



**LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON INDIAN
SERVICES**

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MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 29, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtually via Zoom

Members Present:

Brenda Meade, Tribal Chairperson, Coquille Indian Tribe (LCIS Chair)
Dee Pigsley, Tribal Chairman, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (LCIS Vice-Chair)
Cheryle Kennedy, Chairwoman, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Don Gentry, Tribal Chairman, Klamath Tribes
Debbie Bossley, Tribal Chairman, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw
Kat Brigham, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian
Reservation
Dan Courtney, Tribal Chairman, Tribal Board of Directors, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of
Indians
Louie Pitt, Government Affairs Director for Raymond Tsumpti, Tribal Chairman,
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Arnie Roblan, Senator
Tawna D. Sanchez, Representative
Jackie Mercer, CEO, NARA Northwest (non-voting)

Members Absent:

Eric Hawley, Tribal Vice-Chairman, Burns Paiute Tribe (Tribal Government Business)
Bill Hansell, Senator (Legislative Business)
Daniel Bonham, Representative (Legislative Business)

Staff

Adrienne Fischer, Commission Assistant, Legislative Commission on Indian Services

In Attendance:

1. Dave Stucky
2. Julie Bettles
3. Andrew Phelps
4. Joseph Allen
5. Allison Davis White Eyes
6. Janine Belleque
7. Bruce Zimmerman
8. Annalisa Bhatia
9. Josh Davies
10. Mark Petrie
11. John Pouley
12. Kim Travis
13. Dawn Marie Alapisco
14. George Lopez
15. Mark Johnston
16. Aimee Steketee
17. Doc Slyter
18. Teresa Rainey
19. Marina Cassandra
20. Lisa Kwan
21. April Campbell
22. Colt Gill
23. Ramona Halcomb
24. Deleana Otherbull
25. Scott Nine
26. Lisa Ansell
27. Chris Cummings
28. Josh Hardage
29. Kassandra Rippee
30. Louie Pitt
31. Anna Richter Tayler
32. Tracy Kennedy
33. Charlene Alexander
34. Doug Barret
35. F. King Alexander

WELCOME – Chairwoman Meade

Chairwoman Meade called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. and welcomed the members and guests.

INVOCATION

Chairwoman Kat Brigham gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chair Pigsley and seconded by Senator Roblan to approve the minutes for the March 04, 2020 LCIS meeting. There were two abstentions. Senator Roblan made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2020 and the motion was seconded by Chair Bossley. There were two abstentions. Both sets of minutes were approved by Commission Members

UPDATE ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

Chair Meade updated the Commission on the Executive Director position and summarized the special meeting on held on September 18. Chair Meade also shared that the Commission had recently updated the position description before former Director Karen Quigley retired. Legislative Employee Services has prepared a potential timeline and is ready to assist the Commission in the hiring of a new Director. Chair Meade raised the possibility of appointing an Interim Director and noted that this could be very beneficial since LCIS is such a small office. Chair Meade shared that she has reached out to former Director Karen Quigley and former Interim Director Danny Santos and that they were willing and available to assist the Commission in this transition. Chair Kennedy noted that she would support the formation of a committee to review the documents related to hiring a new Director. Chair Pigsley noted that there were two very good options for an Interim Director. Chair Brigham brought attention to the presented hiring schedule. Chair Meade Aimee Steketee addressed the Commission and acknowledged that the presented timeline was very aggressive. The first thing that must be done is approving the job description. Commission members discussed the last hiring process

MOTION: Chair Brigham made a motion to appoint Danny Santos as Interim Director for a six-month duration with a possible extension and that the recommended hiring process be followed. The motion was seconded by Chair Bossley. The motion was approved by acclimation.

Commission Members discussed the formation of a hiring committee and points that they would like to see be part of the position description.

Chair Meade stressed that this process be driven by the Commission and that the hiring committee would play an important role. Chair Meade, Chair Kennedy, Chair Pigsley, Commission Member Mercer, Chair Courtney and Chair Bossley volunteered to serve on the hiring committee.

