



**LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2025**

The February 15, 2025, meeting Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) was at the Autry Museum of the West.

Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

Chairperson Shawn Imitates called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgment.

Invocation

Chair Imitates Dog provided an invocation.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Shawn Imitates Dog
Secretary Bryce Lewis-Smith (Excused)
Treasurer Denise Escoto
Caroline Bhalla
Dawn Jackson
John Only A Chief
Rudy Ortega Jr.
Ted Tenorio

Absent: Vice Chairperson Mark Villasenor (Excused)
Chrissie Castro (Excused)
Dr. Andrea Garcia (Excused)
Vivian Garcia (Excused)
Mona Morales Recalde (Excused)
Rich Toyon (Excused)
Rene' Williams (Excused)

Staff: Alexandra Valdes, LANAIC Executive Director

Quorum was met.

Commissioner Introductions

Commissioners provided brief introductions including their names, appointing office, and tribal affiliation.



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Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Action Items

6.1 Adopt absentee excuses

A motion was made by Commissioner John Only A Chief and seconded by Commissioner Rudy Ortega Jr. to adopt Commissioner Villasenor, Castro, A. Garcia, V. Garcia, Morales Recalde, Toyon and Williams absentee excuses for the February 15, 2025 meeting. The motion passed.

YES	Imitates Dog, Escoto, Lewis-Smith, Bhalla, Jackson, Only A Chief, Ortega Jr. and Tenorio
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Villasenor, Castro, A. Garcia, V. Garcia, Morales Recalde, Toyon and Williams

6.2 Adopt the January 25, 2025 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) Unapproved Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Dawn Jackson and seconded by Commissioner Rudy Ortega Jr. to approve the unapproved January 25, 2025 LANAIC Meeting Minutes as presented.

The motion passed.

YES	Imitates Dog, Escoto, Lewis-Smith, Bhalla, Jackson, Only A Chief, Ortega Jr. and Tenorio
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Villasenor, Castro, A. Garcia, V. Garcia, Morales Recalde, Toyon and Williams



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Discussion Items

7.1 Review Community Listening Session Annotated Agenda

The LANAIC briefly reviewed the Annotated Agenda for the Community Listening Session at 10:30 AM.

Ad Hoc Reports

8.1 2025 Native American Heritage Month Planning Ad Hoc

No report as provided.

8.2 LANAIC 50th Anniversary Ad Hoc

No report as provided.

8.3 LANAIC Bylaws Ad Hoc

No report as provided.

Commissioner General Comments On Non-Agenda Items

No comments were provided.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Caroline Bhalla shared that per previous LANAIC discussions, she requested that her appointing Supervisor Holly Mitchell attend an LANAIC meeting and that Supervisor Mitchell's staff confirmed that she would attend a future meeting.

Commission Adjournment

Chairperson Shawn Imitates Dog adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.