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NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022  
9:30AM  
MEETING LOCATION: VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

**Commissioners Present:**

Kostan Lathouris – Chair  
Brian Wadsworth – Vice Chair  
Staci Emm – Commissioner  
Tammi Tiger – Commissioner

**Commissioners Absent:**

Kelly Krolicki – Commissioner

Staff Present:

Stacey Montooth – Executive Director  
Sari Nichols – Program Officer

Others Present:

Gregg Ott – Deputy Attorney General  
Robert Graff – Nevada Department of Tourism  
Josie Burnett – Tribal Liaison – Department of Emergency Management  
Jay Martin – Tribal Liaison – Department of Emergency Management  
Evette Cullen – Tribal Liaison – Department of Health and Human Services (Welfare Services)  
Monica Schiffer – Tribal Liaison – Department of Health and Human Services (Financing Policy)  
Melyssa Navis – Tribal Liaison – US Department of Forestry  
Briza Virgen Tribal Liaison – Department of Health and Human Services (Financing Policy)  
Cliff Banuelos – Inter-Tribal Council (ITCN), Tribal-State Environmental Liaison

I. **Convene meeting, roll call, and establish quorum**

Chairman Lathouris convened the meeting. Executive Director Montooth took roll call. A quorum was not established. It was noted that Commissioner Emm would be joining 5 minutes late. She arrived at 9:36 am, and Commissioner Wadsworth joined at 10:06 am.

II. **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Lathouris read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

III. **Introductions of Meeting Participants**

Chair Lathouris requested visitors put their names and titles in the chat as part of this meeting's notes. He also noted that Commissioner Emm had joined, and that quorum was established.

#### IV. Initial Public Comment

There were no public comments.

#### V. Old Business (For Discussion and Possible Action)

##### A) Consultation Writing Policy

Chair Lathouris noted that the Commission is continuing to collect responses to its draft policy.

##### B) Agency Budget Needs

Chair Lathouris opened discussion on possible budget concerns if the Nevada Indian Commission were to become a stand-alone agency. Director Montooth went over why the Commission should be moved from under the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs and the positions needed. The positions requested are:

- Curator
- Educational Program Specialist
- Economic Development Specialist
- Environmental Specialist
- Fiscal/HR staff
- IT staff

The last two—fiscal/HR and IT could also be contracted with the Department of Administration and EITS, respectively. The Office of New Americans, a small newly created agency is contracting for these services and can be a model for NIC. Along with these positions, there will be a Health and Human Services specialist paid for by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The current funding structure for the NIC was addressed:

Budget account 2600 is 75% General Fund and 25% Transfer from Tourism

Budget account 2601 is 38% General Fund and 62% Transfer from Tourism

Commissioner Tiger asked about other funding sources e.g., taxes collected from cannabis; the funding from the State Fiscal Recovery Funds

Chair Lathouris wants to ensure that if the NIC is established as an independent agency, can we still collect tourism transfer funds, especially for the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum.

Commissioner Wadsworth questions having an Environment Specialist as ITCN already had one imbedded with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

The Commission requested the following for the next meeting:

1. Proposed Organization Chart
2. Besides General Fund, Potential Sources of Funds
3. Approved ARPA Fund Uses

#### VI. Final Public Comment

Commissioner Emm reminded the participants of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual ITCN Convention on Dec. 11-15. She confirmed she is working to be included on the executive leadership agenda to provide a presentation on the importance of the history and current needs of Tribal Water Rights

Executive Director Montooth apologized for not updating the agenda's land acknowledgement and will do so immediately.

#### VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Emm moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Lathouris adjourned the meeting at 10:51 by consensus.