MOTION: Chair Brigham made a motion to approve the appointment of Chair Meade, Chair Kennedy, Chair Pigsley, Commission Member Mercer, Chair Courtney and Chair Bossley to the LCIS steering committee. Chair Gentry seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclimation.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Andrew Phelps, Director & Erich Rau, Emergency Management Planner

Chair Meade introduced the Director of the Agency, Andrew Phelps and offered thanks that he was able to join the Commission at this meeting as they are still dealing with several emergencies affecting our State. Director Phelps introduced himself to the Commission and reaffirmed the Agency's commitment to strengthening and maintaining positive relationships with the Tribal Nations of Oregon. 2020 has been a busy year for the Department of Emergency Management and the role preparedness has proved vital. He noted that minority communities and Tribes are disproportionately affected. This year has reinforced the importance of achieving an established culture of equitable preparedness for the State. In February, the State experienced major flooding in Northeast Oregon for the second year, which led to a disaster declaration in three counties and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation. Eighty-six homes were destroyed or sustained significant damage on the reservation. During the recovery from this major flooding event, the State began see the COVID-19 pandemic affect the State. The response to the pandemic has is somewhat unusual for emergency managers as it is such a long-lasting event.

The Agency has also worked with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to address chronic drinking water issues. As the year progressed, the Agency was soon facing peak fire season. They initially saw evacuation in the Columbia River Gorge and the loss of several homes. Things took a turn for the worse Labor Day weekend when east winds pushed fires into urban areas. These fires have been devastating. Thousands of Oregonians have lost their homes and at least nine Oregonians have lost their lives. We are beginning the long road to recovery from these fires. Governor Brown sought and received a major disaster declaration in twenty counties due to the fires and FEMA has distributed nine million dollars to impacted Oregonians. Director Phelps then recognized several people within the agency that work with Tribal partners: Joseph Murray, Amanda Mathis, Carol Layng, Doug Jimenez. Amie Bashant on the Natural Resources and Cultural Resources Cluster Groups. Eric Rau, who couldn't attend this meeting as he is in the field, represents the Agency on the Public Safety Cluster Group and serves as the Agency's Tribal Liaison.

OEM manages several State and Federal grant programs. Each Tribe is eligible apply for funds under the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). This grant provides funds for emergency management operations. In 2020 the Coquille Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Klamath Tribes, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs applied for and received \$62,500 through this grant program. Each of the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes are also eligible to apply for an \$10,000 to fund an emergency related cost related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This application closes on the 1st of October. In 2017 the Agency received funding for the Safety Preparedness Incident Response Equipment Grant (SPIRE). The intention of this grant is to supply critical resources to fill gaps in our response capabilities. Two Tribes applied for and received this Grant.

Director Phelps noted that the State has been tested in many ways this year and that there is always more work to do. In 2016 they held the largest disaster preparation exercise to be held in the Northwest. It provided many recommendations to improve our disaster preparedness and we have seen the benefits of some of these suggestions this year. FEMA has recognized the threat of the Cascadia Subduction Zone and has worked towards another exercise in 2022. They want to make sure that Tribes are involved in this exercise.

Chair Brigham thanked Director Phelps for his report. She noted that the Umatilla Tribe is still dealing with the impacts of the flooding earlier this year. In particular, there was a crucial bridge wiped out. They are meeting with Umatilla county to get it repaired because it is an important bridge, for school children and for fire response. Director Phelps said that he would follow up on that issue and see how they could help.

Chair Meade noted the need for coordination and communication between Tribes and the State on emergency management. She also noted that the infrastructure at the county level is not always robust in staff support, so there is need for a Tribal Liaison who can reach out and who has a travel budget. The Tribes are happy to hear from OEM today.

