

**Nevada Department of Native American Affairs
Meeting Minutes
Stewart Indian School
5366 Snyder Avenue, Building #3
Reno NV 89701**

**Friday January 31, 2025
4:00 pm**

Commissioners Present:

Staci Emm, Acting Chair
Dr. Art Martinez, Commissioner
Dr. Arlie Stops, Commissioner

Department of Native American Affairs Staff Present:

Stacey Montooth, Executive Director
Sarina Nez, Program Officer
Lori Arrive, Office Manger
Melanie Smokey, Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum (SISCCM) Education Curator

The meeting was convened by Executive Director Stacey Montooth and a quorum was established. Acting Chair Emm joined at 4:09 pm and assumed chairing the meeting. Sarina Nez provided the invocation and the land acknowledgment.

Lori Arrive the new Office Manager and Melanie Smokey the SISCCM Museum Curator introduced themselves to the Commissioners.

Initial Public Comment

Acting Chair Emm brought up national news, executive orders, and national concerns for Tribes. Dr. Martinez shared clarification of how these orders may impact Native Americans.

New Business:

Review – Indian Education Advisory Committee member applications for approval

Director Montooth reviewed Indian Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) applications submitted by Sara Twiss and Kyle Ethelbah.

Motion: To approve submitted applications

By: Dr. Stops

Second: Dr. Martinez

Vote: Unanimously

Final Public Comments:

Director Montooth discuss Tribes Day 02.11.2025

Acting Chair Emm- will be attending Tribes Day.

Dr. Martinez- Education Legislative Effort- Do we have an agenda?

Director Montooth- Ask Dr. Martinez to bring up at Tribes Day Roundtable. The sovereignty of Tribes Health Services- Traditional Health/ Healing- (11/15 waver)

Adjournment:

Motion: Adjourn Department of Native American Affairs 01/31/2025 Meeting

By: Dr. Stops

Second: Dr. Martinez

Vote: Approved by acclamation

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.