

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 starting at 5:44 pm (MST)

Location: (HYBRID) Zoom and In-person at City Hall, Albuquerque, NM

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Chair Gleason. Attendance called for virtually via Zoom due to an unannounced training closure at the scheduled Los Duranes Community Center physical site.

Attendance:

- Commission Members
 - Kimberly Gleason (Chair) – Virtual
 - Commissioner Krista Chico – Virtual
 - Commissioner Thelma Antonio – Virtual
 - Commissioner Pauline Joe – Virtual (Joined at 6:00 pm)
 - Commissioner Chas Tso – Absent (Excused due to a burial service)
 - Commissioner Nora Morris – Absent
 - Commissioner Marissa Naranjo – Absent
- City of Albuquerque Staff
 - Dylan Shije – Director, Office of Equity and Inclusion
 - Brandi Ahmie – Office of Native American Affairs Liaison
 - Terry Sloan – Intergovernmental Tribal Liaison
- Presenter/Guest
 - Cristobal Rocha – Program Admin, Office of the City Clerk

b. Establish Quorum at 6:28 pm with Four Commissioners present clarification from Liaison Sloan and Clerk Rocha – total active roster has 7 Commissioners. Official quorum recognized at 6:28 pm with four voting members present online.

c. Invocation Staff Liaison Brandi Ahmie recited the opening invocation prayer at the invitation of Chair Gleason, offering thoughts for community healing, tracking personal balances, and extending support to Commissioner Tso's family during their bereavement.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

- a. Chair Gleason opens the floor for a motion to approve the current agenda with updates.
Discussion: The agenda required an amendment to acknowledge and insert a special guest presentation slot for Mr. Cristobal Rocha from the City Clerk's office to clarify Open Meetings Act (OMA) digital guidelines.
 - *Motion:* Chair Gleason moved to change and approve the June 10, 2026 meeting agenda to include the Clerk's presentation. *Second:* Commissioner Antonio seconded the motion. *Vote Tally:*
Yes (Approve): 4 votes (Commissioner Gleason, Joe, Antonio, and Chico).
No: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: Motion approved unanimously by voting members present.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Review and Approval of the May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: Chair Gleason opened the floor for comments on the prior minutes. No structural revisions or errors were noted by the board.

- *Motion:* Chair Gleason moved to formally approve the May 13, 2026 meeting minutes as written. *Second:* Commissioner Chico.
- *Vote Tally:*
Yes (Approve): 4 votes (Commissioner Gleason, Joe, Antonio, and Chico).

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Result: Motion approved unanimously by voting quorum.

4. Old Business

a. Review and Approve the 2025 Commission Annual Report

Discussion: The board discussed the standing status of formatting track changes for the annual report. Staff member Brandi Ahmie noted that she re-sent an edited draft incorporating tracked typographical fixes, but highlighted that the content must still be shifted back into the historical 2024 structural layout preferred by leadership.

Action Items and Edits:

- Commissioner Joe requested closer administrative collaboration with Liaison Ahmie to align formatting expectations and clear up repetitive reporting entries before submission.
- City Clerk Rocha clarified that municipal ordinance dictates no fixed calendar deadline for this annual compilation, allowing the board flexible time to polish the text.
- Liaison Ahmie noted that because the large document is destined directly for the city council and mayor's archival platform rather than a main public interface, it maintains strict digital structural flexibility and skips the extensive Adobe Acrobat ADA compliance editing loop required for active city webpages.
- *Result:* Board reached a consensus to postpone the final vote and roll the report review into the July 2026 meeting.

5. New Business

a. Public Comment

Tribal Liaison Sloan verified that zero public comment requests were submitted to his office before the mandatory one-hour pre-meeting deadline.

6. Discussion and Approval of New Action Items

a. Office of Native American Affairs & Application Updates

Commission application backlog by Brandi Ahmie who confirmed that applicant processing remains in the same phase noted during the May assembly.

- *Natalie K. Roy*: High-priority application received in October 2025; still awaiting direct contact from the chair/co-chair onboarding loop to check standing intent.
- *Clarice Honahni*: The file copy remains unreadable due to document corruption; no clean replacement file has been logged by clerks.
- *Kinsey Ricketts*: Application successfully received and currently sitting in the leadership review inbox. **Bylaw Strategy*: Brandi Ahmie and Cristobal Rocha outlined the workflow required if the board chooses to update its internal bylaws to formalize whether application vetting stays with the chair/co-chair or shifts back to staff liaisons.
- *Rulemaking Notice*: Requires drafting a proposed guidelines checklist, issuing a public notice 14 days before voting, posting text physically at City Hall, and publishing the data on the clerk's website for public review. Final adoption requires a majority vote plus one from the panel.

7. CABQ Updates

Terry Sloan, CABQ Intergovernmental Tribal Liaison:

1. *Pueblo of Laguna Consultation*: Confirmed the final scheduling for a high-level municipal consultation on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 3:00 pm inside the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall. Mayor Keller will meet with Laguna Governor Harry Antonio to look over regional planning, APD loops, and environmental protections. The full CAIANA body is invited to attend.
2. *Double Eagle II Airport Aviation Meeting*: Announced a broad tribal consultation session organized by the Aviation Department set for July 18, 2026, touching on infrastructure updates led by Communications Manager Catherine Nicolau.