Chair Brigham asked about the exercise to happen in 2022. They anticipate it will be held in June of 2022. They will initiate planning meetings to make sure that it is a valuable exercise for all of Oregon

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Colt Gill, Director, April Campbell, Indian Education Advisor, Ramona Halcomb, Indian Education Specialist

Chair Meade welcomed the Department of Education and recognized how much they are also handling during these events of 2020. Director Gill shared that they were very happy to be there to present and he then introduced others who were joining him from the Department of Education, April Campbell, Ramona Halcomb, Deleana Otherbull

Deleana Otherbull greeted the Commission and shared she was serving as the Native Student Success Coordinator. She is responsible for coordinating and implementing the Native Student Success Plan. The plan was adopted in March of 2020 and updated from 2017. The first plan was created in 1991. The plan focuses on centering graduation rates for students, increasing American Indian/Alaska Native educators, supporting Tribal language and education programs and strategies for addressing chronic absenteeism and the American Indian Curriculum. They have issued RFA's for grants that fall under the plan. One focuses on student success so grant funding can be applied for to address disproportionate discipline, Title 6 and attendance. They also released an RFA for American Indian/Alaska Native educators to support Title 6. There is also non-competitive funding for language programs for Tribes.

April Campbell shared that she would be speaking about SB 13. They were able to get lesson plans out last biennium in grades 4th, 8th and 10th and they have almost forty lessons

posted. They are still requiring districts to teach at least fifteen lessons of their choosing. They are also adapting the lessons to distance learning. The second piece of those lessons plans was developing professional development opportunities. They have been doing that for the past eight months and there are several trainings on the website currently. They will be rolling out all nine of their essential understandings concepts by the end of October. Next steps include working to develop plans for kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 11th. This was a decision made by the Education Cluster Group. Those plans will hopefully be available by the summer of 2021. Finally, they were able to get resources out to all Nine Tribes, so they could create their own local place-based resources. All Nine Tribes opted in this year to do additional lessons.

Ramona Halcomb spoke about the Tribal TAPP program. The Tribal Attendance Promising Practices Grant supports nine school districts and provides services to seventeen schools selected by the Nine Tribes. TAPP began because of a report put out by the Chalkboard which showed that Tribally enrolled students were chronically absent 33% of the time compared to peers at 19%. This has been improved for Tribes students. The program seeks to strengthen the ties between the schools and the Tribes. Some major highlights of TAPP are family engagement, connecting with at least one caring adult, the inclusion of Native American curriculum. She noted that some schools were teaching Native American curriculum before SB 13. TAPP also provides professional development. ODE has launched a campaign to promote positive role models and have deployed posters depicting high school graduates and hosted speakers. There have been many positive outcomes from the program such as increased Native American/Alaska Native visibility.

Director Gill spoke about an initiative that came from the Students. A student from Senator Roblan's district brought attention to the impact hate symbols had on students accessing their education. So, they began an initiative to create the first ever state-wide rule prohibiting symbols of hate on school grounds and school settings. There are several guidance documents in process. It is in place as a temporary rule in order to get it in place quickly and will be permanent soon. The Agency will be bringing a legislative concept affirming the right of Native Students to wear regalia and ceremonial items at school, most importantly at graduation. He noted that he sends a letter to all superintendents every year reaffirming that Native American students should have this right. However, he said that this was a request from him and that it would be beneficial for ensuring this right. Finally, they have their ready schools, safe learners guidance out in several forms informing schools when and how they can open. This is a very challenging time. In the State, about 75% of school districts are operating under comprehensive learning. About 25% are doing regular in person instruction and this tends to be in smaller, more remote schools. Available at every school is limited in person instruction, which supports very small cohorts of 10 students or less meeting for two hours at school to support social and emotional well being or academic needs. Most students across the state are engaged in distance learning. They are also continuing to meet with the Education Cluster and meeting every six weeks.

Chair Brigham expressed thanks for the report and shared that it would be wonderful for Tribal Chairs to be able to hand out diplomas to students from their Tribes. She also noted

that Treaties are not taught and that Tribal members must learn that information from their elders because they don't learn about it elsewhere. April Campbell shared that Treaties are a part of the new curriculum.

