

**MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**June 3, 2019
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Indian Affairs Committee (IAC) was called to order by Representative Georgene Louis, co-chair, on June 3, 2019 at 1:14 p.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Georgene Louis, Co-Chair
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Anthony Allison
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Derrick J. Lente
Sen. Richard C. Martinez
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Rep. Martin R. Zamora

Absent

Rep. Zachary J. Cook
Sen. Mark Moores
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle
Sen. William E. Sharer
Sen. William P. Soules

Advisory Members

Rep. Gail Chasey
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Sen. Gabriel Ramos
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Clemente Sanchez
Rep. Melanie A. Stansbury

Rep. Abbas Akhil
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Sen. George K. Munoz
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson
Rep. Linda M. Trujillo

Staff

Lenaya Montoya, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Randall Cherry, Staff Attorney, LCS
Sara Wiedmaier, Research Assistant, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

All handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file.

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Welcome and Introductions

Representative Louis welcomed the committee and members of the audience and asked committee members, staff and guests to introduce themselves. Committee members and guests shared their memories of Senator John Pinto and offered condolences to the family.

Lynn Trujillo, secretary, Indian Affairs Department, introduced several members of the department's staff. She noted that the governor strongly supports tribes and expressed her intention that the department work cooperatively with the legislature. She also noted that the Tribal Infrastructure Board has reached full membership.

Discussion of Work Plan and Meeting Schedule

Ms. Montoya presented a summary of the proposed work plan and meeting schedule for the 2019 interim, including proposed dates and locations for meetings of the IAC. She then stood for questions on the details of the proposed work plan and meeting schedule.

Representative Louis explained that the locations in the work plan were left as "to be determined" because, while all of the locations listed were under consideration, due to scheduling conflicts and other matters, not all of the locations could accommodate the committee. The final locations will be determined and provided at a later date.

The committee discussed additional meeting sites and generally agreed that the committee should meet at a location where the committee could honor the life and contributions of Senator Pinto. The location will be determined and provided at a later date.

Committee members discussed the work plan and suggested additional topics for discussion. The topics include a presentation by the New Mexico Tribal Planners Roundtable; indigenous cultures higher education programs; the effects of federal impact aid on Native American schools; the potential impact of the Energy Transition Act (Senate Bill 489, 2019) on Native Americans; expanding the availability of nursing services; a presentation regarding the state Tribal Libraries Program; a presentation on programs for tribal elders; an update on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force; a presentation on hemp and how tribes regulate hemp; and an update on the status of *Martinez/Yazzie v. State of New Mexico* (No. D-101-CV-2014-00793 and No. D-101-CV-2014-02224).

Approval of Work Plan

On a motion made by Senator Rodriguez and seconded by Senator Martinez, with no opposition, the work plan was adopted as amended by the committee.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 2:38 p.m.