

# NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2016 - 9:00am*

Teleconference - Nevada Indian Commission Office, 5500 Snyder Ave., Carson City, NV 89701

## **Commissioners Present:**

John Hansen, Vice-Chairman  
Kathleen Quasula, Commissioner  
Marla McDade Williams, Commissioner

## **Staff Present:**

Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director  
Chris Gibbons, Program Officer I  
Denise M. Becker, Administrative Assistant III

## **No Guests were Present**

### **I. Convene Meeting & Roll Call**

Vice-Chairman Hansen convened the meeting at 9:07 am and asked Sherry to take roll. Sherry explained that Commissioner Carpenter had called in twice to the office and was having difficulty accessing the conference line with the international password. She had staff let him know that we did have quorum and that he was okay to not call in and to thank him for his commitment for trying to call in. Also, Chairman Arnold was on the line briefly, but his connection was lost. Three Commissioners were present, establishing a quorum.

### **II. Invocation**

Sherry provided the invocation.

### **III. Welcome and Introductions**

Vice-Chairman Hansen asked all those present to introduce themselves and thanked everyone for attending.

### **IV. Initial Public Comment**

There was no initial public comment.

### **V. Approval of Bill Draft Request Language to be submitted on Behalf of the Nevada Indian Commission**

Sherry asked the commissioners to reference the two Bill Draft Requests (BDR's) that she had forwarded through email. She explained that she had submitted the two bills for review and she has now been asked by the Governor's Office to combine the two bills into one. Sherry explained the process for submitting BDR's this cycle and also went through the intent of the two bills.

Commissioner McDade Williams commented that she wanted to make sure that the Commission considers the political climate in regard to the Advisory Committee. She explained that if the language in the two bills is combined, it could jeopardize the bill. If there were opposition to repealing the language on the Advisory Committee, that may kill the bill in its entirety. The Commission needs to be very aware of what it really wants and may consider an amendment to remove the language. She also suggested that the Commission should have used the Sunset Committee in the interim to use their bill draft authority to carry forward the repeal of this language. Sherry explained that she, in fact, had appeared before the Sunset Committee before the last session and then was never contacted about repealing the language. Commissioner McDade Williams also stated that the Commissioners should be prepared to testify on behalf of any bill that the Commission submits.

Sherry suggested that BDR 17A1011194 move forward as is and that she could revisit the removal of language in regard to the Advisory Committee Concerning Children's Health Insurance Program with the Sunset Committee.

Commissioner McDade Williams was not opposed to this, but wants to assess the political climate on this issue, and suggested that there also could be an amendment to add this language in at a later date.

Commissioner Quasula asked if there was a reason given as to why the two bills should be combined. Sherry replied that no reason was given.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Quasula to approve BDR 17A1011194 as is and remain silent on the Advisory Committee language, seconded by Commissioner McDade Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent).**

#### **VI. Scheduling and Location of Next NIC Meeting**

The next Nevada Indian Commission Board Meeting was scheduled for July 26, 2016 to begin at 9:00am. The location is yet to be determined. Sherry will get local hotel information out to the Board when location has been confirmed.

#### **VII. Final Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Quasula motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner McDade Williams. The motion carried with a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (2 absent). Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 am.**

#### **CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that these Meeting Minutes were approved at a meeting of the Nevada Indian Commission with a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions, 1 absent, at a meeting duly held on August 8, 2016.

Certified by:



Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director  
Nevada Indian Commission