Chair Meade spoke about the social impacts of social distance and distance learning and inquired about the what the Department thought about the impacts of that. Ramona Halcomb noted that no solution has been perfect, but there have been many creative efforts to center community and culture. Director Gill noted that it has been difficult to access education and that the impacts on social and emotional health could be significant. There have been changes that increase virtual contact between students and between students and teachers, but the ultimate goal for everyone is for children to return to school.

Senator Roblan thanked the Director Gill and everyone for their efforts on the legislative concept and noted that they were demonstrating to students that they had a voice and could effect change. This is a really important issue. He also noted how far the Agency has come in terms of Indian education.

MOTION: A motion was made by Chair Gentry and seconded by Chair Brigham for LCIS to support the legislative concept for Native American regalia and ceremonial items to be used in school events and for the Department of Education and the Nine Tribes to coordinate.

BUSINESS OREGON – Chris Cummings, Interim Director

Chris Cummings introduced himself as Interim Director of Business Oregon. They are there to talk about a legislative concept that has come from the Economic Development Cluster Group. Bruce Zimmerman is attending the meeting to describe the concept. Lisa Ansell is also on the call along with Josh Hardage who will take over as Tribal Liaison from Lisa when she retires.

Bruce Zimmerman introduced himself and thanked everyone who worked hard to develop this concept. The group has been meeting monthly and has had great support from Business Oregon, DCBS and the Secretary of State, Regional Solutions and ATNI. One of the key topics of discussion has been barriers to economic development. They have identified internal capacity and institutional knowledge as a key issue. Oftentimes funding pays for an outside profession to come in and complete a project, but that person leaves, and the knowledge goes with them. They want to build a program that builds institutional knowledge in economic develop. They also know that each community is unique in where they are with economic development and that they all have their own goals. They have had great input from Tracy Kennedy from Burns Paiute, Stephanie Watkins from Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw and Jared Hall from the Klamath Tribes. Ultimately the Cluster Group came up with the idea of a grant program that would be administered by Business Oregon. They have found that with grants and other programs that most success come when each party is participating though both oversight and funding. So, they decided to establish a long-term program that transitioned from a cost share program to a Tribal employee

program. The scope of work would be jointly decided on by the Tribes and Business Oregon. Some examples where a small business center and a manager of industrial land. There would be an annual report submitted to Business Oregon. The Cluster group wanted to make sure that the employee's time would be dedicated to economic development. There has been a lot of discussion and a lot of support from the Tribes.

Director Cummings thanked Bruce for all his work. He noted that Business Oregon was the economic development agency for the State of Oregon and have programs in all areas of the State. Because they have so many programs, they have developed a strategic plan which includes a vision of prosperity for all Oregonians. They want to make sure that all populations of the State to succeed, especially rural areas. They recognize that the Tribes are often the largest employers in their areas. They know that capacity is an issue; you need people to implement great ideas. He noted that the great thing about what Bruce described is that it is truly a partnership, it isn't the State telling people what to do. They are very excited about working on this partnership. He noted that they would really appreciate support for this work.

Chair Meade asked about how they would prioritize needs among the Tribes. Bruce Zimmerman noted that they were continuing to work on that and that it was brought up by Tribes that did not have a dedicated person to deal with economic development. It is still being worked on by the Tribes and by Business Oregon. Chair Meade noted that they recognized different needs for each Tribe and that the Oregon Tribes recently had meeting to discuss COVID relief where they noted that sometimes it was efficient to divide funds evenly between the Tribes.

Chair Brigham noted that Mr. Zimmerman brought the concept to their Tribes Board of Trustees and it was approved. She reiterated that the Tribes were often the biggest employers in their areas but that their endeavors were not diverse. This is something they wish to do but have had trouble. It is important for Tribes to diversify.

MOTION: Chair Brigham made a motion to support the concept of this proposal from the Economic Development Cluster with the understanding that the final version will be brought to the Commission for final review. It was seconded by Chair Gentry and approved by acclamation.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE –John Pouley, Interim State Archaeologist

John Pouley greeted the commission and shared that the Agency was dealing with the retirement of the State Archaeologist and reduced staff due to COVID. The office typically has a staff of five reviewers and four archaeologists. They work very closely with the Tribes and their THPO offices. Reduced staffing has been a hardship for the Agency. The remaining two archaeologists in the office reviewed the work of the office and worked to focus efforts on the essential business of the Agency. Archaeological permits are the most important work.

