



AGENDA

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
SELF GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration
Sybil Brand Room 372
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

To Provide Public Comment: You may submit written public comment via email to contact@lanaic.lacounty.gov . Please submit your public comment or documentation as soon as possible but no later than 5 p.m. the night before the scheduled meeting. Note PUBLIC COMMENT – LANAIC SGB in email subject line.

DAWN JACKSON, Chairperson
Saginaw Chippewa

SHAWN IMITATES DOG, Commissioner
Lakota

JOHN ONLY A CHIEF, Vice Chairperson
Pawnee Nation

MONA MORALES RECALDE, Commissioner
Gabrieleno Tongva

DENISE ESCOTO, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne

RENE' WILLIAMS, Commissioner
Colville Tribes

DR. ANDREA GARCIA, Treasurer
Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara

ALEXANDRA VALDES
Executive Director
Tlingit/Athabaskan

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Commissioner Introductions**
- 5. Review and take possible action adopting unapproved July 15, 2025 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board Meeting Minutes**
- 6. Executive Director's Report**
 - a. Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside Program and Fiscal Report**

7. Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

8. Announcements/Future Agenda Items

9. Public Comment

10. Board Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Location: Hall of Administration, Room 372, 500 W. Temple Street, LA, CA 90012

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Approved:

Dawn M. Jackson

Chairperson Dawn Jackson



LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION SELF GOVERNANCE BOARD

July 15, 2025 Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The July 15, 2025 Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board (LANAIC SGB) meeting was at the County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration, Sybil Brand Room 372, 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dawn Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

INVOCATION

Commissioner John Only A Chief provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

Chairperson Dawn Jackson
Vice Chairperson Shawn Imitates Dog
Secretary Mona Morales Recalde
Treasurer Dr. Andrea Garcia
Denise Escoto
John Only A Chief
Rene' Williams

The following Commissioners were absent:
None

Quorum was met.

The following staff were present:

Alexandra Valdes, LANAIC Executive Director
Julien Tan, LANAIC Administrative Manager

COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioners provided brief introductions, including their names, the office for which they were appointed, and their tribal affiliation.



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5. REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ADOPTING UNAPPROVED MAY 20, 2025 LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION SELF GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Secretary Mona Morales Recalde and seconded by Commissioner Denise Escoto to approve the unapproved May 20, 2025, LANAIC SGB Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

YES	Jackson, Morales Recalde, Escoto, Only A Chief
NO	
ABSTAIN	Imitates Dog, Garcia, Williams
ABSENT	

6. ADOPT THE 2026-2027 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN & COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND DIRECT CHAIR DAWN JACKSON AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEXANDRA VALDES TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE DOCUMENT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT BY JULY 16, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Rene' Williams and seconded by Vice Chairperson Shawn Imitates Dog to approve the 2026-2027 Community Services Block Grant Community Action Plan & Community Needs Assessment as presented. The motion passed.

YES	Jackson, Imitates Dog, Morales Recalde, Escoto, Garcia, Only A Chief, Williams
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CSBG Program and Financial Report

Alexandra Valdes reported the Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside funds March 2025 expenses.

Alexandra shared high level updates on the state of CSBG and the possibility of federal cuts. She shared that she continues to stay in regular communication with the State Department of Community Services & Development and will provide updates to the LANAIC SGB. CSBG funding is secure for the current calendar year. Looking ahead, next year's funding is dependent on Congressional decisions expected in September.

Commissioner Dr. Andrea Garcia asked whether undocumented individuals are eligible for CSAIBG funding support. Alexandra responded that there is currently no federal push to support undocumented populations. She noted this as part of a broader dismantling of the social safety net.

Alexandra has communicated with Pamela Villasenor, Executive Director of Pukúu Cultural Community Services, who will speak with her staff regarding the increase in individuals seeking services.



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8. COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Rene' Williams shared about a Community Prayer Gathering hosted by California Native Vote Project on August 9th.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. Board Adjournment

Chairperson Dawn Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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