



Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
October 15th, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Scott Brewer at 1:07pm

Invocation: Vice-Chair Tuttle provided invocation

Roll Call: Secretary Ashasteen-Bryant

Present: Commissioner Felica Ahasteen-Bryant, (Sonya Rush) Commissioner Tatiana Alvarez, Chairman Scott Brewer, Vice-Chair Sally Tuttle, Commissioner Rebecca McLain, Sen. David Niezgodski, Commissioner Connor Ortman, Rep. Chris Campbell

Absent: Commissioner Eli Chavez, Rep. Chris Campbell, Sen. Greg Walker, Commissioner Monica Raphael, Commissioner David Liebel, Commissioner Pete Magnent, Sen. Jake Teshka, Commissioner Paul Strack

Guests: Cathy Draeger-Williams, Debra Haza

Quorum established with 5 members in-person, 4 members online at 1:12pm

Open Discussion:

1. ICRC Director Clay provided an update on the 3 procurement packages that the commission voted to fund at the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. All 3 packages for the 3 separate programming went through and were paid. Everyone was invoiced. ICRC Executive Assistant, Lucy Travis, clarified for the commission that if something wants to be added to the agenda the information is sent to her 5 days prior to the meeting to align with the Bylaws. She also clarified how the usual process works for procurement, highlighting that we cannot pay back for items that commission does not vote on. Any money being moved out of the License plate must be approved by the commission. ICRC does not do cash advances as that is not how State Procurement works. The process for procurement was clarified once again, first the commission brings the program to the commission to vote. Once a vote is made and everyone agrees, then Ms. Travis can begin working on the package. After I fill out the package, I can get it over to our CFO where she will push it through State Budget, IDOA, and State Comptroller. Lucy clarified that even if the commission votes to use the money, the final decision is made by IDOA. The statute provides guidelines on what the License Plate money can be used for, but you still must follow IDOA Procurement Guidelines as well. Lucy asked for line-items on what the money would be used for. Packages might take 30,60, or 90 days but it depends on the amount that is being asked. Any money that the commission will want to use needs to be given at least 90 days in advance just for the package to go through, then another 30 days for it to be released into the bank account. If you are working with a new Vendor, we have to consider another 30 days for a Vendor ID to be processed so the money has somewhere to go.
2. Cathy Draeger-Williams informed the commission that Human remains were found pursuant to IC 14-21-1-25.5.

3. Sec. Felica Ahasteen-Bryant asked about our scholarship fund and Rep. Chris Campbell informed us that the scholarship cannot be based on certain characteristics. Any scholarship that were to include this would be challenged in court. Vice-Chair Tuttle asked if we could put in the question if they are a tribal member but was told that we cannot since that ca be considered bias.

New Business:

1. September Meeting Minutes- Motion to approve (9-0-0)
2. Financial Report- Motion to approve (9-0-0)
3. Annual Budget- Motion to approve (8-0-0)

Public Comments:

Debra Haza: Asked Senator Niezgodski if he was aware of the Summer Scholarship committee; however, Senator Niezgodski was not called to serve on the committee. He informed the commission the study commission ended on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Haza asked if the committee could make decisions and Sarah Potter informed her that the committee can make suggestions and it will be up to the interpretation of the Governor's General Counsel. Director Clay clarified that it is based on past DEI Supreme Court Ruling and we are getting further clarification about whether we can pay Janelle Cronin's scholarship. Informed she was putting together a proposal for December for a program.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57pm

Meeting Minutes Submitted by

Lucy Travis

ICRC Executive Assistant