



Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)
Meeting Minutes
February 18th, 2026

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Scott Brewer at 1:43pm

Invocation: Chair Scott Brewer Provided Invocation

Roll Call: Executive Assistant Lucy Travis

Present: Chair Scott Brewer, Vice-Chair Sally Tuttle, Commissioner Paul Strack, Commissioner Monica Raphael, Commissioner David Liebel, Commissioner Tatiana Alvarez (Yvonne Moore), Commissioner Connor Ortman (Katherine Wissel), Commissioner Eli Chavez, Commissioner Sarah Potter, Commissioner Rebecca McClain

Absent: Secretary Felica Ahasteen-Bryant, Commissioner Pete Magnant, Senator Greg Walker, Rep. Jake Teshka, Senator David Niezgodski, Rep. Chris Campbell

Guest(s): Brooklyn Marrs, Lucy Travis, Gil Porter, Debra Haza, Members of the Heritage Foundation, Ms. Al-Zahara & Mr. H, Rob Miller,

Quorum established with 7 Commissioners In-Person, 3 Commissioners Virtual

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Strack requested that House Bill 1003 be added under New Business and approve the agenda with revisions. A motion was made to approve the agenda with the proposed revision. The motion was seconded and approved.

Chairman Scott Brewer informed the Commission he will be asking for a Special Meeting in March so the Commission can discuss House Bill 1003.

Director's Report:

Lucy Travis, ICRC, provided an update that Janelle Cronin's scholarship has been completed or is about to be completed within the next few days.

Lucy Travis, ICRC also reminded the commission that ICRC cannot provide legal advice regarding the creation of a 501(c)3 Non-Profit.

New Business:

1. INAIAC December Meeting Minutes:

Lucy Travis, ICRC, clarified that the meeting minutes were internally fixed. Motion was made and was seconded, motion carries by voice vote.

2. November Financial Report

A discussion on the financials of the license plate fund. Lucy Travis, ICRC, made a note that the fund increased from the November Financial Report. A motion was made and seconded, the motion carries by voice vote.

3. Officer Elections

Due to confusion regarding Governor's appointments, a motion was made and seconded to retain current officers regardless of term status until further clarification from the Governor's office.

Chair Scott Brewer (y), Vice-Chair Sally Tuttle (y), Commissioner Paul Strack (y), Commissioner Monica Raphael (y), Commissioner David Liebel (y), Commissioner Tatiana Alvarez (Yvonne Moore) (y), Commissioner Connor Ortman (Katherine Wissel) (y), Commissioner Eli Chavez (a), Commissioner Sarah Potter (a), Commissioner Rebecca McClain(y)

Partner Presentations:

1. Greg Gill

Discussion of House Bill 1003 The Commission held a detailed discussion regarding HB 1003. Key points included:

- Questions regarding references to a "big Commission," "mini commissions," and potential connections to a 501(c)(3), none of which appear in the bill language.
- Clarification that the Treasury Department currently holds certain Native American-related funds and awaits Commission direction regarding their use.
- Concerns about language in the bill that may indicate movement toward privatization of some functions.
- Recognition that certain assumed relationships or structures are not explicitly reflected in the statutory language.
- Agreement that further review of the bill's wording is needed.

Legislative Process Update:

Staff outlined the upcoming legislative steps for HB 1003, including anticipated second and third readings, the potential for Senate amendments, and the possibility of a conference committee depending on changes. Members noted that the legislative session concludes at the end of February.

Additional Business/ Administrative Notes:

- Chairman Brewer confirmed that the next meeting will be a full public Commission meeting, not a work session. Public notice will be issued, and standard procedures will apply.
- Agenda items must be submitted at least one week in advance. • The financial report is scheduled for the April meeting unless an earlier report is requested.

- Chairman Brewer emphasized the importance of focusing upcoming meetings on resolving issues related to “HB1003” and invited Director Clay to present operational insights.
- Members discussed accepting proposals or materials from stakeholders and agreed that they should be submitted in advance for review.

Public Comments:

One attendee was provided with the opportunity to speak and indicated via chat that she had no comments. Public Comments were made by Debbie Haza regarding the formation of a singular cultural commission and the cooperation with a 501(c)3 organization.

Commission meeting adjourned at 2:51pm

Meeting Minutes submitted by ICRC Executive Assistant, Lucy Travis