



LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION SELF GOVERNANCE BOARD

May 20, 2025 Approved Meeting Minutes

The May 20, 2025, meeting of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board (LANAIC SGB) was at the Autry Museum of the West.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dawn Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

INVOCATION

Commissioner John Only A Chief provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

Chairperson Dawn Jackson
Vice Chairperson John Only A Chief
Secretary Denise Escoto
Commissioner Mona Morales Recalde

The following Commissioners were absent:

Commissioner Shawn Imitates Dog (Excused)
Commissioner Dr. Andrea Garcia (Excused)
Commissioner Rene' Williams (Excused)

Quorum was met.

Staff: Alexandra Valdes, LANAIC Executive Director
Julien Tan, LANAIC Administrative Manager

COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

The commissioners provided brief introductions, including their names, the office for which they were appointed, and their tribal affiliations.

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ADOPTING UNAPPROVED MARCH 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner John Only A Chief and seconded by Commissioner Denise Escoto to approve the unapproved March 18, 2025, LANAIC SGB Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

YES	Only A Chief, Escoto, Jackson
NO	
ABSTAIN	Morales Recalde
ABSENT	Imitates Dog, Garcia, Williams



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6. CHAIR'S REPORT

a. **May 17, 2025 Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-aside Funds (CSAIBG) Public Hearing Recap**

Alexandra provided a recap of the CSAIBG Public Hearing, including an update with the appendix on the draft Community Action Plan/Community Needs Assessment. The SGB will be provided with the final draft for review and approval at their June 17, 2025 meeting. Chairperson Dawn Jackson expressed her appreciation for the commissioners who attended the public hearing. Commissioner Only A Chief extended appreciation for Alexandra's CSBG presentation and PowerPoint slides, stating that they were very informative.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. **2026-2027 Community Action Plan and Community Needs Assessment Updates**

Alexandra shared that the SGB will be provided with the final draft of the CAP/CNA for their review and approval at their June 17, 2025 meeting. Alexandra shared that she incorporated feedback made two years ago by Commissioner Mona Morales Recalde regarding the inclusion of a reference to the *We Are Still Here Harms Report*.

b. **CSAIBG Program & Financial Updates**

Alexandra reported the CSAIBG's January and February 2025 expenses and the services provided within the same timeframe. Alexandra also reiterated that the funding is awarded and held by the State of California for calendar year 2025 until expenses are submitted for reimbursement. As for now, Alexandra has assured the State that 2025 funding is secure. The future of CSBG funding will be determined by Congress in September 2025.

8. Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

9. Announcements/Future Agenda Items

None

10. Public Comment

None

11. Board Adjournment

Chairperson Dawn Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.