

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

**May 31, 2018
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 May 31, 2018 at 10:17 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Georgene Louis, Co-Chair
Sen. John Pinto, Co-Chair
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Derrick J. Lente
Sen. Richard C. Martinez
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Rep. Nick L. Salazar

Absent

Rep. Sharon Clahchischilliage
Rep. Zachary J. Cook
Sen. Mark Moores
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle
Sen. William E. Sharer
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Sen. William P. Soules

Advisory Members

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Rep. Harry Garcia
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Sen. Cisco McSorley
Sen. Clemente Sanchez
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana

Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Rep. Sarah Maestas Barnes
Sen. George K. Munoz
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Rep. Angelica Rubio
Rep. Patricio Ruiloba
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Staff

Shawna Casebier, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Diego Jimenez, 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.

Discussion of Work Plan and Meeting Schedule

Ms. Casebier presented a summary of the proposed work plan and meeting schedule for the 2018 interim. She discussed issues of ongoing concern to New Mexico's Native American community and the importance of the committee's outreach efforts during the interim. Concerns were raised regarding Navajo, and other, water rights settlement challenges. Ms. Casebier presented the proposed dates and locations of meetings for the IAC during the 2018 interim and stood for questions on the details of the work plan and the proposed meeting schedule.

Committee members discussed the work plan and requested the addition of presentations on sports gambling, alcoholic beverages in casino gambling areas and intergovernmental communications regarding the State-Tribal Collaboration Act.

Committee members discussed the proposed interim meeting schedule and agreed to coordinate a joint meeting with Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee.

Approval of Work Plan

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

Senator Pinto took a moment to inform the committee that an original copy of the signed treaty between the United States and the Navajo Nation allowing the Navajo to return to Fort Defiance, Arizona, is on display in Window Rock, Arizona, which is the capital of the Navajo Nation. Senator Pinto invited members of the committee and the public to view the document and reflect on the relationship between the nations since the document was signed over a century ago.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10:52 a.m.