

**Meeting Minutes – Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)
Education Subcommittee**

Friday, October 9, 2015
2:30pm EDT

The Education Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 2:40pm.

Commissioners Present: Shannon Turner, Tracy Locke, Erin Oliver, Pete Magnant

Commissioners Not Present: Sen. Randy Head, Sarah Ancel

Staff Present: Kerry Steiner

Volunteers Present: Debra Haza

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes

Erin Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 Education Subcommittee meeting; Pete Magnant seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Pete Magnant made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 Education Subcommittee meeting; Shannon Turner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Erin Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2015 Education Subcommittee meeting; Shannon Turner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Tracy Locke made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2015 Education Subcommittee meeting; Shannon Turner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Agenda Items: Items #4 and #5 on AICI Eligibility Form

Kerry Steiner provided clarification on Items #4 and #5 and explained that Doug Poe, executive director of the American Indian Center of Indiana (AICI), calls the tribe and asks for a letter to be sent on the tribal letterhead verifying the Native American heritage of the student applicant.

Erin Oliver asked whether AICI will return all applications or only those that are approved, adding that it would be important for INAIAC to track all applicants, where they live and their tribal affiliations, etc., and it was agreed that the Memorandum of Understanding be amended to include this language.

Shannon Turner asked if historic tribes of Indiana include the Wea Tribe and Kerry Steiner explained that it does because they maintain current tribal rolls that are kept in Indiana. Shannon Turner asked what documentation was used for this decision and Kerry Steiner explained it is based on the Wea's involvement in the Greenville Treaty.

Erin Oliver asked if the applications that are not approved will provide a reason for denial and Kerry Steiner responded saying the form does not currently state that but it can be added.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.