### NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 22, 2018**  
Nevada Indian Commission, Carson City, NV

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**NIC Staff Present:** Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director; Denise M. Becker, Administrative Assistant III; Bobbi Rahder, Museum Director, Stewart Indian School; and Sari Nichols, Program Officer I

**Others Present:** David Peterson, Interim Director, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs; Katie Armstrong, Attorney General’s Office; Clifford Banuelos, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada; Arlan Melendez, Chairman, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; Scott Nebesky, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

I. **Convene Meeting & Roll Call**

The meeting convened at 9:05am. The Executive Director took roll, determining a quorum of four Commissioners present.

II. **Invocation**

Commissioner Snyder provided the invocation.

III. **Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Arnold welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He asked all those present to introduce themselves.

IV. **Administration of the Oath of Office for New Commissioner Kostan Lathouris**

Chairman Arnold administered the Oath of Office to new Commissioner Kostan Lathouris.

V. **Initial Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

VI. **Approval of November 7, 2017 and November 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the November 7, 2017 and November 20, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.
VII. Commissioner Reports and Announcements

Chairman Arnold commented that he received a phone call from the California Energy Commission regarding the Desert Removal Energy Conservation Plan. The Plan describes the placement of solar projects in the Southwest and may be of interest to Nevada Tribes. The Chairman stated he will send information to the Executive Director to disseminate.

VIII. Approval of Executive Director Report as Presented by Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission

Ms. Rupert congratulated Mr. Lathouris for his Appointment to the Board and presented her report to the Board with the following highlights:

The Stewart Indian School Master Plan is almost complete and should be received at the end of March 2018 by H&K Architects.

The National Park Service, National Historic Landmark Application is being drafted by Ms. Amanda Fountain-Scheurman, Graduate Research Assistant from the American West Center, University of Utah. She has been working diligently on the application and is planning on completing the project by the end of May 2018.

The Bi-State Tribal Natural Resource Committee met recently and it was decided that a second Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Summit will be planned for October 2019.

Just under $11,000 was raised at this year’s American Indian Achievement Award Banquet and Silent Auction.

The kickoff for the Old Gym roof restoration took place on January 19, 2018. The project itself will go out to bid in July 2018, with some work prior to winter. Construction is expected to be complete in 2019.

Executive Director Rupert is a Commissioner on the Veterans Services Commission and attended the January 25, 2018 meeting. She commented on the Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Annual Report and is excited that the NDVS used a photo of the Pyramid Lake Veterans and Warriors Association on the cover. Ms. Rupert mentioned that there are many programs and resources available to Native Veterans and that Ms. Sari Nichols is the Veterans Advocate for the NIC.

Ms. Rupert commented on the process of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant panels that she recently participated. She believes that there is a need for Native American presence on these grant panels. She heard comments from fellow panelists on grant applications and felt that it was a great experience for her both personally and professionally.

The Executive Director recently became aware that the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) AR810, 9 d. inaccurately lists the NIC in determining the eligibility of inmates to participate in Sweat Lodge Ceremonies by stating that inmates obtain written verification of Native American ethnicity from the Commission. The NIC had asked the NDOC to remove the language at their next Board of State Prison Commissioners meeting. The NDOC responded that they will inform the inmates that the
NIC will not provide written verification of Native American ethnicity and will update the NIC when the language in question has been removed from AR 810 Section 9d. Executive Director Rupert reported that she has been working with Kim Thomas, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Corrections. Chairman Arnold is concerned that the NIC was unaware that the NDOC was forwarding inaccurate information about the Commission. He feels that this issue should have never gone this far and suggests that an initiative should be brought to the attention of the Governor so that the NIC can be alerted to what is happening in other agencies. Commissioner Williams stated that one of the NIC’s primary roles is to have discussions with State of Nevada agencies and that they must work with the NIC and tribal representatives to develop tribal consultation policies. Executive Director Rupert commented that the Administrative Assistant is compiling a listing of tribal liaisons for the State of Nevada so the NIC can begin meeting with the other state agency tribal contacts/liaisons. This will be complete by the next Board meeting.

**Commissioner Krollicki made a motion to approve the Executive Director report, seconded by Commissioner Snyder. The motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.**

**IX. Introduction of David Peterson, Interim Director, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs (DTCA)**

David Peterson, Interim Director for the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs introduced himself to the Board. He reported that the DTCA’s team includes the Division of Tourism, Nevada Magazine, the NIC, the Division of Museums and History, and Nevada Arts Council. He thanked Executive Director Rupert for the opportunity to speak at the Commission meeting. He informed the Board that Brenda Nebesky has been promoted to Interim Deputy Director of the DTCA and that Mary Ellen Kawchack was promoted to Chief Marketing Officer.

