stated that the program reports could not be provided this month. A new report system was implemented in June and she must receive training in order to pull the reports and provide information on the agencies' performance in July. Ms. Mitchell provided information on the 3 agencies' invoices. She mentioned that only Pukuu had not submitted its June service report and therefore, the June invoice has not been processed. It was reported that Pukuu is having trouble pulling off its reports and will need to contact the system consultant for assistance.



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Ms. Mitchell shared that the 3 agencies were audited by the County Auditor-Controller and the final audit reports were received. Two of the three agencies had an audit finding. Pukuu was cited for invoicing for a client whose household income exceeded the 2018 Community Service Block Grant Poverty Guidelines. The agency will repay WDACS the costs associated with providing services to the ineligible client. UAll was cited because they did not maintain documentation to support eligibility for one of five clients sampled. Specifically, proof of residency was not in the case file. The agency will repay WDACS the costs associated with providing services to the client. Since the remedy for the audit findings were included in the report, the SGB members did not have to discuss how to counsel the agencies.

### **CONSULTANT FOR SUBCONTRACTORS' TA**

In response to the SGB Board's decision to utilize the \$13,200 Discretionary Funds in an effective way, Ms. Mitchell shared that a Request for Bids (RFB) or Request for Proposals (RFP) will be sent out requesting bids for a consultant to assist the 3 agencies in the following areas of Technical Assistance (TA): succession planning, grant writing and compliance training. It is anticipated that the RFB/RFP will be released by the end of August 2019. A Board Member asked about the evaluation process and if the Board could be involved in evaluating the bids. Ms. Mitchell stated that she would get back to them with the response to that question.

### **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

Chairperson Imitates-Dog suggested meeting next month on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The SGB unanimously agreed to the date.

### **BOARD ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Imitates-Dog adjourned the meeting at 12:23 PM.



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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 20, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Chrissie Castro called meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Commissioner Ted Tenorio provided the opening blessing

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

- Chrissie Castro (Chair)
- Shawn Imitates Dog (Secretary)
- Dawn Jackson
- Ted Tenorio
- Andrea Garcia
- Cynthia Begay
- Cheri Thomas
- Clementine Bordeaux
- Joseph Quintana

**3. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After review of July 23, 2019 meeting minutes, Commissioner Tenorio moved and Commissioner Imitates Dog seconded to approve. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

No formal presentations.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

- 5.1 Indigenous Peoples Day – David Giron (Senior Advisor to Councilmember O'Farrell, 13<sup>th</sup> Council District) reviewed plans for Indigenous Peoples Day scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 4 until 9pm. (Mr. Giron mentioned that on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (actual day) an event will take place but unknown as to what it will be). Tentative events include a VIP ceremony with a session that will focus on "Why We Are There." Additionally, he stated inviting presidential candidates to speak along with music, spoken work and a fashion show is being considered (handout provided). Commissioners provided input such as the event should emphasize indigenous peoples, the use of stories to bring community together and if there will be LGBTQ community participation. The commission wanted to be sure there will be



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commission participation as the preparation of the event continues and deeper collaborations occur in the future. Also, the Chair requested to review and approve video with shots of Commissioners.

- 5.2 Powwow – Tabled
- 5.3 Heritage Month – Tabled

### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Executive Committee – No report
- 6.2 Self-Governance Board – No report, See Aug. 14, 2019 meeting minutes.
- 6.3 Homelessness – Andrea Garcia stated meetings with Supervisors Hahn and Solis took place. Additionally, she stated more community events will be announced in the future and there is possible media interest by CNN's United Shades of America.

### 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.1 ICWA Ruling – 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court upheld
- 7.2 SB 275 – Assembly member James Ramos pulled bill and future conversations will take place to reintroduce.
- 7.3 Indigenous Education – LAUSD will consider to adopt suggestions.
- 7.4 Census 2020 – It was stated there may be a population drop of approximately 20% in the NAI population between 2010 and 2020. The possible reason may be due to an undercount.
- 7.5 Mauna Kea – A letter of support for the Pacific Islander community due to the impact of the Mauna Kea volcano was suggested.
- 7.6 Native Men's Sweat Lodge Donations – A question was posed regarding support a sweat lodge located in Salinas. It was stated there are sweat lodges located at various locations. Information will be distributed. Monetary and other donations are welcome
- 7.7 Memo To LA City-County NAIC – A letter was offered by Joe Berra, Clinical Project Director, UCLA School of Law to support the efforts of NAIC. The collaboration can include legal research, policy analysis and advocacy. See attached letter.

### 8. COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT

Chair Castro adjourned the meeting at 8:41PM