City of Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor **Director Dillon Shije**

Commission on American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs (CAIANA)

General Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 14th 2026, starting at 5:30pm (MST)
Location: Los Duranes Community Center (2920 Leopoldo Rd NW, Albuquerque NM 87104) /Zoom Webinar

Commissioners Present:

- Commissioner / Chair Kimberly Gleason
- Commissioner Pauline Joe
- Commissioner Krista Chico
- Commissioner Clarice Honahnie
- Commissioner Janice Lucero
- Commissioner Kinsey Ricketts
- Commissioner Joel Esquibel
- Commissioner Nora Morris

Members Not Present:

- Commissioner Chas Tso

Members of the Public:

(CABQ) City Staff Present:

- CABQ Intergovernmental Tribal Liaison - Terry Sloan
- Office of Equity and Inclusion Intern - Analeah Plater

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER:

a. The Commission of American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs of October 14th, 2026 was called to order by Commissioner / Chair Gleason at time 5:35pm. Location was the Los Duranes Community Center and Zoom Webinar.

II. ROLL CALL:

a. Roll Call conducted by Commissioner/Chair Gleason at 6:09pm. In attendance: Commissioner Lucero, Commissioner Chico, Commissioner Honahnie, Commissioner Ricketts, Commissioner Esquibel, Commissioner Antonio, Commissioner Morris and Commissioner Gleason. Not in attendance: Commissioner Tso. Established Quorum was done by Commissioner / Chair Gleason at 5:55pm.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 14, 2026

a. A motion of approval for the agenda was made by Commissioner Gleason for the General Meeting on October 14, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Antonio. Voted unanimously Yes on Zoom Webinar and in person by Commissioner Chico, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Lucero, Commissioner Honahnie, Commissioner Ricketts, Commissioner Esquibel, and Commissioner / Chair Gleason. Absent on voting: Commissioner Tso. Agenda was approved.

b. Agenda was approved, though changes needed to be made. Name changes and corrections with new Commissioners coming onto the Commission of Native American Indiana and Alaskan Native Affairs needed to happen, specifically placing them on certain sectors they would be representing.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

a. Review and Approval of September 9th, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Motion for approval of September 9th, 2026 meeting minutes by Commissioner Gleason. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Antonio. Voted unanimously Yes on Zoom Webinar and in person by Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Lucero, Commissioner Chico, Commissioner Honahnie, Commissioner Ricketts, Commissioner Esquibel, and Commissioner / Chair Gleason to accept meeting minutes.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. No public comments.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Nominate Interim Chair

i. Commissioner / Chair Gleason is excited to announce or introduce the commission to having a new chair. Gleason also explains the responsibilities, including: Being in attendance for general meetings which occur the second Wednesday of each month, work alongside Mr. Sloan and Ms. Ahmie in the City of Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion, as well as Mayor Keller and Director Shije on the development of all sectors that we are responsible for, those including, employment, culture, education, environmental, government and other representatives. Even members of the Santa Ana Pueblo, Sandia Pueblo, and To'hajiilee communities.

a. Make sure work continues and is addressed with these sectors so that the City of Albuquerque is aware and so we as a commission can provide pathways for those that need us the most.

ii. Chair Gleason asks the commissioners in attendance if anyone is looking to nominate someone within the commission as Interim Chair or who would like to nominate themselves.

1. Commissioner Chico and Commissioner Lucero have nominated themselves as Interim Chair. Commissioner / Chair Gleason opens the floor for the nominees to introduce themselves.

iii. Commissioner Chico and Commissioner Lucero's both make speeches on what they have done, currently working on and what they plan to succeed and continue if they were voted for Chair.

b. Voting for an Interim Chair will take place next meeting, November 11th, 2026 as some documentation needed for voting needs to be finalized.

c. **Motion**: Commissioner Honahnie motioned to vote that the voting for a new Interim Chair and New Secretary shall be moved to the next following meeting, November 11th, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Antonio. Voted unanimously Yes on Zoom Webinar and in person by Commissioner Lucero, Commissioner Chico, Commissioner Honahnie, Commissioner Ricketts, Commissioner Esquibel, and Commissioner / Chair Gleason to accept the nomination and voting of Interim Chair and New Secretary to be moved to the next general meeting on November 11th, 2026.

d. 2025 Annual Report, Approve
    a. No updates on it as of now. Last look at the report which was in the last general meeting, September 9th, 2026 would be considered the report as it stands currently.
        i. Commissioner Gleason had asked Commissioner Chico if there would be a time that works best to discuss the finalization of the 2025 Annual Report. Responded that she would send a time and date of when to meet.

