

# NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

*Monday, May 22, 2017- 9:00am*

Nevada Indian Commission Office, 5500 Snyder Ave., Carson City, NV 89701

Board Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Richard Arnold, Chairman	Native American Representative	✓	
John Hansen, Vice-Chairman	Native American Representative		✓
Marla Williams	Native American Representative	✓	
Kelly Krolicki	General Public Representative	✓	
Richard Snyder	General Public Representative	✓	

NIC Staff Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director; Denise M. Becker, Administrative Assistant III; Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director; and Chris Gibbons, Curator II

Others Present: Daryl Crawford, Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada; Wayne Howle, Chief Deputy Attorney General; and Fredina Drye-Romero, Indian Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education

## **I. Convene Meeting & Roll Call**

The meeting convened at 9:06am. The Executive Director took roll, determining a quorum of three Commissioners present.

## **II. Invocation**

Commissioner Snyder provided the invocation.

## **III. Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Arnold welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He asked all those present to introduce themselves.

## **IV. Initial Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

## **V. Approval of November 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes and February 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Arnold suggested the Executive Director have staff assist with drafting the meeting minutes and provide a more summarized version of meeting minutes, instead of verbatim minutes. This would save time for the Executive Director.

**Commissioner Krolicki made a motion to approve the November 21, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Snyder. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent).**

**Commissioner Snyder made a motion to table the February 13, 2017 meeting minutes with delivery to the board by June 30, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent).**

## **VI. Commissioner Reports and Announcements**

Commissioner Snyder commented that he would be providing the invocation at the Legislature and would have to leave early.

## **VII. Approval of Executive Director Report as Presented by Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission with an Update from the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature**

The Executive Director presented her report to the Board. The report can be found on the NIC website at [www.nic.nv.gov](http://www.nic.nv.gov).

The Commission had some questions in regard to the storage issue in the Stewart buildings. Some of the buildings at Stewart have agency files stacked in them. The Executive Director noted that the Commission will work with Buildings and Grounds to clean up the buildings. The Chief Deputy Attorney General recommended consulting with State Records and Archives as there are rules for records and retention. There was memory of no room at Records and Archives and Stewart at the time was an option for records storage.

The Commission suggested recording the Stewart history presentation in the case the Executive Director could not be available.

In follow up to the testimony given on the 2016 Columbus Day incident, the Executive Director reported she had spoken with the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office. The U.S. Attorney's Office said they had not opened up an investigation on this as it is a local agency matter. They did not receive any information or request from the local agency. They also said that if the FBI had determined that the incident was a hate crime, then they would have forwarded this on to the U.S. Attorney's Office and they had not. The Executive Director had made a call to the FBI and was awaiting a response. The Board recommended that the Executive Director notify the group that previously testified of her findings once she speaks with the FBI.

The Executive Director also followed up with the Governor's Office inquiring whether he would consider making a statement condemning racially motivated attacks against native people and others. His office thought that he may be interested in making a general statement. The Commission thought it important to have the Governor make this statement especially considering the discord across the nation.

The Chairman requested the Executive Director revise her report to reflect titles rather than names of persons and to spell out all acronyms.

**Commissioner Krolicki made a motion to approve the Executive Director report with changes, seconded by Commissioner Snyder. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent).**

Commissioner Williams arrived at 10:04am.

## **VIII. Report on Nevada's Indian Territory Projects and Activities – Chris Gibbons, Secretary/Treasurer, Indian Territory**

The Secretary/Treasurer made the report on behalf of the Indian Territory. The report can be found on the NIC website at [www.nic.nv.gov](http://www.nic.nv.gov).

The Commission suggested that a corporate sponsor could be sought for the new airport exhibit. The Indian Territory will be drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an exhibit designer.

## **IX. Indian Education**

A. Approval of Appointment of Representative Forms for the Indian Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)

Chairman Arnold presented four Appointment of Representative Forms for approval on the IEAC. The approval requests were for Theresa Rowe, Education Manager, Washoe Tribe Head Start, Della Frank, Project Facilitator, Clark County School District, Jonathan Lowery, JOM Advisor, Nevada Urban Indians and Patrick Naranjo, Resource Coordinator, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

**Commissioner Snyder motioned to approve the four Appointment of Representative Forms for Theresa Rowe, Della Frank, Jonathan Lowery and Patrick Naranjo, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (1 absent).**

B. Ratification of the IEAC By-law Revisions

The Executive Director went through the proposed revisions in the IEAC by-laws with the board. There were several concerns by the Commission and several proposed edits. The Commission asked that the Executive Director work with the committee to revise and get it back to the board for their approval. The Commission also suggested sending out a survey to the IEAC list serve to see if Uber Conference would be a good option; teleconference or videoconference.

