



**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 17, 2022**

The May 17, 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 5:30 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 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

No invocation was provided

Roll Call

Present: Chair Cheri Thomas
Treasurer Shawn Imitates-Dog
Dr. Andrea Garcia
Allison Hicks
Dawn Jackson
Robert Judkins
Randall Murphy
Rudy Ortega Jr.
Joseph Quintana
Ted Tenorio
Rich Toyon
Mark Villasenor
Rene' Williams

Absent: Vice Chair Chrissie Castro
Secretary Kimberly Morales Johnson

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 April 19, 2022, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Ortega Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the unapproved April 19, 2022 LANAIC Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed.

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

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.

Presentations

Watson Consulting Group – Updates on American Indian and Alaska Native Homelessness, Lisa Watson (Principal) & Crystal Coyazo (Project Manager)

Crystal provided an update on the work Watson Consulting Group on behalf of LA County to address American Indian and Alaska Native Homelessness.

LA City/County of LA Just Transition Taskforce, Kristen Pawling (County of LA Sustainability Program Director)

Kristen shared with the LANAIC about the LA City/County of LA Just Transitions Taskforce task. She specifically requested feedback regarding how the Taskforce plans to conduct tribal consultation.



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Executive Director's Report

Updates on Transition to Executive Office

Alexandra shared that the transition to Executive Office has been incredibly difficult. While WDACS continues to provide ongoing administrative support through June 30, 2022 very little has been transitioned to EO staff to assume responsibilities on July 1, 2022 and there remains many outstanding questions about who will be providing these critical administrative functions. Additionally, EO does not have experience with administering Federal funding or Care First Community Investment funding which is raising concern with the LANAIC SGB Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-aside funder, State of California Department of Community Services & Development.

It has come to light that through analysis of the budget transferred from WDACS to EO that 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 as a result 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 nor how the funding should be allocated when received by EO. 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 the \$8,000 annual discretionary budget, \$2,000 for County Counsel, \$8,000 for Auditor Controller and nearly \$31,000 in administrative support including program monitoring.

Updates on LANAIC Human Relations Consultant vacancy

Alexandra shared that after reviewing various aspects of the Human Relations Consultant item including the incongruent experience requirements, lack of promotional pathway and previous challenges with the County running successful recruitments she determined that the Management Analyst item was a more appropriate item for the current needs of the LANAIC and the LANAIC Self Governance Board. She shared that the swap out of the Human Relations Consultant item for a Management Analyst item was included in the Executive Office's Critical Unmet Needs request. Depending on if the Board approves this ask at their Budget meeting in late June, rejects the request entirely or defers it to Supplemental Budget in October will determine the timeline and next steps to fill the LANAIC vacancy. Alexandra shared she will continue to provide updates as they become available and that she is doing everything she can to get this vacancy filled as the additional support is vital to support the LANAIC and LANAIC SGB and the various directives of the Board.



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Updates on County State & Federal Legislative Agenda

Alexandra shared that she anticipates receiving directions from County Legislative Affairs regarding the 2022 process to submit additions to the County State and Federal Legislative Agendas and will be updating the LANAIC.

Discussion Items

Developing a content strategy for LANAIC website and social media channels

Commissioner Quintana shared that the LANAIC Communications Committee would be convening to discuss the development of this strategy. At current Commissioner Quintana and Jackson are the two committee members.

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.

2022 Elections AD Hoc Committee

Commissioner Williams shared that the 2022 Elections AD Hoc Committee is working to solidify the timeline for this year's Community Elected Commissioner elections and updating election packet materials.

Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No general comments on non-agenda items were provided.

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 May 17, 2022 was adjourned by Chairperson Thomas at 7:30 p.m.