



AGENDA

LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
SELF GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration
Sybil Brand Room 372
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

To Provide Public Comment: You may submit written public comment via email to contact@lanaic.lacounty.gov . Please submit your public comment or documentation as soon as possible but no later than 5 p.m. the night before the scheduled meeting. Note PUBLIC COMMENT – LANAIC SGB in email subject line.

DAWN JACKSON, Chairperson
Saginaw Chippewa

RENE' WILLIAMS, Vice Chairperson
Colville Tribes

JOHN ONLY A CHIEF, Secretary
Pawnee Nation

DR. ANDREA GARCIA, Treasurer
Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara

DENISE ESCOTO, Commissioner
Northern Cheyenne

SHAWN IMITATES DOG, Commissioner
Lakota

BRYCE LEWIS-SMITH, Commissioner
Citizen Potawatomi Nation

MONA MORALES RECALDE, Commissioner
Gabrieleno Tongva

ALEXANDRA VALDES
Executive Director
Tlingit/Athabaskan

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Commissioner Introductions**
- 5. Review and adopt the unapproved May 19, 2026, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board Meeting Minutes**
- 6. Review and adopt the draft 2026-2027 Community Services Block Grant Community Needs Assessment Survey**

7. Chair's Report

- a. General Updates**
- b. 2026-2027 Community Needs Assessment Outreach Updates**

8. Executive Director's Report

- a. Community Services Block Grant Native American Set-Aside Program and Fiscal Report**
- b. CSBG Impacts from Federal Government**
- c. 2026 CSBG Desk Review**
- d. 2026 Single Audit**
- e. 2026 CSBG Organizational Standards Report**

9. Commissioner General Comments on Non-Agenda Items

10. Announcements/Future Agenda Items

11. Public Comment

12. Board Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 17, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Location: Hall of Administration, Room 372, 500 W. Temple Street, LA, CA 90012

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Approved:



Chairperson Dawn Jackson



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

May 19, 2026, Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The May 19, 2026, Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board (LANAIC SGB) meeting was at the County of Los Angeles Hall of Administration, Sybil Brand Room 372, 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dawn Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

INVOCATION

No invocation was provided

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

Chairperson Dawn Jackson
Treasurer Dr. Andrea Garcia
Shawn Imitates Dog
Mona Morales Recalde
Bryce Lewis-Smith

The following Commissioners were absent:

Vice Chairperson Rene' Williams (Excused)
Secretary John Only A Chief (Excused)
Denise Escoto (Excused)

Quorum was met.

The following staff were present:

Alexandra Valdes, LANAIC Executive Director

COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioners provided brief introductions, including their names, the office for which they were appointed, and their tribal affiliation.



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

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ADOPTING UNAPPROVED FEBRUARY 17, 2026 LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION SELF GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Treasurer Dr. Andrea Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Bryce Lewis-Smith to approve the unapproved February 17, 2026, LANAIC SGB Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

YES	Jackson, Garcia, Morales, Imitates Dog, Lewis-Smith
NO	
ABSTAIN	
ABSENT	Williams, Only A Chief, Escoto

CHAIR'S REPORT

General Updates

Chair Dawn Jackson shared that she reserved a booth at the Hart of Tataviam Pow Wow on October 3 to disseminate the 2026-2027 Community Needs Assessment. She encouraged LANAIC SGB members to volunteer to staff the booth and support this important effort and CSBG deliverable.

The LANAIC SGB brainstormed additional community events to disseminate the survey at:

- 2026 Native American Heritage Month LA City Hall Forecourt Reception
- Sacred Path Pow Wow
- The Chapter House Native Market
- LANAIC 50th Anniversary Event at The Huntington

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT NATIVE AMERICAN SET-ASIDE PROGRAM AND FISCAL REPORT

Alexandra provided program and fiscal updates about the CSBG program including all expenses reported by subrecipient entity Pukuu Cultural Community Services for the period of January through March 2026.

Alexandra also provided background on the upcoming CSBG Community Needs Assessment and Community Action Plan. She shared that she would email out the last survey tool and request edits and feedback. She also encouraged the LANAIC SGB members to provide suggested questions for Native serving entities to respond to as they possess a unique and important perspective on services and need. She shared that her and Julien would incorporate provided feedback and present a draft to the LANAIC SGB for possible adoption at the September 15, 2026, meeting.



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

CSBG IMPACTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

No updates were provided.

2025 CSBG Close Out

Alexandra shared that her and Julien completed the 2025 Community Services Block Grant contract close out and submitted all required documents and deliverables to the State of California Department of Community Services & Development.

2026 CSBG Desk Review

Alexandra shared that as part of the 3-year CSBG monitoring cycle, State of California Department of Community Services & Development, will be conducting a desk review of the CSBG program between now and mid-summer. She shared that Julien is working closely with CSD to submit all required documentation.

COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No general comments on non-agenda items were provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No announcements or future agenda items were shared.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Dawn Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.



LA City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board

Community Needs Assessment

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission Self Governance Board (LANAIC SGB) is doing this survey to learn about the social service needs of our American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) community. Please help LANAIC SGB identify the top service needs.

Voluntary participation: Your participation in this confidential survey is completely voluntary. You may choose to skip questions and stop the survey at any time. There is no penalty or loss of benefits to you if you choose to do so.

What is being asked of you: If you decide to do the survey, we will ask you about your background, income, service needs, and experience with Community Services American Indian Block Grant (CSAIBG). You may skip or refuse to answer any questions you like. The survey takes around 10 minutes.

Benefits to you: Your answers help the LANAIC SGB ensure that CSAIBG funded services meet the needs of our relatives living in poverty.

Personal information: Your responses will be kept private and anonymous. We will not ask for your name, street address, or telephone number. Your responses will be reported only as combined information and will not identify you.

Contact information: If you have any questions about this survey and the overall goals of this project, please contact the LANAIC SGB team at admin@lanaic.lacounty.gov.

Thank you for your efforts! We deeply appreciate you taking the time for this survey. Your answers will help the LANAIC SGB and our CSAIBG funded organizations improve services for the AI/AN community of Los Angeles.

1. What is your residential zip code? _____

2. Do you self-identify as American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

3. Which of the following best describes your current gender identity?
Select one.

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Genderqueer or gender non-conforming
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Two-Spirit
- ☐ I prefer not to say
- ☐ I prefer to self-identify (please write in) _____

4. Would you describe yourself as transgender?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to say

5. How old are you? _____

6. Are you currently experiencing homelessness?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7. Including yourself, how many people are in your household?

8. What is your total household annual income? _____

9. What is your primary form of transportation (i.e. how do you usually get around)? Select one.

- ☐ Private vehicle I own
- ☐ Friend or family member's vehicle I borrow
- ☐ Public Transit
- ☐ Walking
- ☐ Bike
- ☐ Taxi, Car Share (e.g. Uber, Lyft)
- ☐ Other (please write in) _____

10. Please rank the **EMPLOYMENT & JOBS** services from most needed (1-One) to least needed (8-Eight) for you and your community from the list below.

- _____ Vocational Training
- _____ Job Search Support
- _____ Apprenticeship/Internship
- _____ Career Counseling (workshops or coaching)
- _____ Computer Skills Training
- _____ Job Readiness Training
- _____ Work Experience
- _____ Leadership Development

11. Please rank the **FINANCE** services from most needed (1-One) to least needed (4-Four) for you and your community from the list below.

- _____ Asset Building
- _____ Financial Management or Budgeting
- _____ Tax Prep Programs (free or reduced cost)
- _____ Benefit Coordination/Advocacy



12. Please rank the HEALTH & BEHAVIOR services from most needed (1-One) to least needed (11-Eleven) for you and your family from the list below.

- _____ Family Mentoring/Parenting Classes
- _____ Food Boxes/ Bags of Groceries/Prepared Meals
- _____ Wellness Education
- _____ Exercise & Fitness
- _____ Emergency Hygiene Facility Use (showers, toilets, sinks)
- _____ Substance Abuse Support Groups
- _____ Domestic Violence Programs/Support Groups
- _____ Emergency Hygiene Kits/Boxes (toiletries, soap, feminine products)
- _____ Nutrition Skills
- _____ Mental Health Support Groups
- _____ Case Management (navigating insurance, finding resources, etc)

13. Please rank the EDUCATION & RECREATION services from most needed (1-One) to least needed (9-Nine) for you and your family from the list below.

- _____ Parent Support
- _____ Daycare/Childcare
- _____ Youth Recreation Activities
- _____ Summer Program
- _____ Mentoring/Tutoring
- _____ Child/Youth Education Support and Early Learning Programs
- _____ Before/After School Activities

- _____ Adult Education
- _____ College & Graduate School Application Assistance

14. Please rank the HOUSING & SHELTER services from most needed (1-One) to least needed (8-Eight) for you and your community from the list below.

- _____ Landlord/Tenant Mediation
- _____ Rent Payment Assistance
- _____ Eviction Counseling
- _____ Deposit Payment Assistance
- _____ Utility Payment Assistance
- _____ Basic Living Needs (ex. microwave, stove, and refrigerator)
- _____ Low-Income Housing Rental Listings
- _____ Shelter Listings

15. Are there any other services not mentioned that are critically needed for low-income American Indian and Alaska Native residents living in Los Angeles County? Please write below.

End of Survey.