



## LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2022

The March 15, 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 5:32 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

Commissioner Cheri Thomas led the body in a moment of silence to honor the passing of Commissioner Robert Judkins mother and former LANAIC Commissioner, Maxine Judkins.

### Roll Call

Present: Cheri Thomas (Chairperson)  
Chrissie Castro (Vice Chairperson)  
Kimberly Morales Johnson (Secretary)  
Dr. Andrea Garcia  
Allison Hicks  
Dawn Jackson  
Rudy Ortega Jr. (left at 6:00 pm)  
Joseph Quintana  
Mark Villasenor  
Rene' Williams (joined at 5:35 pm)

Absent: Shawn Imitates-Dog (Treasurer) (unexcused)  
Fred Leaf (unexcused)  
Randall Murphy (unexcused)  
Ted Tenorio (unexcused)

Quorum was met.

Staff Present: Alexandra Valdes, Executive Director



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Public Comment

Sarah Rascon (Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority - Environmental Equity Officer) addressed the LANAIC on behalf of the 1000 Acre Partnership. She shared briefly about the 1000 Acre Partnership and their desire to have the LANAIC appoint a commissioner to serve on the Community Advisory Committee.

Action Items

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

*A motion was made by Commissioner Ortega Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the unapproved February 15, 2022 LANAIC Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed.*

<b>YES</b>	Thomas, Castro, Morale Johnson, Ortega, Williams, Garcia, Hicks, Jackson, Judkins, Quintana
<b>NO</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	Villasenor
<b>ABSENT</b>	Imitates-Dog, Leaf, Murphy, Tenorio

**Appoint an LANAIC Commissioner to serve on the 100 Acre Partnership Community Advisory Committee**

The LANAIC had a brief discussion to see if any Commissioner wanted to serve on this body. Commissioner Ortega Jr. inquired with Commissioner Morales Johnson if she wanted to serve because of her tribe’s ancestral ties to the land. Commissioner Morales Johnson declined because of other obligations.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Ortega Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Jackson to appoint Commissioner Mark Villasenor to serve on the 1000 Acre Partnership Community Advisory Committee on behalf of the LANAIC. The motion passed.*

<b>YES</b>	Thomas, Castro, Morale Johnson, Ortega, Williams, Garcia, Hicks, Jackson, Judkins, Quintana, Villasenor
<b>NO</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	
<b>ABSENT</b>	Imitates-Dog, Leaf, Murphy, Tenorio



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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. Mr. Williams shared that through an open competitive Request for Statement of Interest process that Amity Foundation was selected as the CFCI Third Party Administrator. Additionally he shared that Street Level Strategy, the community engagement contractor, will be holding community listening sessions soon and it is critical that the Native voice is included.

Presentations

**Introduction to Cogstone Resource Management, Desiree Martinez (President & Principal Investigator for Archaeology), Ashley Dobson (Project Manager) & Kim Glann (Department of Arts & Culture Cross Sector Manager)**

Alexandra introduced Kim Glann the Cross Sector Manager at the County Department of Arts & Culture. Ms. Glann shared about the open competitive solicitation process for a facilitator to lead the County's land acknowledgement and harms work. She shared that Cogstone Resource Management was selected and then introduced Desiree Martinez and Ashley Dobson to share about their approach and timeline for this project. Ms. Martinez and Ms. Dobson presented a brief presentation on their approach and project timeline.

Alexandra shared that the Cogstone Team will be periodically presenting at LANAIC meetings throughout the project.

**Introduction to LANAIC Creative Strategist Jacob Pratt, Jacob Pratt & Kim Glann (Department of Arts & Culture Cross Sector Manager)**

Alexandra introduced Kim Glann the Cross Sector Manager at the County Department of Arts & Culture. Ms. Glann shared about the County's Creative Strategist program and the open competitive selection process. She thanked Chair Thomas and Commissioners Jackson and Imitates-Dog for their involvement on the selection panel. She then introduced Jacob Pratt, the LANAIC's Creative Strategist for the next 12 months.

Mr. Pratt provided a brief presentation on his background and how he intends to take on the roll of creative strategist. He shared that the first few months are an information gaining phase and that he will be reaching out to each commissioner for a 1:1 on interview.

Alexandra shared that Mr. Pratt will be periodically presenting at LANAIC meetings through his tenure as creative strategist.



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### Discussion Items

#### **Summer 2022 LANAIC Retreat**

Chair Thomas and Alexandra shared that the 2022 LANAIC retreat has been postponed until Summer so to properly prepare and develop an agenda. Chair Thomas said a few of the items that were on the tentative agenda will now be discussed at regular monthly LANAIC meetings.

#### **LA Metro Limited Edition TAP Card**

Chair Thomas shared with the Commission that Metro is interested in partnering with the LANAIC to develop Native American Heritage Month themed design for their TAP cards. She requested that all interested Commissioners develop a design to share at the April meeting and that the top 3 selected designs will be submitted to Metro for fabrication for November.

### 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 shared that the Board of Supervisors unanimously supported a Board motion on March 15, 2022 directing County Counsel to either develop or sign an amicus brief supporting the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

### 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 Chair Castro shared that CA Assembly Education Committee will be holding a hearing on March 25, 2022 to discuss AB 1703 California Indian Education Act. She reminded the Commission that the previous bill did not make it out of the Education Committee yet they remain hopeful this bill will.

### Announcements/Future Agenda Items

Chair Thomas flagged for a future meeting an action item to determine if Native American Heritage Month programming will take place in person or virtually.



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Commission Adjournment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission meeting of March 15, 2022 was adjourned by Chairperson Thomas at 7:00 p.m.