

**Nevada Indian Commission
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

Board Members	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Richard Arnold, Chairman	Native American Representative	✓	
Kostan Lathouris, Vice-Chairman	Native American Representative	✓	
Marla Williams	Native American Representative	✓	
Kelly Krolicki	Commissioner	✓	

NIC Staff Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director and Sari Nichols, Program Officer 1

Others Present: Wayne Howle, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General’s Office and Antoinette Cavanaugh, Educational Consultant, Barrick

I. Convene Meeting, Roll Call of Members and Establish Quorum

The meeting convened at 9:01am. The Executive Director took the roll, and determined a quorum of four Commissioners present.

II. Invocation

Commissioner Arnold provided the invocation.

III. Welcome and Introductions

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

IV. Initial Public Comment

There were no initial public comments at the meeting.

V. Approval of American Indian Achievement Awards Selection Committee Recommendation for the 2018 American Indian Achievement Award Winners

The chairman stated that Director Rupert had furnished information that summarized the vote. He further stated that during these discussions there were comments that were raised about the process the Commission would consider and help to define on these proceedings. In the future, the Commission may consider the need for a minimum number of nominees per category. Another item that came up was if a nominee was better suited for another category than what they were nominated for. The Commission also looked at considering more than one nominee per category. It is important to disclose if a nominee and commission member were acquainted. All the applications received were reviewed for criteria for the nomination. Then the vote for the person selected for each category was completed.

The Chairman asked Director Rupert to announce each nominee for the categories and each recommendation of the committee. The following are the categories with corresponding recommendation for award recipient:

- 1) American Indian Community Leader of the Year - recommended Lori Thom (unanimous decision).
- 2) American Indian Youth Services/Role Model of the Year - recommended Christina Thomas.
- 3) American Indian Youth Ambassador of the Year - there was only one nominee. The committee opted not to award in this category.
- 4) Contributor Supporter of the Year - recommended Barrick Corporate Social Responsibility, Division of Native American Affairs Team (unanimous decision).

Vice Chairman Lathouris asked about the American Indian Youth Services/Role Model category and why the vote went the way it did to select Christina Thomas over Lois George. Chairman Arnold provided insight for the category and why the nominee had been selected. He stated that in this case, there was a lot of support for the Miss Thomas.

Director Rupert explained the process by which Miss Christina Thomas had been selected over Miss Lois George.

Commissioner Krolicki made a motion to approve the 2018 American Indian Achievement Award winners as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Commissioner Krolicki asked for clarification on who would be working on further clarification for each category and the itemization of the nominations form. Chairman Arnold stated that modifications would need to be made and should be made by staff and presented at the next meeting.

VI. Scheduling and Location of the Next NIC Meeting

Director Rupert explained that she would like to schedule the next NIC Board Meeting for Monday, December 3, 2018. She further explained that because she and Ms. Nichols had to complete tribal visits in the field and because the Board and staff traveled out to Owyhee, NV for the August Board Meeting, the budget would not allow for another in person meeting at this time. There has to be enough room in the budget for daily travel and for travel to tribes upon request and for emergencies. These items have been projected in the in-state travel budget. Director Rupert will review the budget for the final meeting of the fiscal year to see if there is enough funding to have that meeting in a tribal community.

Chairman Arnold received notice that Commissioner Williams was not seeking another term in office. Commissioner Williams stated that she submitted her re-appointment with the Governor's Office on October 17, 2018. The Chairman asked if Commissioner Williams' reappointment request had been confirmed yet by the Governor's Office. The Executive Director reported that she had not been informed of the reappointment and would check with the Governor's Office.

Commissioner Krolicki inquired why the Commission doesn't have enough funding available for the Board to be able to travel for meetings in the tribal communities. Director Rupert explained that there has never been enough funding for Commissioners to travel and that when the full board and staff travel it is very costly. She offered to share the breakdown of expenses for a meeting off site. Director Rupert offered that she would reevaluate the in-state travel budget as the agency gets closer to the end of the fiscal year and the final board meeting of the fiscal year. The Board does have interest in traveling for meetings and would like to discuss further.

VII. Final Public Comment

No public comments were made.

VIII. Adjournment:

Vice Chairman Lathouris motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions, 1 absent. The meeting adjourned at 9:29am.

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 abstention, 1 absent, at a meeting duly held on March 13, 2019.

Certified by:

 3/13/19

Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director
Nevada Indian Commission