Mr. Peterson reported that one of his goals as Interim Director is to do a better job of sharing resources and improve communications within the divisions. Mr. Peterson commented that the DTCA is “future focused” and that means taking risks with new ideas. For example, the DTCA’s website, nevadaculture.org is being revamped by D4 Media. The new site will allow employees to make changes to each of their division’s websites. In addition, the DTCA marketing team is working on a premier guide detailing Nevada Arts and Culture. They have received the NIC’s input and are working toward having the guide available in May 2018. Mr. Peterson went on to say that Nevada’s Indian Territory was recently featured in the DTCA’s newsletter and that 116,000 people visited TravelNevada.com for general American Indian content as well as interest in the Stewart Indian School and Pyramid Lake, specifically.

Commissioner Williams inquired of the status of recruitment for the new position to carry out the new provisions of SB 244. He clarified that Peter Barton, the Director of the Division of Museums and History is recruiting for a Curator position to assist in permitting and repatriation. Ten applications from across the United States have been received and the hiring process is expected to be complete in early April 2018. Training for employees will consist of webinars as well as in-person training with an adjunct professor from the University of Nevada, Reno. Commissioner Williams requested that the training materials be forwarded to the NIC Board for review.

Chairman Arnold asked Mr. Peterson about his role as Interim Director and how it will change once the new Governor is appointed. Mr. Peterson stated that his position will be recruited for because his role is not only for the Director of Tourism, but also the Director of the entire Department.
X. Introduction of Clifford Banuelos, Tribal-State Environmental Liaison, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

Clifford Banuelos, Tribal-State Environmental Liaison for the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN), reported that he will be serving as the liaison between the State of Nevada and the Tribes. The position was created in 2004 in response to communication issues the Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe were having with the State. In addition to being involved in assisting with Tribal Consultation Protocols within the Division of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, the Division of State Lands and the Division of Forestry, this position assists tribal leadership in identifying points of contact, such as Public Information Officers and tribal representatives within all of the State agencies. Mr. Banuelos reported that 12 Tribes currently do not have Environmental Program Plans in place. He is working with tribal leadership on the development of these plans as well as assisting them with financial training.

Mr. Banuelos shared that a Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Conference will be held in San Francisco, CA sometime in April 2018. He would like to discuss with Ms. Rupert about coordinating this event with the ITCN.

Commissioner Lathouris asked Mr. Banuelos about remediation regarding the Moapa Band of Paiutes. Mr. Banuelos stated that the current leadership has not been receiving communication from the State. The Moapa Band does not have an Environmental Director, but a council member is acting as such for now. Mr. Banuelos said he will attend the Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Conference in April 2018 and meet with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX about these types of issues.

Chairman Arnold thanked Mr. Banuelos for presenting his information to the NIC Board. Chairman Arnold encouraged him and the ITCN as a whole to collaborate with the Commission on enhancing communication and assisting with any issues the Tribes may have. He said that Executive Director Rupert is the best point of contact for the Commission.

XI. Approve Recommendation to Governor Sandoval on Candidates for the Board of Museums and History and the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation

Executive Director Rupert reported that the statute says the NIC must consult with the ITCN before recommending names to the Governor’s Office. This has been done as she met with the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada on February 9, 2018. She also spoke with Rebecca Palmer, Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and it seems there is a discrepancy on whether there should be two different tribal representatives for each of the two positions or one tribal representative for both boards. Ms. Rupert commented that when she reviewed the law and interpreted it, it appears that one member will be appointed for both positions. Ms. Rupert stated that she has asked the Governor’s Attorney General clarify the interpretation of the law’s language. Chairman Arnold said that after the Governor’s Office provides clarification to the NIC, the Board should have another meeting to decide the candidates to be forwarded to the Governor for his appointment to the Board of Museums and History, and the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation.

