

CABQ Commission on Indian Affairs
General Meeting
February 21, 2018

CABQ Office of Neighborhood Revitalization (ONR) Conference Room
700 4th St. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
11:30am – 1:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Meeting was called to order at 11:45am by Commission Chairman Ron Solimon.
 - a. Invocation was given by Chairman Ron Solimon
 - b. Present
Ron Solimon
William Riding In
Mike Canfield
Laurie Weahkee
 - c. Absent
Commissioner Lloyd Lee, Ph.D. (excused absence)
 - d. Other
Dawn Begay, CABQ Tribal Liaison
2. MEETING NOTIFICATION
The Agenda was posted to the website on 02/20/2018.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Commission Chair ~~Ron~~ Solimon indicated that there had been some confusion over the start time of the meeting. The draft agenda indicated a start time of 9:30, which should have been 11:30 AM. By consensus of the Commission the Agenda was approved.
4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
Commissioner ~~Mike~~ Canfield made a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on January 17, 2018. Commissioner ~~Laurie~~ Weahkee Seconded Motion, and the Motion Carried.
5. AGENDA ITEMS
 - a. Old business
 - Budget
 - i.

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-i. Commissioner ~~Laurie~~ Weahkee reported that funding was not approved by the NM Legislature for purposes of conducting a tribal leaders summit. It was suggested the CABQ CIA consider requesting funds from the New Mexico (NMIAD) Indian Affairs Department since it had received an additional \$50k for its budget. It was recommended that the Commission prepare its own budget that concurs with CABQ's budget. We should then work the NM Legislative Interim Committee process in order to be considered for funding during the 2019 Legislative session. Chairman Solimon queried whether or not the CABQ CIA can request outside funding for such things/events as a tribal leaders summit. He asked Tribal Liaison Dawn Begay to make inquiry of the CABQ administration regarding this question.

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—Capstone Event

ii.

-i. Commissioner Weahkee reported that she attended the Transition Community Capstone event on 02/03/2018. Commissioner Weahkee indicated that the sheer number of people attending the event coupled with the diverse interests that were represented at the event made it virtually impossible to determine if our request for a full time Tribal liaison would reach the new administration through the Capstone process. Nevertheless, our request was made in that public forum.

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b. New Business

—Commission actively recruiting Native Americans for the Keller Administration

i.

—Chairman Solimon was asked if the Commission was playing a role in recommending Native American candidates to fill any of the key positions within Mayor Tim Keller's administration. The Commissioners felt that we should play a role.

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i. —Chairman Solimon reported that he asked Mr. Alvin Warren of the WKKF to next CABQ CIA general meeting to discuss the status of the Commission's work, and the hiring Native Americans for key positions in the city Administration.

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ii. —Commissioner Weahkee suggested that it would be good if the Commission had access to an electronic database of resumes of people interested in being nominated to CABQ positions. Questions: How do we know when key positions within the CABQ become available? How do we know who to recommend? Should the CABQ CIA visit other cities to learn how other cities, such as Minneapolis-St. Paul and Phoenix address Indian Affairs issues?

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iii.

iv. Commissioner Canfield suggested that we write a letter the CABQ Human Resources Department requesting data on how many AI/ANs have been appointed to CABQ positions and how many AI/ANs are currently employed with the CABQ. Chairman Solimon indicated that he would be happy to write such a letter.

ii. Summit Discussion

-i. Commissioner Riding In reported that he has been working with Tribal Liaison Dawn Begay on planning the CABQ Native American Resources Summit (NARS). This Summit is scheduled to take place on 05/24/2018 and 05/25/2018 at the Barelas Community Center. The next NARS planning meeting is on 02/27/2018 at 3:30pm at the FNCH All Nations Wellness and Healing Center (6416 Zuni Rd SE – Albuquerque, NM 87108).

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT
[None]

7. NEXT MEETING(S)
March 21, 2018 at 11:30am at the CABQ Office of Neighborhood Revitalization (ONR) Conference Room

8. ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm by Commission Chair Ron Solimon