



AGENDA

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
SELF GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022, 5:00 P.M.

To Listen Via Telephone: (346) 248-7799
Meeting ID: 819 4829 3750

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RANDALL MURPHY, Chairperson
Choctaw/Lakota

KIMBERLY JOHNSON MORALES,
Vice Chairperson
Gabrieleno Tongva

SHAWN IMITATES-DOG, Treasurer
Lakota

ALLISON HICKS, Secretary
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation/Choctaw

DAWN JACKSON, Commissioner
Saginaw Chippewa

ROBERT JUDKINS, Commissioner
Apache

TED TENORIO, Commissioner
Tiguan Nation

CHERI THOMAS, Vice Chairperson
Quinault/Yurok

ALEXANDRA VALDES
Executive Director
Tlingit/Athabascan

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Review and Take Possible Action Adopting May 19, 2022 Unapproved Meeting Minutes**
5. **Review and take possible action adopting a letter to the Board of Supervisors informing them about ongoing issues with the transition of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors and requesting support to be moved to the Department of Arts & Culture**
6. **Executive Director's Report**
 - a. **Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside Funds (CSAIBG) Subrecipient Program and Financial Reports**

- b. CSAIBG Solicitation Updates**
 - c. Strategic Planning Consultation Solicitation Update**
 - d. Care First Community Investment Updates**
- 7. Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items**
 - 8. Announcements/Future Agenda Items**
 - 9. Public Comment**
 - 10. Board Adjournment**

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**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
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May 19, 2022 Unapproved Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Kimberly Morales Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Kimberly Morales Johnson read the following teleconference statement allowing for the LANAIC Self Governance Board meeting to take place via teleconference:

Welcome everybody, before we begin I have a brief announcement; this teleconference meeting is in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361 and the Board of Supervisor’s action taken at their April 26, 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.

INVOCATION

Kimberly Morales Johnson provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

- Chairperson Randall Murphy
- Vice Chairperson Kimberly Morales Johnson
- Treasurer Allison Hicks
- Secretary Shawn Imitates-Dog
- Dawn Jackson
- Robert Judkins
- Cheri Thomas

The following Commissioners were absent:

- Ted Tenorio

Quorum was met.

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ADOPTING FEBRUARY 17, 2022, MARCH 17, 2022 AND APRIL 19, 2022 UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Allison Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Randal Murphy to approve the unapproved February 17, 2022 minutes, unapproved March 17, 2022 minutes and the unapproved April 19, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion passed.

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| YES | Morales Johnson, Murphy, Thomas, Judkins Hicks, Jackson, Imitates-Dog |
| NO | |
| ABSTAIN | |
| ABSENT | Tenorio |



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**TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ADOPTING PROPOSED BYLAW REVISION TO AMEND
ARTICLE VI., OFFICERS, SECTION 1. TO NO LONGER REQUIRE THE CHAIR OF THE
SELF GOVERNANCE BOARD TO BE FILLED BY A COMMUNITY-ELECTED MEMBER**

A motion was made by Commissioner Randall Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Shawn Imitates-Dog to revise the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board Bylaws to amend Article VI., Officers, Section to no longer require the Chair of the body to be filled by a Community-Elected member. The motion was adopted.

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| YES | Murphy, Imitates-Dog, Judkins, Thomas |
| NO | Morales Johnson, Hicks, Jackson |
| ABSTAIN | |
| ABSENT | Tenorio |

Randall Murphy shared that although the motion passed allowing him to serve as the Chair he was resigning. As a result of his resignation Vice Chairperson Kimberly Morales Johnson (Community-Elected) is now Chair of the LANAIC SGB through January 2023.

Executive Director’s Report

Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside Funds (CSAIBG) Subrecipient Program and Financial Reports

Alexandra shared a brief program and financial report for CSAIBG. Since the April meeting the following invoices were received.

| Subrecipient | Encumbrance | Month & Year | Amount |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| United American Indian Involvement, Inc. | CSBG CARES | March 2022 | \$9,196.00 |
| Gabrieleno Tongva Tribal Council | CSBG 2022 Baseline | March 2022 | \$5,965.00 |
| Gabrieleno Tongva Tribal Council | CSBG 2022 Baseline | April 2022 | \$6,575.00 |

Strategic Planning Consultation Solicitation Update

Alexandra shared that the solicitation for a Strategic Planning Consultant was released in alignment with County procurement policies through an open competitive Request for Bids. Because the County does not allow the amount of the project to be disclosed unfortunately the two bids received came in over budget. She reminded the body that they had allocated \$20,000 in 2021 CSBG discretionary for this project. The lowest bid came in at \$35,000. Alexandra is currently trying to figure out a way to move forward with bringing on a strategic planning consultant this year to meet the CSBG Organizational Standard Requirements. She will continue to provide updates to the body.

