

Nevada Indian Commission

Civic Engagement Advisory Committee Report

Meeting: January 29, 2024

Introduction:

The Nevada Indian Commission, pursuant to NRS 233A.100, Powers of Commission, is authorized to appoint advisory committees whenever necessary or appropriate to assist and advise the Commission in the performance of its duties and responsibilities. At a meeting duly held on July 21, 2023, the Commission authorized the formation of an advisory committee on civic engagement.

The purpose of the Nevada Civic Engagement Advisory Committee (CEAC) is to support our 28 Tribal Nations, Bands, Colonies and our 62,000 Urban Indians in building a statewide ecosystem of nonpartisan civic education and engagement focused on Native American affairs.

CEAC will meet regularly to discuss all aspects of civic engagement including the the U.S. Census, redistricting, voter registration, education and engagement; election services and navigating the Nevada Legislature. As a state agency, the Commission must stay neutral and nonpartisan, our NIC leadership's aim is to ensure that our people have access to accurate and timely information and resources to support these efforts.

Report

To launch the NV Civic Engagement Advisory Committee, NIC partnered with the [Native Organizers Alliance](#) (NOA), a national Native-led, nonpartisan organization that provides capacity building training, rooted in traditional values, for Native leaders and organizations both in rural and urban communities. The training was held September 20-22, 2023 on the Stewart campus.

Attendees included:

1. Randi Lone Eagle, Chair - Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
2. Andrea Martinez, Chair - Walker River Paiute Tribe
3. Bethany Sam, PIO - Reno Sparks Indian Colony
4. Tammi Tiger, NIC Commissioner
5. Staci Emm, NIC Commissioner
6. Brian Wadsworth, NIC Commissioner
7. Stacey Montooth, NIC Executive Director
8. Sarina Nez, NIC Program Officer
9. Valerie Seukteoma, NIC Admin Assistant
10. Janet Davis, NIC
11. Nizhoni Widehat, NVAN, Northern NV Community Organizer
12. Sandra Mitrovich, National Congress of American Indians
13. Danielle Finn, UNLV - Indian Nations Gaming & Governance
14. Kadie Zeller, UNLV - Nevada Minority Health & Equity Coalition, Tribal Steering

The training consisted of the NOA Theory of Change module, power mapping, review of Nevada's Native history on a timeline, which revealed significant wins and power building led by Tribes over the years. The session concluded with needs and priorities in our respective communities and how we can work together as Natives in Nevada - Tribes and urban.

Areas of focus for NV CEAC:

1. Educate on processes involved in civics - invite key agencies, orgs and subject matter experts to meetings to present
2. Support communication, outreach and coordination of resources
3. Report on collective efforts as a centralized source of Native American civic-related data for the state

Action item: Set monthly meeting dates for February - December

Action item: Schedule monthly presentations

Important Dates for NV CEAC:

2024

- 2/6/2024 Presidential Preference Primary
- 6/11/2024 Primary Election
- 11/5/2024 General Election

2025

- 2/3/2025 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature
- 2/11/2025 Nevada Tribes Legislative Day

2026

Elections

2027

84th Session of the Nevada Legislature

2028

Elections

2029

85th Session of the Nevada Legislature

2030

- 4/1/2030 U.S. Census

2031

- 4/1/2031* Redistricting