Archaeologist send permits application to the office. They must get a permit if they are doing any work within an archaeological site or to find an archaeological site on public land or if they are working within a known site on private land. Initially the office processed about 250 permits a year, yet this year they are already over 300.

When a permit application is received, it is sent to LCIS for designation of appropriate Tribes to notify. LCIS must reply within 48 hours. Once LCIS lets SHPO know which Tribes to notify, they send an email to the applicant letting them know that the permit is being reviewed. The Tribes designated by LCIS, LCIS, the University of Oregon Museum, the landowner or public land management agency and the city or county planning office are copied on the notice.

SHPO has begun to notify applicants, with a copy to the Tribes who are dealing with an archaeological site that is Native American, that they must reach out to the Tribe in the 30-day review period to discuss their project. This requirement is in rule, but they found that it was not happening.

The permit goes out to reviewers with a form that allows for acceptance, conditions or rejection of the permit. Any conditions become part of the permit. If a response is not received from a reviewer, it is considered approved. The permit is issued once all reviewers have submitted approval or conditions, or at the end of 30 days, the permit is issued. A full copy of the finished report is due to all reviewers once complete.

SHPO was moving to update an outdated Administrative Rule before the start of the COVID pandemic. It has not moved forward, but it will involve the Nine Tribes and LCIS. SHPO wants input from the Tribes.

Chair Meade shared that she had concerns about the possibility of permits not being reviewed by the Tribes. Mr. Pouley replied that was not the case as this was a high priority for their office. It is possible that it might be taking longer to process the permits, but they are all being processed. Chair Meade then asked about plans to hire more staff and whether that was something the Tribes would be able to have input. Mr. Pouley noted that the BLM and Forest Service have provided funding for a position to review BLM and Forest undertakings only and they are using that funding to bring back the archaeologist that had been laid off due to COVID. Their Agency is under a hiring freeze, but they did receive permission to recruit for the State Archaeologist position. They hope to be back at four archaeologists soon.

Chair Brigham shared concerns about who notifications were being sent to and Mr. Pouley assured the Commission that they know the Cultural contacts well the Tribes very well and that the Tribal contacts always respond to permits.

Chair Meade emphasized that sacred site protection was tremendously important to the Tribes.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:

Confederated Tribe of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians – Chief Doc Slyter & Chair Bossley:

Chief Slyter spoke about the vacant position at the Department of Corrections referenced at the last meeting. It was an important position for the Tribes, and he would like to see that follow-up. Chief Slyter also spoke about fish hatcheries around the State and the effects of the fires. He hopes that LCIS will be involved in having conversations with the State about the hatcheries. Chair Bossley noted that they had a few families displaced due to the fires, but they thankfully did not lose their homes. Their casino seems to be doing well and the Tribes have about 75% of their employees back.

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – Chairman Delores Pigsley:

Chairman Pigsley shared that the casino was a gathering point during the fires and that they were later evacuated. The fire was only about 4 miles away. None of their facilities burned. Nine Tribal members lost their homes. She noted that there was a lack of communication during this time. It was important to have a plan for emergencies and not just for tsunamis. Due to COVID they are learning to do a lot of things distantly and in some cases it seems to improve service. There have been several staff changes at the Tribe. Gerald Smith has been hired as the new General Manager. Chair Pigsley noted that they have hired for several positions where there was a lot of institutional knowledge. There have been only two cases of COVID at the Tribe.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde – Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy: Chairwoman Kennedy shared that this is a very serious time. She noted that Hwy 18 was closed right at Grand Ronde and that they served as a substation for the Echo Mountain Fire. They are very proud of their Tribal Members and staff who helped the firefighters. She shared that they were one of the first Tribes to get the rapid test and performed that test for other Tribes. Their clinic has been able to remain open throughout the pandemic. Chair Kennedy shared concerns about the education system during this time. They have provided online tutors to help. The Tribe is also in the process of preparing their budget and has plans to develop housing that has been postponed due to COVID and the fires.

