

# Nevada Indian Commission

## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Monday January 13, 2020  
10:00 AM

**Meeting Location:** Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs  
Laxalt Building, Second Floor Commission Chambers  
401 North Carson Street  
Carson City NV 89701

Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort  
10325 Nu-Wav Kaiv Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89124

*Note: The audio portion of this meeting did not begin until after Agenda Item II. Information for Agenda Items I and II was taken from notes. Additionally, it should be noted that portions of the meeting were inaudible due to very poor sound quality.*

### I. Convene Meeting, Roll Call of Commissioners and Establish Quorum

Chairman Richard Arnold convened the January 13, 2020 Nevada Indian Commission Board of Directors Meeting at 10:00 AM. A roll call was conducted, and a **quorum was established**.

#### **Members Present:**

Chairman Richard Arnold  
Vice-Chair Kostan Lathouris  
Commissioner Kelly Krolicki  
Commissioner Lori Pasqua

#### **Members Absent:**

Commissioner Brian Wadsworth

#### **Nevada Indian Commission Staff:**

Stacey Montooth, Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission  
Sari Nichols, Program Officer, Nevada Indian Commission  
Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director, Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum

#### **Others Present:**

Tori Sundheim, Deputy Attorney General Attorney, Office of the Attorney General  
Marla McDade Williams, Strategies 360  
Tammy Smith, Division of Human Resource Management  
Marty Meeden, Washoe Native TANF Education Director, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
Melyssa Navis, Tribal Liaison, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest  
Briza Virgen, Program Specialist, Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy  
Nikki Haag, Tribal Liaison, Aging and Disability Services Division  
Arlan Melendez, Tribal Chairman, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Aletha Tom, Stewart Indian School Alumni, Stewart Advisory Committee  
Fredina Drye Romero, Indian Education Programs Professional, Department of Education

Delaney Mercer, Tribal Liaison, Nevada Department of Health & Human Services Director's Office  
Dominique Etchegoyhen, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

## **II. Invocation**

Aletha Tom provided the invocation.

## **III. Welcome and Introductions**

Vice-Chair Lathouris noted there were some omissions on the agenda. The first was the approval of the updates to the National Historic Landmark nomination application for the Stewart Indian School as well as Section 11, AB 264, Implementation for Discussion and Possible Action which would be a breakdown of the Nevada Indian Commission's role within AB 264. In addition, the Nevada Indian Commission's policy which would include a review of different consultation policies.

Chairman Arnold said we will have a future meeting on AB264 only.

## **IV. Initial Public Comment**

Ms. Melyssa Navis, Tribal Liaison for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, asked if anyone would be interested in working with her on a booklet for the Ruby Valley Treaty. The purpose of this booklet is to inform state agencies and the public about the treaty rights that are associated with the Ruby Valley Treaty. If interested, please let her know.

Ms. Sari Nichols, Program Officer, Nevada Indian Commission stated that staff has been working on the new and improved website. Additionally, they will be getting a much easier domain name.

## **V. Approval of the September 13, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Chairman Arnold and others had some strong views about the state of the minutes for the NIC Meetings. The September 13, 2019 Minutes were far too verbose and were riddled with errors. Chairman Arnold pointed out dozens of factual, typographical, and awkwardly phrased sections that needed to be fixed.

The group discussed options. First, they asked the Deputy Attorney General Sundheim to give them the actual requirements from statute. Deputy Attorney General Sundheim quoted from the brief from the Open Meeting Law manual summary of what the legal requirement are for these minutes. NRS 241.025 requires that written minutes be kept by all public bodies of each meeting regardless if the meeting is open or closed to the public. The minutes must include the following five components. The date, time and place of the meeting; the names of the members of the public meeting who are present, whether in person or by means of electronic communication, and those who are absent; the substance of all matters proposed to staff at the request of any member, a record of each member's vote on any matter decided by vote; the substance of remarks made by any member of the general public who addresses the body or a copy of those remarks is submitted for inclusion, and any other information that any member of the body requests be included or reflected. Verbatim minutes are not required by the Open Meeting Law.

Commissioner Krolicki had a two-part question. Are they going to go to a new format when it comes to doing the minutes, meaning are they going to record them and then have a professional transcriber transcribe the minutes? And the second part of the question is do they need to be so elaborate or will they be more of just a summary?

Deputy Attorney General Sundheim said the format is at their discretion and the minutes only have to include what she noted before.

Director Montooth replied they will do what the Nevada Tourism Department does. They will have someone outside of the office transcribe summary minutes.

