



**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2022**

The January 18, 2022 meeting Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and provided an invocation.

Present:

Cheri Thomas (Chairperson)
Chrissie Castro (Vice Chairperson)
Shawn Imitates-Dog (Treasurer)
Kimberly Morales Johnson (Secretary)
Dr. Andrea Garcia
Allison Hicks
Dawn Jackson
Randall Murphy
Rudy Ortega Jr.
Joseph Quintana
Ted Tenorio
Mark Villasenor
Rene' Williams

Absent: Robert Judkins (excused)
Fred Leaf (unexcused)

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director

Holding Meetings via Teleconference

Chairperson Thomas shared that the LANAIC is conducting the meeting via teleconference in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361 and the Board of Supervisor's action taken at their January 11, 2022 meeting and subsequently renewed every 30 days to continue meeting by teleconference to limit the spread of Covid-19 and to promote social distancing where possible.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Action Items

Review & Approval of the Unapproved November 16, 2021 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Randall Murphy and seconded Secretary Kimberly Morales Johnson to approve the unapproved November 16, 2021 LANAIC Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed.



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YES	Cheri Thomas, Chrissie Castro, Andrea Garcia, Allison Hicks, Rudy Ortega Jr., Mark Villasenor, Rene' Williams, Kimberly Morales Johnson, Randall Murphy
NO	
ABSTAIN	Dawn Jackson, Joseph Quintana
ABSENT	Shawn Imitates-Dog, Robert Judkins, Fred Leaf, Ted Tenorio

Discuss and Take Possible Action Appointing Commissioner Ted Tenorio to Serve on the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Jackson to appoint Commissioner Tenorio to serve on the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board. The motion passed.

YES	Cheri Thomas, Chrissie Castro, Andrea Garcia, Allison Hicks, Rudy Ortega Jr., Mark Villasenor, Rene' Williams, Kimberly Morales Johnson, Randall Murphy, Dawn Jackson, Joseph Quintana
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Shawn Imitates-Dog, Robert Judkins, Fred Leaf, Ted Tenorio

Presentations

County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department Office of Energy & Environmental Services Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge Proposal – *Southern California Green Careers Accelerator*

Sheena Tran (ISD) presented to the LANAIC the County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department Office of Energy & Environmental Services Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge Proposal, *Southern California Green Careers Accelerator*. Additionally, she requested a letter of support from the LANAIC to include with the application. Alexandra shared that because this was not an agenda item that the LANAIC cannot act today however the Executive Committee can convene and review providing a letter of recommendation. Sheena shared that letters of support are due by February 4.

Discussion Items

Discussion of a Possible Addition to the Bylaws to Require Commissioners to Notice the LANAIC When Using Commission Title and Credentials in Personal Business.

The LANAIC had a robust discussion about a proposed bylaws addition presented by Commissioner Murphy. Commissioner Murphy shared his proposal to include a requirement in the bylaws that



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commissioners notice the LANAIC when using Commission title and credentials in personal business. The LANAIC reviewed Commissioner Murphy's proposed addition. Vice Chairperson Castro shared she needed more time to review the language presented and Commissioner Garcia noted some issues with the language as presented because Commissioners wear so many hats in the community. Commissioner Quintana shared he agreed with the need to be explicit about conflicts. Alexandra shared because this is simply a discussion that she can ask County Counsel whether or not other Commissions have similar language in their bylaws and/or if existing policies and statements that commissioners adhere to and sign are inclusive of the proposed addition.

Discussion of the 2022 Community Elections

Alexandra shared with the LANAIC that 2022 is an election year for the 5 LANAIC Community-elected seats. She reminded the LANAIC that per the body's bylaws that the Chair can appoint a chair and members to this committee. Finally, she shared that it is her recommendation that Chair Thomas announce her appointments at the March 2022 as elections planning should begin as soon as possible.

Executive Director Report

Truth, Healing & Transformation Projects

Alexandra shared that the evaluation process had been completed for the 11 proposals submitted for the Land Acknowledgment Facilitator RFP. She shared that the contract with the selected individual/group should be executed by the March meeting at which time she can announce to the LANAIC. She thanked Commissioner Jackson for her time on the evaluation panel.

LANAIC Transition to the Board Executive Office

Alexandra shared that as of Saturday, January 15, 2022 that the LANAIC is now officially located within the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, she shared that as part of the move the LANAIC received a second staff position and that she will be working closely with the HR team at the Board Executive Office to get that position filled as quickly as possible.

Care First, Community Investment Advisory Committee Report

Updates (Joey Williams, LANAIC Lead – CFCI Advisory Committee)

Joey shared that the Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee meetings are now opening each meeting with a land acknowledgement per his and Tencha's advocating. He shared that Tencha provided the first land acknowledgement at the last CFCI meeting and did an outstanding job. Additionally, he shared that a 3rd party administrator is being selected by the County's Alternatives to Incarceration to administer \$17 million to the community, and they are hiring a community engagement consultant to help get input for funding.



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Committee & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group

Commissioner Dr. Garcia shared a brief update about the work of the Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group. She shared that the Group continues to meet bi-weekly and respond to the emergent needs of the AIAN community.

Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Vice Chairperson Castro shared with the LANAIC that unfortunately AB 1554 California Indian Education Act (Ramos) did not make it out of Committee because the Committee Chair did not hold a vote. She shared that Assemblymember Ramos will likely adjust and reintroduce the bill.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items

Chair Thomas shared that she would like to convene a 2022 LANAIC Retreat. She gauged the interest of the LANAIC. Alexandra shared she would send out a Doodle Poll to determine a date and time to hold the retreat.

Commission Adjournment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission meeting of January 18, 2022 was adjourned by Chairperson Thomas at 7:00 p.m.