Dillon Shije, Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion:

1. Formal permanent transition into the Director role for OEI. He presented his long-term agency vision, detailing plans to embed tribal consultations early into cross-departmental operations to ensure real-time regulatory transparency.
2. Outlined an early-phase initiative focused on building an internal research team to handle a comprehensive *Urban Indigenous Resource Center* feasibility study over the next 1–3 years. The project will eventually rely on heavy community-led guidance to narrow down site configurations and remove legacy operational stalls.

Brandi Ahmie, Office of Native American Affairs Update:

1. *4H Park Cemetery Site Update* -- Completed joint review sessions alongside the All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG) chairman regarding the pending \$2 million Mellon Foundation "Monuments Project" grant. ONAA secured a 15-minute presentation slot on the upcoming June APCG agenda to brief the governors and request representation from APCG in upcoming meeting with Mellon Foundation and stakeholders.

2. *Albuquerque Indian Center (AIC) Closing Ceremony.* Reported successful outreach with Bernalillo County personnel managing the tiny homes project layout. The County expressed intent to coordinate an open town-hall community session later in the year. Working toward a formal collaborative blessing ceremony prior to the late-summer groundbreaking for additional Tiny Homes.
3. City budget cuts \$25,000 reduction in Arts and Culture funding for ONAA. This direct fiscal shift means no city-based funding is available for upcoming Indigenous Peoples' Day or Native American Heritage Month events in 2026. OEI will pivot toward providing space logistics and technical support to established non-profit programs like the AIO, NPAC and ABQ BioPark events.
4. Announced an extended parental leave window running from mid-October 2026 through the end of December, noting her personal due date falls exactly on Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Cristobal Rocha, Office of the City Clerk Presentation:

1. Presented vital statutory legal updates regarding virtual board attendance and OMA Camera Compliance. Under strict city ordinance and state OMA guidelines, commissioners joining remotely must keep their cameras turned on to prove continuous presence and public accountability. Turning a camera off legally deems a member absent. Rocha noted he is testing telephone dial-in parameters to see if exceptions exist for rural areas experiencing catastrophic Wi-Fi signal drops.

8. Commission Sector Reports and Updates

- Government – VACANT
- Education – VACANT
- Culture – Commissioner Chico
 - Detailed the successful June launch of the Civic Leadership Project pilot cohort in Albuquerque. The project integrated five Indigenous youth leaders into active temporary placements within city departments (OEI/ONAA, Civil Rights, Solid Waste, Sustainability, and Civic Engagement). The cohort features intensive workshop roundtables targeting Civic Leadership, tours of City operations (Aviation/Transit/APD), support and guide City projects, concluding with a group project. Plans are underway to duplicate the program in Gallup in July.
- Workforce/Employment – Commissioner Pauline Ann Joe
 - Presented a detailed structural employment sector assessment. Reported severe contractions in municipal administrative and finance roles due to active corporate AI automation transitions. Conversely, significant six-figure placement opportunities are expanding for Native youth within technical trade, utility, and transportation corridors. Raised alarms regarding a projected \$1 billion federal contraction threat to the WIOA "Section 166" tribal training grants, which directly endangers NAPAC funding pipelines. Requested CABQ produce localized demographic hiring reports to present to congressional leaders.
- Environment – VACANT
- APCG Representative – VACANT

- Pueblo of Isleta Representative – VACANT (Janice Lucero awaiting confirmation)
- Pueblo of Laguna Representative – Commissioner Antonio
 - Read excerpts from Governor Harry Antonio's keynote speech delivered at the Native American Mine and Energy Symposium (NAMES) held May 19–20 at Route 66 Casino. The brief highlighted 70 years of regional uranium mining context, targeting the Jackpile-Paguate Superfund site tailings, reclamation engineering, and community health.
 - Liaison Ahmie added to update that the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) impacted downwinders and uranium workers who have a strict application window closing on December 31, 2027, to claim \$100K compensation packages, which are also retroactively accessible for deceased relatives using the claim form on the DOJ website.
- Pueblo of Sandia Representative – VACANT
- Pueblo of Santa Ana Representative – VACANT
- To-Hajiilee Representative – Commissioner Morris (Absent)

9. Subcommittee Reports

- *Native Performing Arts and Film* – Chair Gleason (No report)
- *MMIW / Homeless Task Force* – Liaison Ahmie highlighted an upcoming Two-Spirit MMIR visibility float collaboration with Commissioner Tso marching in the Pride Parade on Central Avenue, alongside the digital release of the local documentary *Silence in the Sand* on YouTube.

10. Adjournment

Chair Gleason called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm following final Father's Day wishes and community event promotions (Old Town Pride Concert on June 13).

- *Motion:* Board consensus reached to adjourn.
- *Result:* Meeting officially adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Next CAIANA Meeting: Wednesday, July 8, 2026, starting @ 5:30 PM.