**Motion: Approve September 13, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes as amended**

**By: Commissioner Pasqua**

**Second: Vice-Chair Lathouris**

**Vote: Passed unanimously**

## **VI. Executive Director Report (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Director Montooth noted that she submitted a one-page report summarizing the key points of the last four months of her appointment. She said that in regard to the master plan, she still needs time to study the materials before she can answer any questions. She is currently on Volume 3 of the material. The Historic Preservation Plan has many sections, and she will be better informed at the next meeting. They will have an agenda item to discuss the master plan that was compiled by her predecessor.

Vice-Chair Lathouris spoke about how the staff of the Nevada Indian Commission has begun creating a spreadsheet that includes all kinds of data, everything from how many tribal members are at each tribal nation, how many minor children there are, etc.

Chairman Arnold said in the previous minutes there was something there about asking Sari to work with the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) as it relates to identifying tribal liaisons within DETR. Has that been done?

Ms. Nichols, Program Officer, Nevada Indian Commission said she hasn't done anything since she wrote letters to collect information.

Vice-Chair Lathouris asked was there any response from DETR about who their liaison would be? Ms. Nichols replied she would get back to the Commissioner with that information.

Director Montooth said the addendum in the packet does include the most recent information with Nevada State Department Tribal Liaison. They do have the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation listed and it identifies Dr. Gardner as the liaison.

Director Montooth said her role as Executive Director is taking on a new direction. With the Legislation that was passed to implement AB 264, leadership decided that the Executive Director should focus more on the policymaking and more the exact nature of the Nevada Indian Commission per NRS which is to be the conduit, the liaison, between the 27 tribal nations and the Governor's office.

Director Montooth said she has already served as a conduit for two tribal nations who were facing complications or roadblocks engaging in business enterprises. She thinks that the spirit of the consultation process is certainly working, and she's really proud to be a part of it.

Vice-Chair Lathouris said it made him very happy to hear because he feels that is the role of the Commission. His question now is how they can make other tribes and other agencies aware of this type of success so that way more tribes or state agencies will reach out.

## VI. Executive Director Report (For Discussion and Possible Action) (continued)

Director Montooth said she now has a standing agenda slot at all Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada meetings. This is a unique opportunity for her to get face-to-face time with all the tribal leaders. She plans to discuss everything from AB 264 at the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, and she will share the example of her help with the two tribal nations.

The Director also shared that she had the opportunity to introduce Governor Sisolak to Chair Diane Buckner from the Ely Shoshone Tribe. They were able to sit down with not just Chair Buckner, but also with Councilman Hawk Dumont [phonetic] and Sandra Barela, Tribal Coordinator. The Governor and the First Lady took a guided tour of the Ely Shoshone Tribal Nation. Going forward, the Director said she has plans to join the Superintendent of Public Instruction as she visits some schools across Nevada.

Vice-Chair Lathouris asked what precipitated the Governor to want to reach out to meet with tribal leaders? Director Montooth said the Governor has made it clear that he wants to do more outreach to Tribal Nations across the state and when he last met with the northern part of the tribal leadership contingent, he confirmed that he would be making additional visits.

Vice-Chair Lathouris said he thought it was great and it sends a very good message to Indian Country when the Governor goes out and has those meetings and does his tours and really engages. The Commissioner said he thinks other tribes will hear about it and want to know how they can make that happen for themselves as well.

Vice-Chair Lathouris had a question about the budget. Was everything on track, was everything looking good?

Director Montooth said they would be going over the budget line by line with the launch of the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center. It behooves them to be really cognizant of exactly what is happening with the budget process. Staff has put in a request for a weekly meeting with the budget staff from tourism, as the Department of Tourism manages the Indian Commission's finances.

Vice-Chair Lathouris asked if they would have that more detailed budget report by the next quarterly meeting? Director Montooth said yes.

Commissioner Pasqua had another ask. She asked if they could get some kind of notes as well on how the tribal meetings go so that they are up to date on what's happening and they know what the tribes are requesting.

Chairman Arnold said those notes would help the Commission craft their annual report for the Governor as well. They will be able to document how things are going with all the interactions and if there are any shortfalls that need to be addressed.

Chairman Arnold said it might be easier to read the Executive Director's Report if it was broken up into topic headings rather than having a narrative, and he agreed with Vice-Chair Lathouris about having a detailed budget report. He asked if there were further questions and there were none. He said he would entertain a motion.

