

New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs  
February 26, 2019, 1PM Meeting Minutes  
Van McLeod Building, 19 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH

**Members Present:**

Kathleen Blake (KB), Chair  
Shawn O’Leary (SO), Vice Chair  
Kayla Schweitzer (KS), Secretary  
Kris Neilsen (KN), Treasurer  
Madeleine Wright (MW)  
Daniel Howard (DH)  
Garrett Chapman (GC)  
Peter Kenney (PK)  
Sheila Charles (SC)  
Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh (BAW)  
Denise Pouliot (DP)

**Members Absent:** None

**Public Attendees:** Courtney Castro (Public), Paul Pouliot (Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People), Mark Doperalski (NHDHR)

**Quorum:** Yes

**Meeting Proceedings:**

1. **KB** Calls meeting to order at 1:00PM
2. **KB:** Welcome
3. **KS** Secretary report:
  - a. Approval of minutes
    - i. 11/7/2018 **BAW** moved; **SO** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
4. **KB:** Annual Report Review and Discussion among **Commission Members**
  - a. Annual report will be revised and finalized for the April meeting
5. Discussion on Commission Officers and Elections among **Commission Members**
  - a. Motion for a vote of confidence for **KB** as Chair
    - i. **DH** moved; **SC** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
  - b. Motion to move Commission officers to second term
    - i. **BAW** moved; **DP** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
6. Discussion on Rules of Decorum
  - a. Motion to review and edit Rules of Decorum
    - i. **GC** moved; **KN** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
7. **KB** Moved to discussion and election of remaining Committee Chairs
  - a. Re-Affirmation of Committee Chairs, vote: unanimous; approved
    - i. **SO** as Social Services Committee Chair
    - ii. **MW** as Arts & Crafts Committee chair
    - iii. **DP** as Education Committee Chair
  - b. **KN** nominated to be Nominations Committee chair
    - i. **BAW** moved; **KB** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
  - c. **DP** nominated to be Protection and Preservation Committee chair

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- i. **BAW** moved; **KB** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
8. **KB** Moved to discussion on Committee Goals
  - a. Tabled for meeting
  - b. Committees will discuss and work on proposed Committee goals for the next meeting
9. **KB** Moved to Committee reports
  - a. Arts & Crafts Committee
    - i. **MW** Update on display at NH Fire Academy and EMS
  - b. Education Committee
    - i. **Mark Doperalski** presented to the Commission the NHDHR Native American Educational Kit
10. **KB**: Scheduling of Upcoming Meetings
  - i. April 24
  - ii. July 24 (Proposed Joint Meeting with Vermont Commission at Dartmouth)
  - iii. October 22
11. Committee Reports Continued:
  - a. Education Committee Continued:
    - i. **KS** NHDOE Social Studies Standards Update
    - ii. **DP** Update on NH Historical Society Curricular Units
    - iii. **DP** Update on NH Indigenous Collaborative Collective
      1. **KB**: Motion to endorse collaborations at Dartmouth and UNH regarding indigenous educational initiatives
        - a. **BAW** moved; **MW** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
    - iv. **KB** Reading of the Hood Museum of Art's plaque
    - v. **DP** Update and Open Discussion among **Commission Members** regarding proposed indigenous lecture series
  - b. Nominations Committee
    - i. **KB and BAW** Update on membership and potential applications
  - c. Protection and Preservation Committee:
    - i. **DP and KB**
      1. Update on meeting with NHDHR
      2. Update and open discussion among **Commission Members** regarding available sites for repatriation
    - ii. **KB**: Update and Discussion among **Commission Members** on HB 384
12. Motion to extend meeting past 3PM
  - a. **DH** moved; **SC** second, no discussion, vote: unanimous; approved
13. Committee Reports Continued:
  - a. Protection & Preservation Committee continued:
    - i. **Open Discussion** on charge to develop recommendations to assist state agencies with the preservation and protection of Native American artifacts and burial grounds under NAGPRA
  - b. Social Services Committee
    - i. **DP** noted lack of indigenous foster homes in NH

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- ii. Discussion was tabled until next meeting
- 14. **KB:** Moved to Discussion regarding HB 221: Indigenous Peoples' Day
  - a. **Open Discussion** regarding the development by the Commission of an Advocacy Tool Kit for Indigenous Peoples' Day
  - b. **DP** Update on Indigenous Peoples' Day in Portsmouth and at UNH
- 15. **KB:** Moved to **Discussion** on the Durham Mural
- 16. **KB:** Update and Discussion on Copeland Collection at Franklin Pierce University
- 17. **KS:** Open Discussion regarding Orientation of Commission
- 18. **Public Input and Open Discussion**
  - a. **Paul Pouliot**, Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People
- 19. **KB adjourned** meeting at 3:56PM

**NHCNAA Meeting Adjourned**