



**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2022**

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

Call to Order

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.

Holding Meetings via Teleconference

Chairperson Thomas read the following teleconference statement allowing for the LANAIC 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 March 29, 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

No invocation was provided

Roll Call

Present: Chair Cheri Thomas
Vice Chair Chrissie Castro
Treasurer Shawn Imitates-Dog (Joined at 5:43 P.M.)
Secretary Kimberly Morales Johnson
Dr. Andrea Garcia
Allison Hicks (Joined at 5:38 P.M.)
Dawn Jackson
Robert Judkins
Randall Murphy
Joseph Quintana
Ted Tenorio
Rich Toyon
Mark Villasenor
Rene' Williams

Absent: Rudy Ortega Jr.

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director



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Commissioner & Staff Introductions

Commissioners provided brief introductions and welcomes to new Commissioner Rich Toyon (SD5). Commissioner Toyon introduced himself to the Commission as well as briefly shared about what led him to serve on the Commission.

Public Comment

Dr. Julie Rousseau (Associate Athletic Director, Diversity, Inclusion & Equity – USC) and Asa Goldstock (Women’s Lacrosse Assistant Coach) addressed the Commission and shared about the USC women’s Lacrosse program’s desire to connect with the Native American community in Los Angeles in a variety of ways.

Action Items

Review & Approval of the Unapproved March 15, 2022, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Villasenor and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the unapproved March 15, 2022 LANAIC Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed.

YES	Thomas, Castro, Imitates-Dog, Morales Johnson, Garcia, Jackson, Judkins, Murphy, Quintana, Tenorio, Villasenor, Williams
NO	
ABSTAIN	Toyon
ABSENT	Ortega, Hicks

Review proposed 2022 Native American Heritage Month Tap Card designs and take possible action selecting 3 to submit to Metro for consideration

Alexandra shared all of the submitted 2022 Native American Heritage Month Tap Card designs. The Commission had a lengthy discussion about the submissions as well as how the TAP card should be designed. Commissioner Morales Johnson suggested that if word cloud design was submitted that the names of tribes within Los Angeles County as well as village names be included. Commissioner Williams suggested including a land acknowledgement.



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A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia and seconded by Vice Chair Castro to submit a word cloud design which highlights local tribes to LA Metro in order for them to develop a 2022 Native American Heritage Month TAP Card.

YES	Thomas, Castro, Imitates-Dog, Morales Johnson, Garcia, Jackson, Judkins, Murphy, Quintana, Tenorio, Villasenor, Williams, Hicks, Toyon
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Ortega

Take possible action establishing the 2022 LANAIC Summer Retreat Planning Ad-Hoc Committee

Chair Thomas and Commissioner Jackson volunteered to serve on the 2022 LANAIC Summer Retreat Planning Ad-Hoc Committee.

Take possible action establishing the 2022 Native American Heritage Month Planning Ad-Hoc Committee

Chair Thomas and Commissioners Judkins and Morales Johnson volunteered to serve on the 2022 Native American Heritage Month & Indigenous Peoples Day Ad Hoc Planning Committee.

Care First, Community Investment Advisory Committee Report

CFCI Updates, Joey Williams (LANAIC Lead Designee - CFCI Advisory Committee)

Joey Williams, LANAIC Designee – CFCI Advisory Committee, provided the monthly Care First Community Investment updates.

Discussion Items

Developing a content strategy for LANAIC website and social media channels

This item was tabled until the May 17, 2022 LANAIC meeting.

Executive Director’s Report

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Board Order Updates & Board Priority Updates

Amicus Support for Tribes in Lawsuit Challenging Constitutionality of Indian Child Welfare Act (March 15, 2022)

Alexandra briefly shared that she is working the assigned County Counsel, Lauren Van Schilfgaarde (UCLA Tribal Indian Law Clinic) and Kimberly Cluff (California Tribal Families Coalition) to develop a uniquely County perspective regarding the possible unraveling of the



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Indian Child Welfare Act. They are also strategizing on how to get other Counties to sign on to the brief.

LANAIC Human Relations Consultant vacancy updates

Alexandra shared that she is working closely with the Human Resources Division of the Executive Office to identify the most suitable item to support the LANAIC as well as how best to run the respective exam.

Committee & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group

Commissioner Garcia provided brief updates about the Working Group. Sharing that the Working Group still meets bi-weekly to share about agency updates as well as to respond to the emergent needs of the community.

Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Chair Thomas shared that it is possible that in person meetings may resume in June. Alexandra shared that she has reserved the Sybil Brand room at the Hall of Administration and that she anticipates these meetings will be offered in a hybrid format. She reminded the Commission that once they return to in person meetings Commissioners calling in would have to provide the address that they are calling in from and it will be included on the agenda and must be publicly accessible.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items

No announcements or future agenda items were shared.

Commission Adjournment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission meeting of April 19, 2022 was adjourned by Chairperson Thomas at 7:08 p.m.