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation – Chair Kat Brigham: Chair Brigham shared that the Tribe has tested of 1200 people and over 1100 people have come back negative. They did have 77 positive cases. They have a system set up so that every Tribal member can be tested anytime. They have been concerned about the fires and are thankful that there have been no large fires near them. They opened a new funplex and were able to space out the opening so that everyone could attend over several days.

The Klamath Tribes – Chairman Don Gentry: Chairman Gentry shared that the 242 Fire has burned right outside of Chiloquin. Several community member and Tribal Members were forced to evacuate. The Tribes casino parking lot because an evacuation center. There were also able to accommodate people at their hotel and provide food for the fire fighters.

They lost ten homes including the home of longtime former Chairman Chuck Kimbol. The historic Klamath Agency was also lost. They were thankful that there was no loss of life. The community came together throughout this experience. The Tribe has an emergency plan and was shown that there are some things that can be improved, specifically communication. They have been working to assist Tribal members with COVID related issues and have had positive cases and are doing all they can to protect the community. Education has been a concern for the Tribe as well.

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians – Chairman Dan Courtney: Chairman Courtney shared that they were also dealing fires in their area and that they have been devastating to some pristine areas. No Tribal lands were affected. One or two Tribal members have lost their homes. The community has been very supportive. They continue to do COVID testing for Tribal Members and the community. Their positive cases have been low. They have been able to slowly open their offices. The Tribe is currently working on their budget. Elections were recently held and both seats that were up for elections were retained by the incumbents.

Senator Roblan - Senator Roblan shared that they had Legislative days last week and that there were meetings about the upcoming session. There will be on more set of Legislative Days in December before session. Pre-Session bills were due by September 25th. There was a day for appoints to boards and commissions. They recently had an E-Board meeting and they dealt with several things that were not all COVID related. He noted that country fairs and buildings are important, and this was made apparent during the fires as they were all used for evacuations. Senator Roblan spoke of the fires and shared stories of several individuals who were involved or affected. A new revenue forecast has been issued and it was much more positive than the previous one. He noted that he would be leaving the Legislature and the Commission and was so thankful for the opportunity to serve on LCIS.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs – Louie Pitt, Governmental Affairs Director: Mr. Pitt thanked Senator Roblan for all his work on behalf of Oregon's Tribes. The Tribe has had 9 deaths from COVID. There is a response team at the Tribe, and they saw the need to come up with a tool, ordinance 101, for people who test positive, but will not isolate. They are emphasizing masking and social distancing and hand washing. They are also concerned about fires, specifically the Lions Head Fire. It is contained at 35%, but with the changing weather, it is a concern. Tribal government is working on budgets and is dealing with the ongoing water situation. They do now have water for the area where the bulk of Tribal Members live.

Coquille Indian Tribe - Chairperson Brenda Meade: Chair Meade acknowledged how much had changed since the last LCIS meeting and that it was sad to hear about all the struggles all the Tribes are facing with COVID and fires. She also noted that the Tribes have offered tremendous support during these times. The Tribe is dealing with distance learning are have concern for the health and emotional health of the children. Tribal members were under level two and three evacuation orders. One family lost their home. There was smoke in their area and they were able to help with RV parking. They are preparing for the worst

and hoping for the best. They are still in the middle of building the Coquille Wellness Center. It is an opportunity for the Tribe to expand their healthcare options for Tribal members, employees, and now the general public. They are very excited to expand their services and offer more holistic care. They are scheduled to have a grand opening in July of 2021 and will soon start a hiring campaign. The Tribe will have elections coming up soon. There is a vacancy with the loss of Tribal Council Member Toni Ann Brend and another seat due to the retirement of Vice-Chair Kippy Robbins.

