

New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs
November 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes
1-3PM
DNCR Main Conference Room, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301

Members Present:

Anne Jennison, Chair
Denise Pouliot, Vice Chair
Kayla Schweitzer, Secretary
Cherie Pernaw
Sheila Charles
James Edgell Jr.
Carlos Cardona Lebron
Christine Nih'shaw
Shawn O'Leary
Bridget Herrera (virtual)

Members Absent: Diane Polewarczyk, Estlin McLellan

Public Attendees: Charlie Jennison, Paul Pouliot, Mark Chaffee, Adele Bauman, Vanessa Levin, Sheri Phillips

Quorum: Yes

Meeting Proceedings:

1. Anne Jennison called meeting to order at 1:10PM
2. Anne Jennison wants NHCNAA meetings to start with a land acknowledgement; Anne Jennison asked Christine Nih'shaw to read the land acknowledgement; Christine Nih'shaw read the land acknowledgement
3. Commission members introductions
4. Public members introductions
5. Review and approve meeting minutes
 - a. Denise Pouliot motioned to accept the September 14, 2023 draft meeting minutes; Carlos Cardona Lebron seconded
 - i. Vote: unanimous; approved
 - b. Christine Nih'shaw motioned to accept the September 18, 2023 legislative action committee draft meeting minutes; Anne Jennison seconded
 - i. Vote: unanimous; approved
6. Old Business
 - a. Legislative action committee meeting report
 - i. Update on Commission bill and other bills
 - ii. Update on Indigenous People's Heritage Month Proclamation made by NH Governor Chris Sununu (November 2023); Proclamation is read aloud
 - iii. Discussion on having a Proclamation event at the State House
 1. Denise Pouliot motioned (for those able to) to meet on November 24, 2023 in front of the State House to honor Indigenous People's

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Month at noon (with outreach done to journalists); Christine

Nih'shaw seconded

a. Vote: unanimous; approved

7. New Business

a. Anne Jennison notified the Commission that Deborah Calabrese has resigned due to work conflicts

b. Election of officers will happen at the next meeting

c. Annual Report for 2023 to be prepared and submitted in January 2024

d. [NH House Bill 308](#) Discussion

e. Future meeting dates – doodle poll to be sent out

f. Anne Jennison invited Vanessa Levin to speak to the Commission regarding their email inquiry; Vanessa Levin addressed the Commission; open discussion on grants and ideas for Vanessa

g. Commission member updates

8. Anne Jennison adjourned meeting at 2:38pm

NHCNAA Meeting Adjourned