



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

COMMISSION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

**Topic: Monthly Meeting**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Contact:** Terry Sloan, Liaison

**MEMBERS**

**Dr. Lloyd Lee  
Denise Zuni  
Lorenzo Jim  
Kim Benally  
Kimberly Gleason  
Jimmy Secatero**

**Rebecca Riley (Chair)  
Kyle Tapaha (Co-Chair)  
Thelma Antonio (Secretary)  
Marissa Naranjo  
Raven Begay**

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

**a. Roll Call/Establish Quorum**

Absent: Jimmy Secatero, Ron Looking-Elk (logged in late), Kim Benally, and Raven Begay. Seven commissioners were present creating a quorum.

**b. Invocation by Lorenzo Jim**

**2. Approval of meeting agenda.**

Motion to approve agenda made by Co-chair Kyle Tapaha; seconded by Commissioner Dr. Lloyd Lee; none opposed; and motion passed.

Note: Commissioner Looking-Elk logs onto the meeting.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve July 13 2022, minutes was made by Commissioner Dr. Lee; seconded by Co-chair Tapaha; Commissioner Jim abstained; none opposed; and motion passed.

**4. New Business**

Note: Phil Farson of Albuquerque Public School Indian Program will not be available to present an update.

**a. Heidi McDonald (Nakota), of One Generation**

Former experience was working with Indian Education Policy. Kara Bobroff created One Generation which is a 501 c3 organization based in Corrales. Projects are:

1. Indigenous farm hub on 16 acres, cultivating 14 crops that houses a CSA program with 40 families participating, including NAPR and NACA participants. The CSA plan grant is a feasibility study regarding food access in Northern NM and partners with Ft. Lewis college.

2. Indigitize, an Amazon grant (\$10,000) to reach and engage Indigenous students to teach them about computer science and promote focus into computer working collaboration.
3. Indigenous education equity initiative that promotes equitable education and partners with Rise Colorado, a non-profit that works with families of color, immigrants on important issues that families face.
4. Indigenous Languages Initiative is about creating a national database map to help improve access to learning language. She currently attends a zoom class to learn her language streaming from Montana.

An initiative currently in the works is partnering with AIO (Americans for Indian Opportunity) to create an Urban Indian summit.

Questions:

- (Q) Any connection with Christine Simms who has done much work in Indigenous language?  
Yes.
- (Q) Is there a link for Indigitize to be able to post the Indian education director position to place on CAIANA website.
- (Q) What would you like the commission and one generation in relation to collaborating on an education summit regarding APS issues.
- (Q) Does the organization partner with other tribes?  
Works with grant management and working on hosting a food summit.
- (Q) How will the Amazon Indigitize grant implement its outreach, is it to provide equipment, or to provide webinar education?  
It is to provide computer education and instruction by reaching 10,000 students.

Co-chair Tapaha comments that Heidi is interested in joining the commission, and the commission could possibly partner with One Generation.

b. Public Comment - None

### Discussion and Updates

- c. Transition process: all commissioners are instructed to send their nominations for positions of Chair, Co-chair, and Secretary to Dawn through email.

Motion by Co-chair Tapaha to open Chair, Co-chair, and Secretary positions for nomination at October agenda; motion seconded by commissioner Gleason; none opposed; motion passed.

d. Website update:

- We will work on updating the website by posting copies of the minutes.
- Commissioners were reminded to post a bio and photo to the website.
- Tabs on websites need to be updated.

(A) Commission Administrative Matters

- a. *CABQ Native American Affairs Liaison, Terry Sloan, CABQ Intergovernmental Tribal Liaison and Dawn Begay, Native American Affairs Coordinator* report updates.

## Terry

- Working on preparation for the upcoming Indigenous Regional Housing Summit on October 11<sup>th</sup>. He is anticipating tribal housing entities and participating tribal leaders/representatives to participate. The summit will start at 8 a.m. Various groups will be presenting and will include:
  - o emergency shelters
  - o domestic violence
  - o HUD (Housing and Urban Development)
  - o Housing development and financing
  - o Homelessness issues
  - o Tribal leaders present
  - o Panel discussions
  - o Breakout sessions
  - o Report of outcomes
  - o Southwest Housing Alliance

Remaining tasks are looking for keynote speakers. Congressional delegates and Governor Grisham have been invited. The outreach to tribes about the housing summit was done through emails to tribes, APCG, and social media.

Reports from the tribal consultations and meetings to continue regarding the 4H Park around the end of the month.

October is Native American Heritage month. Commissioner Gleason is to assist in a film event. Indigenous People's Day--information or flyer on events to distribute. Terry plans to create an annual event that could be hosted by the city for Native American Heritage month as a permanent program.

### Other Business:

Commissioner Dr. Lee appreciated serving on the board and will continue to support CAIANA. (He has been involved with the commission for six years.) Terry and the remaining commissioners in turn thanked Dr. Lee for his support and mentorship. Chair Riley was appreciative of Commissioner Lee with his support, history, transitioning, and creating the foundation of the commission.

Chair Riley will send CAIANA a draft report to the mayor to everyone through email. She proposes to request to meet with the mayor in person for the next commission meeting and possibly at the Gateway center if it can be arranged. If the mayor cannot meet another time can be scheduled.

Co-chair Tapaha will confirm if commissioners can renew their terms, except for tribal representatives.

Commissioner Gleason is involved with the performing arts community meeting which is moving forward with a strategic plan for an Indigenous performance space. She also announces Native Women Lead will host a business retreat in November.

Co-chair Tapaha announced that AIO will be conducting an outreach for the Get Out the Vote initiative.

## Dawn

She and Christina Parajon, Gateway Interim Director are at a conference and have zoomed in to attend the meeting:

Christina: contracting for a company to operate the Gateway Center. Received data regarding Native American homelessness that 90% of Native people experiencing homelessness. She will send a draft of the contract for review. She will be working on a language access plan, a culture care component, and would like commission input.

Commissioner Looking-Elk would like to see a statistics report.

Dawn stated the data includes tribal affiliation breakdown. She would like to present the data, how it was collected, and how to move forward.

Commissioner Dr. Lee inquired if information on the Gateway Center will be provided at the Housing Summit. He also suggested that it be a specific tract with the summit.

Terry mentioned that Christina will make a presentation at the summit.

**b. Commission Sector Reports and Updates**

- i. **Government** – VACANT
- ii. **Education** – Commissioner Lee  
No update
- iii. **Culture** – Commissioner Jim  
No update
- iv. **Health** – Commissioner Riley  
No update
- v. **Workforce/Employment** – Raven Begay  
No Update
- vi. **Environment**— Commissioner Naranjo  
No updates.

Adjournment at approximately 7:07 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Looking-Elk, seconded by Commissioner Tapaha; none opposed; motion was passed.

\*Action Items

**Next CAIANA Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**



Approved by Kyle Tapaha, Commissioner Chair