**Motion: Approve the Executive Director's Report as presented**

**By: Vice-Chair Lathouris**

**Second: Commissioner Krolicki**

**Vote: Passed unanimously**

## VII. Stewart Advisory Committee (For Discussion and Possible Action)

### A. Approval of Stewart Advisory Committee Re-Appointments

The Stewart Committee recommended that Buck Sampson, Rachel Delovio, Meg McDonald, and Marilyn Symonds be reappointed. The Commission needs to confirm them.

**Motion: Approve the Stewart Advisory Committee reappointment of Buck Sampson, Rachel Delovio, Meg McDonald and Marilyn Symonds**

**By: Vice-Chair Lathouris**

**Second: Commissioner Krolicki**

**Vote: Passed unanimously**

### B. Approval of Stewart Advisory Committee Appointments

The Stewart Committee recommended that Scott Carey (Nevada Division of State Lands) and Joseph Bryan (Washoe Tribal Elder from the Carson Colony Community Council) be appointed. The Commission needs to confirm them.

**Motion: Approve the Stewart Advisory Committee appointment of Scott Carey of the Nevada Division of State Lands, and Joseph Bryan, Washoe Tribe, from the Carson Colony Community Council**

**By: Vice-Chair Lathouris**

**Second: Commissioner Krolicki**

**Vote: Passed unanimously**

### C. Stewart Advisory Committee Report

Chairman Arnold said the report was in the Board packets labeled "Stewart Indian School Living Legacy Project updated for the January 13, 2020, Planning Commission." Vice-Chair Lathouris said there was no need to vote to approve the report; it was just for the Commission's benefit to know what's going on.

## VIII. Indian Education Advisory Committee (For Discussion and Possible Action)

### A. Approval of Indian Education Advisory Committee Appointment

The Committee recommended the appointment of Lori Pasqua, Chair and Priscilla Acosta, Vice-Chair. The Commission needs to confirm them.

**Motion: Approve the Indian Education Advisory Committee appointment of Lori Pasqua, Chair and Priscilla Acosta, Vice-Chair**

**By: Vice-Chair Lathouris**

**Second: Commissioner Krolicki**

**Vote: Passed unanimously (Commissioner Pasqua abstained)**

### B. Indian Education Advisory Committee Report

Chairman Arnold stated the Indian Education Advisory Committee Report was in the Board packet. Commissioner Lathouris said he was thrilled the Committee is researching pursuing state tuition waiver research, looking into school district fees, looking into research on beaded caps for high school graduates. These are all really important issues.

Director Montooth said Chairman Davis Gonzales of the Elko Band Council, who was also a former Nevada Indian Commissioner, provided extremely valuable insights into specifically about the tuition waiver issue. Other states are granting tuition waivers (the University of Oregon actually provides in-state tuition for any student who is involved in a Federally recognized tribe) and Nevada does not.

Ms. Drye-Romero said there was going to be Indian Education event at UNR on March 16-17.

Day one is really going to be cultural in focus and day two is going to be more specific to providing professional development for teachers. They will be having a youth conference as well focusing on skills for the job market. There will be great guest speakers trying to get students to start thinking about their future. Registration is already open for this event.

Commissioner Pasqua said there were several actions that were approved during their Indian Education Advisory Committee meeting. One of them was the motion to approve IEAC Committee Makeup List Changes. There are many changes. Prior to November 2020, there were two representatives from Nevada. Now there are four representatives from Nevada tribes in the north, east, south and central regions. There used to be two members from each school district in Nevada, and they changed that to one representative from each school district in north, west, east and south regional school districts. And on one representative from Children’s Cabinet they changed that to one representative from Children’s Cabinet and/or Urban League and the State of Nevada’s Childcare Development Fund. Additionally, they put a motion to approve the Table of Reappointments of the next meeting, motion to approve Ms. Acosta, and moved forward with a draft of organization chart of the Nevada model of Tribal Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee. They also discussed the State Tuition Waiver Research. Those waivers enable students to take the SATs, get football uniforms, band equipment, etc. Each district has their own waivers.

Vice-Chair Lathouris pointed out there was another change that was made to new makeup of Nevada Indian Commission Subcommittee. Prior to November 2020 it was two members from each of Nevada’s higher education institutions and the current composition will be two members from Nevada’s system of higher education.