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY– F. King Alexander, University President

Dr. Alexander was introduced by Dr. Charlene Alexander who also noted that Allison Davis Davis White Eyes, and Dawn Marie Alapisco were also in attendance. President Alexander shared that he was honored to present to LCIS from Oregon State University, which is located in the homeland of the Kalapuya. Following the Willamette Valley Treaty in 1855, the Kalapuya people were forcibly removed to the reservations in Western Oregon. Today these people are part of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. While new to Oregon, he wished to express his deep appreciation for being here in this land of your ancestors and your sovereign Nations. The existence of this Commission reflects the importance of an ongoing forum for consideration of Tribal/State issues. He recognized the work that all Commission Members do and that it stems from a great deep love and spiritual relationship with the land and a commitment and responsibility to follow its natural laws. He also acknowledged the many challenges confronting Tribal communities. This devastating pandemic and economic recession and the devastating wildfires. With the first two, the devastation of the pandemic and the economic recession, shows the vast health and educational disparities that exist within this Nation and our communities. He recognized that, now more than ever, Oregon State University must embrace and act on its responsibility to more fully engage with and serve Oregon's Sovereign Tribal Nations and community members. As the fifteenth President of Oregon State University, he seeks to do that in collaboration with Tribal Leadership. He committed to engaging with Tribal Leaders to enhance Tribal relations and serve as a partner to Tribal communities and increase access to education and success for all Tribal students. Nationwide, less than 20% of Tribal students go to college and of those, 40% graduate. This is indeed a crisis that we must all join hands and attack and address to provide the opportunities that we know exist for students of other backgrounds. This is consistent with Oregon State University's mission, to promote economic, cultural, social and environmental progress for the people of Oregon, the Nation and the world. In his previous roles as president at Louisiana State University and at Cal State Long Beach, he worked hard to acknowledge, honor and affirm indigenous culture, history and experience. With the Tunica Biloxi Tribe, the Koshana Tribe, the Jena Band of Choctaw and at Long Beach with the Puvungna Tribe, which was both on the Cal State Campus and around the Campus, which were the original lands of the Puvungna Tribe. He is pleased to now be an Oregonian and to live in the first state to pass a Government-to-Government relations law. He looks forward to learning more about Oregon's Native and Indigenous people from the Commission and many others and improving relationships among us with local Tribal Governments. In his first three months as President, he has been fortunate to go around Oregon State

University to see what they have done to support indigenous students. He toured the Native American Longhouse on the Corvallis Campus. He has seen how they provide a sense of home and community for indigenous students. He has learned about increased outreach to Native American Communities by developing distance online educational programs that align with Tribal missions. They have a new indigenous living/learning residence hall community in Corvallis that offers connections to students with shared interest in centering on indigenous people. He recognizes that there is still so much more to do. In the months ahead, he looks forward to connecting with leaders from each of Oregon's Nine federally recognized Tribal Governments and hopes to hear about their communities, needs, strategies and opportunities. He hopes to build partnerships with Tribal leaders and expand Oregon State University's programs to serve Tribal communities even better than they do now. He also looks forward to exploring how they can move forward together. He apologized that, during this pandemic, he hasn't been able to visit individually with each Tribe to discuss how they can address their collective mission to ensure the success of current and future students at Oregon State University, but also at middle and high schools.

Chair Meade thanked President Alexander for speaking to the Commission and thanked him for his support of Dawn Marie Alapisco. She has been a wonderful resource for the Cultural Items Task Force

GOVERNOR'S CULTURAL ITEMS TASK FORCE – Danny Santos, Co-Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Cultural Items

Danny Santos expressed his thankfulness for all of Chair Meade's work on the Task Force. He noted that several documents had been sent to Commission members and that they would be going over those today. Due to the interested of LCIS and the Tribes, there was support for Governor Brown to sign Executive Order 17-12 which established the Task Force. Due to Chair Meade's leadership, the Task Force was able to present a report to the Governor a year later. By the end of 2019, State Agencies had submitted their surveys to the Task Force. This was historic work and the first in the Nation. In March of this year, The Task Force had a meeting with University and Community College leadership and thus began phase two of the work. They received very positive responses and looked forward with trainings and a survey, but this work has been put on hold due to COVID. Phase three will be K-12 schools. They are hopeful that they will be supportive of this work. They are cautious to start the work with K-12 schools as the want to encourage full implementation of SB-13.