Care First Community Investment Updates

No updates were provided.



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Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group Updates

Alexandra shared that the body continues to meet and address the emergent needs of the community related to COVID-19.

Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No general comments on non-agenda items were provided.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items

No announcements/future agenda items were provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Kimberly Johnson Morales adjourned meeting at 12:47 p.m.

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June 21, 2022

Supervisor XX
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Concerns Related to the Transition of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission and LANAIC's Self Governance Board to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisor XX,

My name is Cheri Thomas, and I am the Chair of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC), a member of the LANAIC Self Governance Board (SBG) and Chair Holly Mitchell's appointee. As you are aware the LANAIC and the LANAIC SGB were transitioned from the Department of Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services (WDACS) to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors (EO) on January 16, 2022. I am writing you to express concerns the LANAIC and LANAIC SGB have about our recent transitions to EO.

Shortly after our arrival at the EO it became clear that the transition was that in name only and that what occurred leading up to that point was an exit strategy. Our move in January 2022 constituted a change in the position of the LANAIC and LANAIC SGB in the County's organizational structure. Per the request of the LANAIC and staff, WDACS continued to provide administrative and operational support to ensure that EO staff could appropriately onboard the administration and operational structure of the LANAIC and LANAIC SGB through June 30, 2022.

Prior to our organizational move in January at no point were our operations examined to determine if the EO was equipped to support us and which support staff would be assuming roles and responsibilities supported by WDACS administrative staff. The responsibilities of the transition of the LANAIC and the LANAIC SGB have fallen on to our one staff member, Executive Director Alexandra Valdes. Over the past few months, it has become clear that at current EO does not have the staffing capacity to support the needs and operations of the LANAIC and the LANAIC SGB. The shortfalls of this transition process have not only put a strain on our staffing but also have put the LANAIC SGB in jeopardy of losing long-standing federal grant funding.

Throughout the past 5 months the following information has come to light. The reclass of the Executive Assistant NAIC item to an Executive Director NAIC item was never funded. WDACS Finance was directed by CEO to not include the LANAIC in Recommended Budget because they would be moved mid-Fiscal Year. Executive Office was informed by CEO that they could not include the LANAIC in Recommended Budget because they were not officially housed within their department. Through the transfer of the LANAIC and LANAIC SGB from WDACS to EO the S&S appropriation was swept to partially cover the S&EB shortfall resultant of the unfunded reclass of

the Executive Director position. The Executive Director of the LANAIC was never engaged by WDACS Finance in their analysis of the LANAIC and LANAIC SGB budget and what needed to be transferred. All of this has resulted in LANAIC and the LANAIC SGB being left with fewer resources after the transition than we had before including the loss of our \$8,000 annual program budget, \$2,000 for County Counsel, \$8,000 for Auditor Controller and nearly \$31,000 in administrative support including program monitoring.

Prior to the transition Epifanio Peinado, the Supervising Administrator, presented at two LANAIC meetings in the fall of 2021 as well as met separately with Alexandra, former Chair Chrissie Castro, and former Vice Chair Rudy Ortega Jr. During those presentations it was touted that the EO would provide the LANAIC and LANAIC SGB with a more prominent location in the County's organizational structure which would enhance access for internal and external stakeholders and that County's Office of Commission Services housed within EO is well versed in supporting the work of these types of bodies. Unfortunately, what was perhaps gained by being more centrally located has been negated by the LANAIC and LANAIC SGB demotion within our home department's organizational structure. At WDACS our Executive Director had a direct reporting relationship with the department head which enabled her to utilize her position to effectively advocate for the needs and concerns of our two bodies and the County's American Indian and Alaska Native community. At EO our Executive Director no longer has a direct reporting relationship with the department head and is reliant on multiple layers of management to communicate the needs and concerns of our bodies and communities. This increased bureaucracy has created additional and unnecessary burdens and roadblocks. Additionally, at current Commission Services is not providing any supports to the LANAIC or LANAIC SGB.

We are seeking your support to ensure that our budget is made whole and that our noted critical unmet needs are met so that we are appropriately resourced to carry out the Board's direction and serve our community. Furthermore, we are seeking your support to transfer the LANAIC and LANAIC SGB from the Executive Office to the Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture.) We are confident that Arts and Culture possesses both the needed operational and administrative infrastructure and a culture that will ensure our work thrives.

Sincerely,

(INSERT SIGNATURE)

Cheri Thomas, Chairwoman
Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission

(INSERT SIGNATURE)

Kimberly Johnson Morales, Chairwoman
Self Governance Board

cc: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Office
Department of Arts and Culture