VII. COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS REPORTS

b. CABQ Updates

i. CABQ Updates - Terry Sloan, Intergovernmental Tribal Liaison reports:
ii. Was in attendance at an Indigenous Day event on Monday, October 12th, 2026. Huge success and good turnout.
    1. Attended two Indigenous Day Events, both of which Mayor Keller was also in attendance and gave opening remarks as well as read the City's Proclamation on Indigenous Peoples Day. The first event was hosted by American Indian Opportunity (AIO) and Native Leadership Collective (NLC) and the other event was hosted by the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.
    2. Explains that there were multiple people at both events that made speeches about Indigenous People's Day and everything was well received by the guests/speakers and the community.
    3. Hoping for an even larger turnout for next year's Indigenous People's Day event, plans to work with Albuquerque Public Schools (APS), American Indian Opportunity (AIO), Native Leadership Collective (NLC), Native American Community Academy (NACA), and more.
iii. They are now looking forward to Native American Heritage Month.
iv. Stated that there is an anticipated consultation coming up with the Pueblo of Isleta. They had contacted them about wanting to have a discussion about their environmental issues.
v. Sloan was also invited to have a talk with the National Park Service regarding a discussion about the development within the city of major public open spaces and any tribal boundaries or national monuments.

VIII. COMMISSION SECTOR REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Chair – Commissioner Gleason reports:
    1. She has been attending this commission for 7 years, and in those years became chair for 3 years. She hopes the Native American Performing Art and Film sector will continue to thrive as it branches Native culture with the city. Reiterates that the next meeting on November 11th, 2026, will be the last day she will be chair on the Commission of American Indian and Alaskan Native Affairs as during the next they will be nominating and voting for a new chair.

b. Workforce/Employment - Commissioner Joe was absent.

c. At Large - Commissioner Tso was absent.

d. Pueblo of Laguna Representative - Commissioner Antonio had no major events/information to report.

e. Tohajiilee Representative - Commissioner Morris was absent.

f. Culture Representative - Commissioner Chico reports:
    1. Clyde Warrior Civil Rights Recognition Event happening Friday, October 16th, 2026. An event that will recognize seven different members of the community for their outstanding work within the community. Hopes this sort of event will continue annually, one that recognizes those who give back to the community and help it thrive.
    2. While out at these community events she noticed that there is talk about the community wanting a Albuquerque Indigenous Center. Hopes that this will be a developing project in the future in order to provide and help the community in what they need.
        vi. Commissioner/Chair Gleason responds by stating that there has been discussion concerning this project but with Bernalillo County and not the city and the location is not in City limits. But further discussion on it will hopefully proceed.

g. Environmental Representative – Commissioner Honahnie reports:
    1. A new commissioner. She is the Native American Liaison for HopeWorks, an institution that works with the homeless or unhoused population.

h. Health Representative - Commissioner Ricketts reports:
    1. A new commissioner. Currency works at UNMH and before the position used to manage different primary care clinics. Hopes to provide resources for the

community as far as healthcare and building and creating more accessible patient care for the community.

i. Commissioner Lucero reports:
    1. A farmers' market will be happening in Isleta Pueblo on Saturday, October, 17th. 2026.
    2. Another event happening as well called "Gathering of Hope". An Intertribal gathering of farmers, knowledge holders, and educators. Will happen in Isleta Pueblo on October, 26th and 27th 2026 at the Isleta Pueblo Resort and Casino. Free event.

Subcommittees

Native American Performing Arts and Film - Commissioner Gleason reports:

1. Introduces this sector and how it has evolved and became where it is today. Introduces herself and what she is currently working on. Notes that there is a film festival happening in Santa Fe and welcomes the other commissioners to go to the event if they are able.

Homeless Task Force and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relative Awareness - Commissioner Tapaha was absent.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Attendance for Commissioner; missing 3 consecutive meetings could result in being removed from the Commission.

- Commissioner/Chair Gleason reiterates the importance of attendance. Stating that if a commissioner will be absent in a meeting to make sure to send a 24 hour advance notice, just so the schedule and agenda are not misaligned and everyone is to be accounted for.

X. ADJOURNMENT

a. There being no further business before the Commission on American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Board, Co-Chair Gleason moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm. Next General Meeting: Wednesday, November 11th, 2026, starting at 5:30pm.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS

a. **Third Annual Clyde Warrior Civil Rights Recognition Ceremony.** Date: Friday, October, 16th, 2026.

b. **Farmers Market.** Location: Isleta Pueblo. Date: Saturday, October, 17th. 2026.

c. **Gathering of Hope event.** An Intertribal gathering of farmers, knowledge holders, and educators. Date: October, 26th and 27th 2026. Location: Isleta Pueblo Resort and Casino. Free event.

d. **Last Feast Day in Laguna.** Date: Saturday, October 17th. 2026. Location: Paraje Village.

e. **Feast Celebration.** Saturday, October 17th. 2026. Location: NACA School.