The Task Force wants to work towards codifying the work of the Task Force. They think that the best way to approach this is to make it part of the established Tribal/State Government-to-Government statue. The language used in the draft bill comes from the executive order. The first part addresses membership. They added that when making appointments, the Governor must consult with LCIS. The membership was taken from existing memberships with four-year terms. The Task Force will be housed by LCIS. When SB 770 was passed there was no reference to the Governor's office. It was a relationship

done in consultation with the Governor's office and DAS. This time they decided to house it in LCIS and work in consultation with the Governor's Office and DAS to implement the work of the Task Force.

The next question was how to fund the work of the task force within LCIS. Section two talks about the Agencies and entities covered and they include counties and cities in this list as there has been consistent interest in including them in this work.

The work of the Task Force would include ongoing duties of conducting surveys, defining and refining definitions, methodologies, storage of information and communicating with Tribes, covered entities and the general public. Covered agencies would be asked to submit annual reports.

Regarding funding, they have thought that there are some existing resources within LCIS and that this could enhance LCIS through the budgeting process. A policy option package would be the preferred method. Moving forward they plan to examine federal funding for state and local projects and see how this survey work can be incorporated. Senator Roblan has submitted this proposed draft and is sponsoring the bill.

Chair Brigham asked what budget was needed for implementation. Mr. Santos replied that they have not fully budgeted that out, but they were anticipating at least a part time staff person. Chair Brigham then asked if this staff person would be staff at LCIS and if the Commission would be responsible for hiring. Mr. Santos affirmed that is correct. He also added that it would be interesting and possible a task for the new staff or existing LCIS staff to research federal funding that goes to State and local governments for the benefit of the Tribes. Chair Meade responded that that has been an interest of Tribal leaders. Chair Brigham emphasized that it was important for Tribal Leaders to be able have a say in replacing and appointing Tribal representative to the Task Force. Senator Roblan suggested the following language, "the Governor shall appoint a representative from each of the nine Tribes who serves at the will of the Tribes."

MOTION: Chair Brigham made a motion to approve the concept with the final approval coming back with the final draft. The motion was seconded by Chair Pigsley and approved by acclamation.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - Dustin Buehler, General Counsel, Sarah Weston, Deputy General Counsel

Dustin Buehler thanked the Commission allowing him to present and introduced the Governor's new Deputy General Counsel, Sarah Weston. He noted that this year has been full of unprecedented events, but that they looked forward to working together with LCIS on the Annual Tribal/State Government-to-Government Summit. He has had several conversations already. Earlier this year they thought it might be possible to hold a more traditional Summit, but it appears that it must be held virtually. The Governor indicated that there is much to discuss at the Summit. They plan to hold the Summit along the same

time frames as they have in the past, in early December and noted that weather will not be an issue this year. They are working to find a date and want to reach out to the Tribes to discuss what topics they would like to see. Dustin and Sarah will set meetings with each Tribe individually to hear what their priorities are for the Summit.

Chair Brigham asked about discussions at the last Summit on water and wondered if there was any follow-up from that. She also noted that gaming was discussed, and she was interested in that follow up as well. Mr. Buehler noted that he would be happy to take that back and have a conversation with Jason Miner who was part of that conversation. He suspects that much of this has potentially slowed down due to COVID. Senator Roblan shared that he was appointed by the Governor as a Co-Chair on a committee to work on the 100-year water plan and that it has essentially been halted. He noted that the Governor knows that this is a big issue. Chair Meade noted that LCIS had begun work on a letter regarding the water plan and that they would revisit that. Mr. Buehler asked the Commission for their input on the length of the Summit and how long they felt people would be willing to sit in a Zoom webinar. It was proposed to break it up over two days.

Chair Meade opened the forum to public testimony. There being none, Chair Meade adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.