



**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2022**

The June 28, 2022, meeting Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call to Order

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:36 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 County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisor's action taken at their June 14, 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

Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director, provided brief remarks.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Cheri Thomas  
Vice Chair Chrissie Castro  
Treasurer Shawn Imitates-Dog  
Secretary Kimberly Morales Johnson  
Dawn Jackson  
Robert Judkins  
Randall Murphy  
Rudy Ortega Jr.  
Joseph Quintana (joined at 6:18 PM)  
Rene' Williams

Absent: Dr. Andrea Garcia  
Allison Hicks  
Ted Tenorio  
Rich Toyon  
Mark Villasenor

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director



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Commissioner & Staff Introductions

Commissioners and staff provided brief introductions.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Action Items

**Review & Approval of the Unapproved May 17, 2022, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Meeting Minutes**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Imitates Dog and seconded by Commissioner Ortega Jr. to approve the unapproved May 17, 2022 LANAIC Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed.*

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| <b>YES</b>     | Thomas, Castro, Imitates-Dog, Jackson, Judkins, Murphy, Ortega Jr., Williams |
| <b>NO</b>      |  |
| <b>ABSTAIN</b> | Morales Johnson  |
| <b>ABSENT</b>  | Garcia, Hicks, Tenorio, Quintana, Toyon, Villasenor                          |

**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 to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors and requesting support to be moved to the Department of Arts & Culture**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Ortega Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Imitates Dog to approve the transition letter as presented including the following revisions: include Chair Thomas' signature and add a clarifying sentence to the last paragraph regarding that before the LANAIC and LANAIC SGB are officially moved from the Executive Office to the Department of Arts & Culture that the two departments enter into an MOU so that Arts & Culture can provide administrative support. The motion passed.*

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| <b>YES</b>     | Thomas, Castro, Imitates-Dog, Morales Johnson, Jackson, Judkins, Murphy, Ortega Jr., Quintana, Toyon, Villasenor, Williams |
| <b>NO</b>      |  |
| <b>ABSTAIN</b> |  |
| <b>ABSENT</b>  | Garcia, Hicks, Tenorio, Quintana, Toyon, Villasenor  |



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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.

Executive Director's Report

**Updates on Transition to Executive Office**

This item was tabled until the July 19, 2022 LANAIC meeting.

**LANAIC Human Relations Consultant Recruitment Updates**

This item was tabled until the July 19, 2022 LANAIC meeting.

**County State & Federal Legislative Agenda Updates**

This item was tabled until the July 19, 2022 LANAIC meeting.

Chair's Report

**2022 Native American Heritage Month Metro TAP Card Updates**

Chair Thomas shared that she will be providing an update on the status of the 2022 Native American Heritage Month TAP Card at the July 19, 2022 LANAIC meeting.

Committee & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

**Natives in LA COVID Response Working Group**

This item was tabled until the July 19, 2022 LANAIC meeting.

Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Ortega Jr. requested that the LANAIC consider holding monthly meetings at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Williams agreed that it would be helpful to host meetings later and suggested 6:30 PM.

Vice Chair Castro shared with the LANAIC that Joey Williams testified on behalf of the LANAIC on June 13, 2022 at the State of California Assembly Transportation Committee regarding AB 177: Renaming the Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway.

Commissioner Williams shared that the Los Angeles Continuum of Care Board amended their charter to allow the LANAIC to appoint an at large member. She shared that the LANAIC should begin thinking



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about who they would want to appoint who has experience working with our community members experiencing homelessness.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items

Chair Thomas shared that the 2022 Native American Heritage Month Ad Hoc Committee needs to meet to begin planning NAHM events.

Commissioner Imitates Dog shared that United American Indian Involvement, Inc. will be hosting a powwow and that the LANAIC should support UAI with resources and support.

Commissioner Williams shared that the 2022 Community Elections Ad Hoc Committee needs to meet to solidify dates for this year's elections. She also shared that United American Indian Involvement, Inc. will be hosting Indian Day Meet and Greet with community and that the LANAIC should try to attend and will be provided a table.

Commissioner Quintana shared that United American Indian Involvement, Inc. will be hosting the Grand Opening of their new location on August 27, 2022. He extended an invitation to all commissioners and shared there will be a welcome, cultural performers and food.

Commission Adjournment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission meeting of June 28, 2022 was adjourned by Chairperson Thomas at 6:23 PM.