

# NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

*Tuesday, November 7, 2017- 8:30am Teleconference*  
Nevada Indian Commission Office, 5500 Snyder Ave., Carson City, NV 89701

Board Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Richard Arnold, 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; Sari Nichols, Program Officer I

Others Present: Wayne Howle, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

## I. Convene Meeting & Roll Call

Chairman Arnold called the meeting to order at 8:36 am. The Executive Director took roll, determining a quorum of three Commissioners present.

## II. Invocation

Chairman Arnold 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. Discussion and Approval of Process for Selection of American Indian Achievement Award Recipients

Executive Director Rupert introduced that the process for selecting American Indian Achievement Award recipients has been to forward out the award nominations to the Board and staff of the Nevada Indian Commission. After receiving everyone's selections, would tally the votes and inform the winners. It was recently brought to the Executive Director's attention that this process may not adhere to the Open Meeting Law. This is the reason for the special Board Meeting.

Chairman Arnold commented that to his knowledge, a set policy has never been established for approving awardees of the American Indian Achievement Awards. Commissioner Krolicki recommended that a subcommittee be formed to decide the proper policy. Commissioner Williams stated that she feels that the process needs to be discussed and the awardees must be chosen before a subcommittee can be made. After discussion, the Commissioners decided it was best to add this item to a future agenda.

**Commissioner Williams made a motion to table the process for selection of American Indian Achievement Award Recipients, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (1absent).**

## VI. Select American Indian Achievement Awards Recipients for each of Four Categories

Ms. Rupert briefly summarized each of the nominations for the Board:

- A. Contributor/Supporter of the Year – Mr. Herman Fillmore of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and Senator Julia Ratti were nominated for Contributor/Supporter of the Year.

**Commissioner Williams made a motion to award Senator Ratti as Contributor/Supporter of the Year, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (1absent).**

- B. American Indian Youth Ambassador of the Year – Ms. Selena Gil from the Moapa Band of Paiutes received a nomination and two separate nominations were received for Quecholli Fortunate Eagle, the youngest Paiute language instructor at Reed High School.

**Commissioner Krolicki made a motion to award Mr. Fortunate Eagle as American Indian Youth Ambassador of the Year, seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (1absent).**

- C. American Indian Youth Services / Role Model of the Year – Ms. Loni Romo of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Herman Fillmore from the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, and Esha Hoferer, member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe were nominated for the American Indian Youth Services / Role Model of the Year.

**Commissioner Williams made a motion to award Loni Romo as American Indian Youth Services/Role Model of the Year, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (1absent).**

- D. American Indian Community Leader of the Year –Ms. Fawn Douglas, member of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe was nominated for this category.

**Commissioner Krolicki made a motion to award Fawn Douglas as American Indian Community Leader of the Year, seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (1absent).**

## VII. Final Public Comment

Executive Director Rupert reminded the Commissioners that the American Indian Achievement Awards Banquet and Silent Auction was coming up quickly and that Commissioners are asked to support the event at the same level as prior years. In addition, Ms. Rupert commented that Yup'ik dancers from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Alaska will be performing traditional songs and dances at the event.

## VIII. Adjournment

**Commissioner Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (1 absent). The meeting adjourned at 9:29 am.**

**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, 1 abstention, 0 absent, at a meeting duly held on February 22, 2018.

Certified by:



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Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director  
Nevada Indian Commission