Commissioner Snyder had to leave at this time.

**Commissioner Williams motioned to table the IEAC by-laws with discussed revisions to the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent).**

The Executive Director introduced Ms. Bobbi Rahder as the new Stewart Indian School Museum Director upon her arrival.

The group took a 10-minute break.

C. Approval of Written Report on IEAC Activities

Mrs. Sandra Mitrovich was unable to attend and submitted her written report.

**Commissioner Krolicki motioned to approve the IEAC report as written, seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent).**

D. Written Report on Current Indian Education Program Activities

The Indian Educations Program Professional is currently working on her plan for Indian Education under her office. She is looking at tangible plans and objectives. The state still has high dropout rates and low graduation rates for the American Indian population.

The Indian Education Programs Professional explained that the new social studies standards draft document is open for comment. The standards in this new document are broad on purpose to be inclusive. The Commission had concerns that they may be too broad and leaving out the focus on American Indian culture that was included in the previous document. The Executive Director provided the link to the social studies standards to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

The Commission is in support of including an American Indian component and encourages all parties to submit responses to the social studies standards prior to the deadline of May 30th.

**Commissioner Krolicki motioned to approve the Nevada Department of Education, Indian Education Program Professional's report as written, seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent).**

## X. Stewart Indian School

### A. Approval of Appointment of Representative Form for Stewart Advisory Committee

The Executive Director presented one Appointment of Representative Form for approval on the Stewart Advisory Committee. The approval request was for Betty Badgett, Program Officer, Buildings and Grounds, State Public Works Division.

**Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the Appointment of Representative Form for Betty Badgett, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent).**

### B. Update on Planning for Stewart Father's Day Powwow – June 16-18, 2017

The Executive Director presented the marketing information for the upcoming Stewart Father's Day Powwow and asked that they support the event by collecting donations, buying or selling raffle tickets or volunteering. A new component to this year's event is the Powwow Princess "Pageant" along with the Alumni Reception at the Carson City Plaza Hotel Events Center beginning at 5:30pm. The committee has chosen this year's alumni awardees: Julia Parker, Garnet Andrews and the posthumous award for the family of William Coffey, Jr. Also new, "Frybread Alley" and relocation of camping area, now to the front of the Auditorium. The Washoe Tribe has planned their Color Fun Run for Saturday morning beginning at 9:00am. The Executive Director also reported that the Powwow Committee has come across a few challenges this year, like replacing the Head Man and Head Woman, new audio contractor, and new Arena Director.

### C. Approval of Report on Stewart History and Preservation Project as Presented by Chris Gibbons, Curator II, Nevada Indian Commission

The Curator made the report on behalf of the Stewart History and Preservation Project. The report can be found on the NIC website at [www.nic.nv.gov](http://www.nic.nv.gov).

The Commission had some questions in regard to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Collection and the agreement between the Nevada State Museum and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for collections storage. This is part of the story and could be useful in determining ownership of the collection. The board suggested that it would be prudent to request a copy of the agreement between the Nevada State Museum and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (concerning the Stewart Collection) for NIC records and research.

**Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the Stewart History and Preservation Project report as presented and submitted by Chris Ann Gibbons, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent).**

## XI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Suggestions for future agenda items included: strategic plan (pending tribal input); biennial report; discussion on marijuana (tribes and state agencies); two sets of meeting minutes: February 13, 2017 and May 22, 2017, IEAC by-laws, and an update on the social studies standards.

The Executive Director spoke with Chairman Tso, Chairman of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and President of the Tribal Cannabis Coalition, and he is willing to present at an upcoming NIC Board Meeting.

Any other requests for agenda items should be forwarded to the Executive Director.

**XII. Scheduling and Location of Next NIC Meeting**

The next Nevada Indian Commission Board Meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2017 in Elko, NV. The Executive Director will confirm meeting space with the Elko Band Council or the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshones. She suggested the November 20, 2017 meeting be held at the Yerington Paiute Tribe and the February 2018 meeting potentially in Las Vegas.

**XIII. Final Public Comment**

Mr. Crawford commented that the meeting was good.

**XIV. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Krolicki motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent). The meeting adjourned at 12:18pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that these Meeting Minutes were approved at a meeting of the Nevada Indian Commission with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions, 1 absent, at a meeting duly held on August 14, 2017.

Certified by:

  
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Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director  
Nevada Indian Commission