Vice-Chair Lathouris asked if the representatives of the Indian Education Advisory Committee would feel comfortable giving an update on the state waiver research and the 13<sup>th</sup> annual American Indian Education Summit at the next Commission meeting? Commissioner Pasqua said yes. Vice-Chair Lathouris said he wanted to make sure that the Commission is able to help out and publicize those things about what’s being done at the summit and what potential waivers are out there regarding either tuition or the SAT fees. The Commissioner would like them to be a conduit for that information to get that information out there.

Ms. Drye-Romero said that would be perfect because at the Indian Education Summit they’re also having a track specific to higher education.

## **IX. Report on Completion of Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Ms. Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director, presented the report on the completion of the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum. She was very excited because the Center opened at 10:00 AM that morning and they already had had 20 visitors and much media buzz. She said it’s been years of hard work and dedication, and the final product is amazing. It truly represents the legacy of Stewart, and it’s a vital link between the past and the future.

Director Montooth noted they’ve identified Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> of 2020 as the traditional opening celebration day for the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum. The “soft” opening was a huge success, attended by Commissioner Pasqua and Commissioner Krolicki’s entire family. The Director said of the Stewart School, “there’s no place else on the planet where people can hear our stories. It’s so authentic and just absolutely beautiful.”

## **X. Unfinished Business (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

### **A. NIC Ex-Officio Participation on Nevada Commission on Tourism**

Chairman Arnold said they discussed this at the last meeting. As Chairman, he is appointed as an Ex-Officio member, but most often, he’s unable to attend. And while a representative from the staff of the Commission can attend the meetings, sometimes it’s easier to have somebody in an Ex-Officio capacity that’s a non-state employee in the meeting on behalf of the Commission. They reached out to Commissioner Wadsworth and he graciously accepted to sit in in that capacity. He will be attending the Tourism meetings going forward.

## **X. Unfinished Business (For Discussion and Possible Action) (continued)**

### **B. The Nevada Indian Commission's List of Names and Contact Information for the Leaders of the Indian Tribal Nations and for the of each Nevada Agency Tribal Liaison**

Vice-Chair Lathouris said he thought this list was presented in a very clear and easy to understand way, which he really appreciates. There are several tribal liaison positions that are to be determined or to be announced, and one of the goals from this list is to figure out exactly where those gaps are so they can fill them.

Commissioner Pasqua asked how are those positions filled? Director Montooth replied that within each respective department, division, agency, their Director is the person who identifies the tribal liaison. There's no standard/specific requirement. All the directors should provide their names to the Commission.

Chairman Arnold suggested maybe they could send a friendly reminder periodically to folks about the tribal liaison positions.

Director Montooth said absolutely. She'll ask the DAG to draft a letter that will come from the Attorney General's Office and request that again.

### **C. The Nevada Indian Commission's Report to the Governor**

Director Montooth said it would befit them to discuss the report to the Governor's Office, which is part of the requirement in that Legislation. It's the Director's understanding that the new law requires that the Nevada Indian Commission annually submit a report to the Governor's Office to address consultations. There's also a portion of the new law that requires all the departments and divisions and agencies that have a tribal liaison that work regularly to submit an annual report to the Nevada Indian Commission about their efforts on consultation. The information that is submitted from these respective departments, divisions and agencies will form the basis for the Commission's comprehensive report for the Governor.

Deputy Attorney General Sundheim pointed out that Members got a supplemental packet with a document that outlines AB 264. There's a heading for Commission, a heading for the Executive Director and bullet points showing respective responsibilities and roles. And then each component of AB 264 is listed in corresponding boxes.

Chairman Arnold said there are questions related to the ambiguity of updates on reports, not only theirs to the Governor, but from state agencies. The Commission needs to figure out a process and plan a specific time or deadline for submission.

Director Montooth said it's vital that they communicate with the other Nevada departments about the expectations for this annual report that will go to the Governor's Office about consultation. Again, there is not a clear-cut deadline per the NRS.

### **D. Governor State-Tribal Summit**

Director Montooth said another portion of the law requires that the Governor meet annually with tribal leaders and it could be very meaningful if the Commission orchestrated a State of Nevada government tribal nation summit. Perhaps they could wrap it around that Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> date for the Stewart campus official blessing and opening of the Cultural Center.

Vice-Chair Lathouris said he liked the idea of having a dedicated day where tribal leaders can meet with state leaders. He would like to have a Tribal State Summit each year, but at the very least, at least in those years in-between Legislative Sessions. May 9<sup>th</sup> is a good date, especially given the opening of the Stewart Indian School. The Vice-Chair said he would rather consolidate attendance to focus on meaningful dialogue between as many parties as possible at the same time. The tribal events that they need to be aware of are the Tribal Legislative Day, the Father's



## **X. Unfinished Business (For Discussion and Possible Action) (continued)**

Day Powwow, and the American Indian Achievement Awards. The Vice Chair said he would like to make a motion to approve directing the Nevada Indian Commission Executive Director and staff to pursue a tribal state summit for on or around May 2020.