Katie Armstrong from the Attorney General’s Office informed the Board that although questions exist about whether there are one or two positions available, a recommendation could still be made today or tabled until the next meeting.
Commissioner Krolicki made a motion to table this item and Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

XII. Stewart Indian School Living Legacy

A. Approval of Report on Stewart Indian School Living Legacy Related Projects

Ms. Nichols commented that painting of the New Gym will begin in March 2018 and that “Moccasin Square Garden” will be stenciled onto the wall. Ms. Nichols shared that children are using the Gym for after-school sports activities. Ms. Nichols went on to report that the Dining Hall, the Auditorium, and Building #16 have been cleaned out. The Old Gym was also cleaned out, but the basement has been taking on water. The Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) grant of $147,000 was extended to September 30, 2018. Ms. Nichols commented on the upcoming Stewart Father’s Day Powwow, which will be held June 15-17, 2018. She stated that the NIC staff is working on completing the Powwow T-shirt design, a Stewart Father’s Day Powwow logo, updating forms and the Stewart Indian School website. The Cultural Center staff are working on the Alumni booth as well as planning for the Alumni Reception. The flyer has been revamped to direct people to the Stewart Indian School website to attract an outside audience. The Stewart Father’s Day Powwow Princess Pageant will now include young ladies from 6-17 years of age. The next Stewart Father’s Day Powwow Committee meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2018.

Commissioner Lathouris made a motion to approve the Stewart Indian School Living Legacy Report, Commissioner Krolicki seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

B. Approval of Report on Stewart Indian School Cultural Center

Museum Director Rahder presented the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center report to the Board, giving the following highlights:

Ms. Rahder shared the Cultural Center’s Plan of Operations binder with the Commissioners and said that it is based on the American Alliance of Museums’ accreditation standards. The Plan of Operations binder is broken down into the following categories: Leadership and Structure, Stewart Living Legacy, Financial Stability, Collections Stewardship, Education and Interpretation, Outreach, Facility and Risk Management, and Communication and Marketing.

Ms. Rahder shared that a blessing ceremony of the Cultural Center site is being planned for May 3, 2018, with Governor Sandoval in attendance. Construction of the building will begin soon thereafter. Ms. Rahder and Ms. Gibbons will be having an outside booth on the Powwow grounds in which they will share plans for the Cultural Center with the public. Ms. Rahder reported that $1.2 million of the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds will be used to fund exhibit design, fabrication and installation with Gallagher and Associates, along with consultants Samantha Williams, Ben Aleck, and Melissa Melero-Moose. Ms. Rahder commented that items in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Stewart Collection are currently being stored at the Nevada State Museum Annex. Ms. Rahder and Ms. Gibbons have requested the Nevada State Archives digitize the Stewart Indian School yearbooks from the 1940s through the school’s closure in 1980.
Commissioner Lathouris asked Museum Director Rahder about the reasoning behind including a document entitled ‘Laws Affecting Museum Collections.’ Ms. Rahder said that it is to guide the Curator in managing the Collections properly.

Executive Director Rupert commented the State Public Works Division has notified the NIC that in order to begin construction on the Cultural Center and Welcome Center the $147,000 CCCHP grant funds would need to be received in advance by the State Public Works Division. This is an issue because the CCCHP Grant program is a reimbursement grant. Chairman Arnold asked if the Governor’s Office can intervene on the NIC’s behalf. It was explained that Building #2 has not been renovated at all and the SHPO is very protective of maintaining the historical integrity of the building. The building needs seismic and structural strengthening and the windows need to be changed, therefore SHPO is concerned that the building will be changed too much. Executive Director Rupert will be meeting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on this issue. Chairman Arnold recommended that a third party should be involved with this discussion. Executive Director Rupert reminded the Board that this project needs to be completed by early 2019 as requested by Governor Sandoval.

**Commissioner Krolicki made a motion to approve Ms. Rahder’s report and Commissioner Williams seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.**

C. Approval of Stewart Indian School Cultural Center Plan of Operations and Ethics Policies

Commissioner Lathouris asked Ms. Rahder about the Scope and suggested she change the language regarding the purchasing of items. Commissioner Krolicki asked that the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA) be added to the Government Statement of Authority document. Commissioner Lathouris asked Ms. Rahder if language can be added to the donations checklist stating that Tribes will be notified if the Museum is in receipt of any tribal artifacts. Commissioner Williams asked that the Board approve the documents after they have been finalized.

