

Commission on American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs
Meeting Minutes

Friday June 21, 2019

8:30am-11:00am

City of Albuquerque Area Agency on Aging Conference Room
700 4th St. SW - Albuquerque, NM 87102

1. Call to Order and Invocation

Ron Solimon called the meeting to order at 8:30am and provided invocation.

Committee Members Present: Ronald Solimon, Dr. Lloyd Lee, and Laurie Weahkee.

Committee Members Absent: Mike Canfield.

Others Present: Dawn Begay (Native American Affairs Coordinator, City of Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion).

2. Approval of Agenda

Board approved June 21, 2019 agenda.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019 meeting minutes was approved by Board.

4. Briefing on APS Indian Education Stakeholders Committee

Dr. Lloyd Lee briefed Commission on role of the Albuquerque Public School Indian Education Stakeholders Committee created by Daisy Thompson. Dr. Lee attended first Committee meeting on May 6, 2019. During the meeting, Ms. Thompson provided attendees a draft report of suggestions and recommendations compiled from the two forums in fall 2018 and spring 2019. Committee requested the Commission submit a response to report and discuss options for a third forum in fall 2019. Dr. Lee also attended the second Committee meeting on June 14, 2019. During the second meeting, attendees reviewed forum report and created short- and long-term recommendations. Ronald Solimon requested Dr. Lee ask Committee if a copy of the report be submitted to the Commission. Dr. Lee informed Commission that the next Committee meeting is on July 19, 2019.

Dr. Lee informed Commission that APS will be reviewing and selecting textbooks on social studies content on July 11, 2019.

Lastly, Dr. Lee informed Commission that the Committee also requested he invite other City staff to attend Committee meetings. Dawn Begay indicated that the City is separate

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from APS, but do provide before and after program services and they should be invited to Committee meetings.

Laurie Weahkee suggested Committee foster collaborations between the All Pueblo Council of Governors Education Committee and APS Indian Education Stakeholders Committee to provide updates. She also suggested Committee start interfacing with APS lobbyists to begin discussions on funding for next school year.

5. Discussion on Recruitment for Commission Members

Ronald Solimon was authorized by Mayor Keller to begin discussions with tribal leadership on appointing representatives to serve on the City of Albuquerque Commission on American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs. Mr. Solimon is waiting for letter from Mayor's Office to distribute to tribal leadership before initiating conversations.

Laurie Weahkee requested Dawn Begay create a flyer announcing Commission is accepting applications for membership.

Board agreed need to create a timeline of when applicants need to submit application and when they will be contacted on whether or not they were selected for Commission.

Ms. Weahkee suggested Commission create a report of accomplishments, recommendations of strategic initiatives, suggestions for areas of improvement, identifying resources available to Commission, and outlining procedures of communication with City bureaus for the next Commission membership. Dr. Lloyd Lee also recommended Commission create a vision or goal statement, provide a description on the structure of the Commission, include the Mayor's Office and City Council to fully understand the intent of the Ordinance change, and ensure the City is upholding tribal sovereignty.

Ms. Weahkee agreed to develop a packet for next Commission members.

6. COA Native American Affairs Liaison Report

Dawn Begay informed Commission that that she has an office at City Hall on the 3rd floor in room 3013, the Native American Affairs website has been moved to Office of Equity and Inclusion website, and all contact information has been updated.

Ms. Begay stated a work plan was created for Native American Affairs and a copy will be emailed to Commission members.

Ms. Begay stated the Mayor's Office is still accepting applications for the Intergovernmental Tribal Liaison position. Individuals interested in applying need to send their resume to Alan Armijo.

Ms. Begay stated the Mayor's Office requested the Commission create a Native American Homelessness Subcommittee. Laurie Weahkee recommended Isaiah Curtis recruit individuals that have experience working with the people experiencing homelessness apply for the Commission to represent the Homeless sector and head the Homelessness Subcommittee. Ms. Begay will submit request to Mr. Curtis.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Next Meeting(s)

Next meeting on July 16, 2019 from 8:30am-10:00am. Location: TBD.

9. Adjournment

Ronald Solimon adjourned meeting at 10:31am.