Deputy Attorney General Sundheim said NRS 233A specifically provides for a Legislative Day and then AB 264 provides for a separate tribal summit.

Members discussed the merits of various dates for a summit.

Ms. Aletha Tom, Stewart Indian School Alumni, expressed her views about the importance of gathering together with the elders and members of the various tribes.

Vice-Chair Lathouris said maybe the best time to have the American Indian Achievement Awards would be with the Father's Day Powwow, so that way everybody's already there gathered at the Powwow. That would be a good time to recognize leaders in the community as well.

Commissioner Pasqua said she thought having the Governor's State Tribal Summit in conjunction with the Powwow wouldn't be ideal because families are focused on greeting and meeting each other, not so much on what to address. If they were to do something on Saturday, May the 9<sup>th</sup>, during the opening, that would be more controlled because you would have the Nevada Indian Commission staff there to orchestrate.

Chairman Arnold said looking at the Governor State-Tribal Summit, they need to define what the focus of the summit is going to be and what they are hoping that it's going to accomplish. They don't want to say that they held a summit unless they can detail what was the outcome and how productive was it. As for timing, clearly, it's going to be between the Governor and the tribes to establish those dates.

Vice-Chair Lathouris said any date that they think might work needs to be run by the tribes to make sure that they'll be able to participate. The summit is really not a real summit of the Governor and all the tribal leaders, but only just a few.

**Motion: Authorize the Nevada Indian Commission Executive Director and staff to look into organizing a Tribal Summit or Summits in 2020**

**By: Vice-Chair Lathouris**

**Second: Commissioner Krolicki**

**Vote: Passed unanimously**

## **E. Role of Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration Regarding Nevada Tribal Nations Consultation**

**Motion: Table Agenda Item 10 (E) until Commission has a detailed discussion on AB 264**

**By: Vice-Chair Lathouris**

**Second: Commissioner Pasqua**

**Vote: Passed unanimously**

## **XI. Item Left off Agenda**



## XII. Potential Sub-Committee to Explore Potential Legislation Changes for 2021

### A. Contracting Consultant for Research, Professional Services, Advice

Vice-Chair Lathouris said his understanding is the Nevada Indian Initiative is considering hiring a contracted consultant to look into potential Legislation changes for 2021. At this point they want to discuss and then maybe authorize them to pursue that course of action.

Director Montooth said finding support in advance before the Legislature actually opens is really critical. So, one of the things that she's discussed with the Deputy Attorney General was coming up with three potential BDRs. The intent of this agenda item was the forming of a subcommittee. The addition of the idea to contract for consulting services is specific to service.

Commissioner Pasqua asked when the Director referenced "potential Legislative changes" would those be changes that would benefit the tribes? If so, could they could think about getting a subcommittee together to tackle these legislative changes?

Vice-Chair Lathouris said he thought creating a subcommittee would be a great idea for drafting up BDRs. The subcommittee could include members of the Nevada Indian Commission and staff as well as perhaps one representative from each of the tribes here in Nevada. And that participation would be voluntary.

Deputy Attorney General Sundheim reminded Members that Open Meeting Law would be applicable to such a subcommittee if there were enough Commissioners from the Indian Commission on that subcommittee to constitute a quorum.

Vice-Chair Lathouris said the idea was to come up with subjects that the Commission thinks might be appropriate for a bill draft request, and we wouldn't need a consultant. A consultant could be useful in actually drafting up the bill and figuring out how to get the bill draft requests made into reality.

Vice-Chair asked how can they create a structure that's not going to be bogged down by not being able to meet quorums and still being able to adhere to Open Meeting Laws? They still need to get that feedback from each tribe so that way each tribe has a meaningful opportunity to be part of the bill draft request opportunity.

Members discussed the possible makeup of the subcommittee, keeping in mind what triggers the Open Meeting Law. Up to two Commissioners could be on the subcommittee without implicating the larger body, however the Open Meeting Law applies whenever the form of the committee, subcommittee or any subsidiaries thereof meets to deliberate or take action.

Vice-Chair Lathouris said to get a discussion going on this, he was going to try and nail it down by making a motion.