**Commissioner Lathouris made a motion to approve the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center Plan of Operations and Ethics Policies with corrections and Commissioner Krolicki seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.**

XIII. Report on Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA) Activities – Kostan Lathouris, President, SISPA

Commissioner Lathouris reported that he is the Chairman of the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA) and that Dee Freewart is the Vice-Chairwoman, and Kelly Krolicki is the Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Lathouris commented that the Stewart Indian School Documentary is SISPA’s main focus currently. SISPA is looking at ways to minimize overhead costs and the documentary has been well done. SISPA wants to make sure the documentary raises as many funds as possible. A tentative date for showing is in December of this year. Secretary/Treasurer Krolicki mentioned that the showings will be at the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno and the Smith Center in Las Vegas. Chairman Arnold also recommended showing the documentary at the Alumni Reception in June.
XIV. Report on Indian Territory Projects and Activities – Sari Nichols, Secretary, Indian Territory

Sari made the report on behalf of the Indian Territory, noting that the Commission received two proposals for the redesign of the Indian Territory Exhibit at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. In addition, this year’s Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference will be held at the Hard Rock Casino Hotel in Lake Tahoe from April 23-25, 2018. The full report can be viewed at http://nvculture.org/indiancommission/.

XV. Indian Education

A. Approval of Appointment of Representative Forms for the Indian Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)

Chairman Arnold presented two Appointment of Representative Forms for approval to the IEAC. The approval requests were for Felicia Siyuja, Education Director, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, and Jonathan Lowery, Workforce Specialist, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc.

**Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the two Appointment of Representative Forms for Felicia Siyuja and Jonathan Lowery, seconded by Commissioner Krolicki. The motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.**

B. Approval of Written Report on IEAC Activities

Mrs. Saundra Mitrovich submitted her written report after the Commissioner packets had been assembled and mailed out. Chairman Arnold stressed the importance of submitting reports timely and to be included in the packets for review prior to the meeting.

**Commissioner Snyder motioned to approve the IEAC report as written, seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.**

C. Written Report on Current Indian Education Program Activities

Mrs. Fredina Drye-Romero was unable to attend and submitted her written report. Highlights include information regarding the process of Tribal Consultation and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA), the Nevada Department of Education’s Indian Education Plan and the Nevada Academic Content Standards for Social Studies.

The Indian Education Programs Professional also included information about the upcoming annual American Indian/Alaska Native Education Summit that will be held at the University of Nevada, Reno on March 22-23, 2018.

**Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Indian Education report as submitted and Commissioner Krolicki seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.**
XVI. Approval of NIC Internal Controls

The Executive Director stated that the NIC’s Internal Controls document is not ready to present and requested this item be tabled until the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Lathouris motioned to table this item and Commissioner Williams seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

XVII. Approval of NIC Strategic Plan

Ms. Rupert stated that the NIC Strategic Plan is not currently ready to present and requested this item be tabled until the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Lathouris motioned to table this issue and Commissioner Williams seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

XVIII. Clarification on New Nevada Wildlife Regulations Passed in SB 511

Ms. Nichols gave a brief explanation regarding the new pricing and registration process for SB 511. It was shared that tribal members would need to go to their tribal office and request a form for initial set up in the Nevada Department of Wildlife system. The Social Security number must be included. After the tribe receives it, they send it to the Nevada Department of Wildlife. There was a discussion among the Board and it was agreed that the process was to have been made easier, not harder for tribal members. Even with a tribal card, a person has to show residency in Nevada every year.

XIX. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

The following were suggested agenda items for future meetings: Approval of NIC Internal Controls, approval of the NIC Strategic Plan, update on SB 244 candidates, clarification of the new process for tribal members seeking a hunting and fishing permit under SB 511, discussion on possible Bill Draft Requests and budget requests, BIA Collections, update on the status of Building #2, and an update on the status of the National Historic Landmark nomination application.

XX. Scheduling and Location of Next NIC Board Meeting

The next meeting of the NIC will be a videoconference due to budget constraints. The meeting will be scheduled at locations TBD on May 30, 2018.

XXI. Final Public Comment

Executive Director Rupert reported that the Chairwomen of the Walker River Paiute Tribe and the Yerington Paiute Tribe thanked the Board for having their November 2017 meeting in Yerington, NV. They were very appreciative of the opportunity to participate and not have to travel long distances.

XXII. Adjournment

Commissioner Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lathouris. The motion carried with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 12:58pm.
CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that these Meeting Minutes were approved at a meeting of the Nevada Indian Commission with a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstention, 0 absent, at a meeting duly held on May 30, 2018.

Certified by:

[Signature]
Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director
Nevada Indian Commission