*Note: This motion was subsequently rescinded.*

**Motion:** Appoint a subcommittee for the purposes of exploring potential Legislation changes for 2021 that should comprise of either two Commissioners or Commission and staff and one representative from northern Paiute, one representative from southern Paiute, one representative from the Washoe and one representative from Shoshone and one representative from the Urban Indian population.

**By:** Vice-Chair Lathouris

**Second:** Commissioner Pasqua

**Vote:** None. Motion rescinded by Vice-Chair Lathouris

After discussing what they want to achieve, Vice-Chair Lathouris made a new motion.

**Motion: Direct the Nevada Indian Commission Executive Director and staff to engage tribal leaders about potential bill draft requests and changes in state Legislation.**

**By: Vice-Chair Lathouris**

**Second: Commissioner Pasqua**

**Vote: Passed unanimously**

### **XIII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Vice-Chair Lathouris shared his list of seven items:

1. Approval of the updates to the National Historic Landmark nomination application for the Stewart Indian School.
2. Examine the breakdown of the Nevada Indian Commission's role within AB 264 with a presentation by Deputy Attorney General Tori Sundheim about AB 264 and the Nevada Indian Commission's role.
3. Review of the Department of the Interior guidelines for tribal nation consultation, a review of the New Mexico Tribal Nation Collaboration Law and other guidelines. And underneath that for potential action, the establishment of a potential subcommittee to address consultation.
4. Discuss potential collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service on obtaining and providing information regarding the Ruby Valley Treaty including a request and presentation by Melyssa Navis.
5. Executive Director report on the master plan regarding Stewart Indian School.
6. Indian Education Advisory Committee report regarding updates on the state waiver research and the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual American Indian Education Summit.
7. Update on the Nevada Indian Commission's outreach to tribes regarding bill draft request and potential changes in state Legislation.

Vice-Chair Lathouris said regarding the breakdown of the Nevada Indian Commission's role in AB 264 and the Nevada Indian Commission's policy and the potential creation of a subcommittee, that would be appropriate to dedicate an entire meeting to that where they can make sure they include the proper state agency stakeholders as well as private leaders. AB 264 is worthy of a full meeting discussion.

Deputy Attorney General Sundheim said they were also going to include an update on the current list of state tribal liaisons and a timeline for completion of the list for those to be announced.

### **XIV. Scheduling and Location of Future NIC Commission Meetings (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

*Note: the audio portion for this Agenda Item was very difficult (almost impossible) to understand.*

Members discussed the merits of various dates, days, times, and places for future meetings.

It was decided that Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> would be the next meeting, start time 10:00 AM. This March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting would be regarding agenda items about AB 264 which would include a breakdown of the Nevada Indian Commission's role within AB 264 and implementation options with the presentation from the Deputy Attorney General's Office, and then the Nevada Indian Commission Policy including review of other guidelines and creation potentially of a subcommittee to address consultation.

Vice-Chair Lathouris said they should also include on that agenda approval of the updates to the National Historic Landmark nomination application for the Stewart Indian School because they've been waiting a long time for that.

### **XV. Final Public Comment**

Ms. Melyssa Navis, Travel Liaison for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, shared an update regarding a research proposal. She is working with the regional office right now out of Ogden, Utah, for the Forest Service on a research project that involves the State of Nevada over the Humboldt-Toiyabe. The research team is looking for travel partners under the shared stewardship to research and study three different species of pine trees and their significance to tribes. The purpose of the research project is for conservation and management. Any interested parties should contact her.

Vice-Chair Lathouris asked if somebody wants to have materials presented at a Commission meeting, what is the best way for them to be able to do that? Chairman Arnold replied that people could email, phone, fax, or snail mail requests to the NIC. Materials will be discussed and agenized if appropriate.

Vice-Chair Lathouris said in an effort to be clear and transparent, he was letting members know he was planning to run for tribal council with his tribe, a Southern Paiute tribe in California. He didn't think there were any ethical concerns, but he will submit questions to the Ethics Commission just to get further clarification to make sure there is no conflict with him serving on the Nevada Indian Commission.

Deputy Attorney General Sundheim said she didn't think it would be a problem with the exception that the Commissioner would have to abstain any time there's a conflict of interest.

## **XVI. Adjournment**

After thanking everyone for their participation, Chairman Arnold said he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Motion: Adjourn the January 13, 2020 Nevada Indian Commission Board of Directors Meeting**

**By: Commissioner Krolicki**

**Second: Vice-Chair Lathouris**

**Vote: Passed unanimously**