



NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING TASK FORCE

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER – SECRETARY OF STATE

Minutes

Meeting: Native American Voting Task Force
Date: January 10, 2018
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Isleta Resort & Casino – Manzano Room
Albuquerque, NM

Members:

Chair	Everett Chavez	Vice Chair	Rick Nez
Member	Julie Badonie	Member	Leon K. Reval
Member	Jamie Henio	Member	Eric Spitty
Member	Arden Kucate	Member	Laurie Weahkee
Member	Lisa LeFlore Davis	Member	Linda Yardley-Monteau

1. Call to order 1:28 pm – Chair Chavez
2. Roll call

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| ✓ Everett Chavez - present | ✓ Lisa LeFlore Davis - present |
| ✓ Rick Nez - present | ✓ Laurie Weahkee - present |
| ✗ Linda Yardley-Monteau - absent | ✗ Eric Spitty - absent |
| ✓ Arden Kucate - present | ✓ Leon Reval - present |
| ✓ Julie Badonie – present | ✗ Jamie Henio – absent |

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance– Chair Chavez & Secretary Toulouse Oliver
4. Approval of the November 29, 2017 meeting

- **Motion:** made by Leon Reval
- **Second:** made by Laurie Weahkee
- **For:** all
- **Against:** none, passed unanimously

5. Secretary of State’s office Presentations/Comments
 - Approval of rules of process

- o Revision 1: term – membership will remain in effect until the current secretary of states’ term ends; therefore coinciding with the current SOS.
 - o Revision 2: delegates – the task force member can send a designee to represent the absent member. Designee will sit on the task force for the meeting, contemplate, deliberate and vote on the matters as the representative.
 - o There was discussion on delegates/designees and how they are appointed. It was agreed that they should be appointed by the task force member and an email notifying the SOS office of the appointment. Another member of the task force can be the delegate/designee as well. Quorum of the membership must be present to take action, in the case of work sessions planned, no votes will be taken. In addition, if there is a vacancy, the task force members ask that there be a representative from each of the regional areas. It was confirmed by SOS staff that it is noted in the rules of process.
 - o Chair Chavez asked for a motion to approve rules of process with the two proposed changes regarding tenure and delegates.
 - o **Motion:** made by Leon Reval
 - o **Second:** made by Arden Kucate
 - o **For:** all
 - o **Against:** none, passed unanimously
- NAVTF 2018 Election year work plan& voting collaboration proposed projects – presentation by Martin Aguilar
 - o Discussed voter registration agents and the process. SOS will certify agents and provide them with a VRA #; the tribes will let SOS know who they want to send. There will be opportunity for folks to get trained by their county if they miss the training sessions from the SOS. Covered voter education, how to get the word out. Voting machines, will be programmed in 8 different languages. Suggestion was made that the audio recorded messages on ballots should include the entire process from beginning to end in that native language. Every native voting place have some audio instruction, consistent process throughout the tribes.
 - o Rebecca confirmed that the SOS created a separate web page specifically for the task force with minutes, agendas and contact information.
 - NAEIP Presentation, Navajo Chapter to Precinct Project - presentation by Martin Aguilar
 - o Went over data and results with members
6. Discussion and Deliberation
- Discussed the next meeting, having it in the afternoon of 2/1 from 1-4, near round house, then attending the American Indian Day Reception in the

evening and get on the agenda to speak to that group briefly. Secretary Toulouse Oliver asked that during the task force meeting on the 1st, the membership put together what they want to collectively speak about to groups during the reception and during the festivities held on 2/2. Also suggested that the agenda for the next meeting the bulk of it be driven by the task force and what they want to focus on and only an update by our office.

- Chair Chavez mentioned that the task force should get on the agenda of the all pueblo council meeting as well.
- Action items from NAVTF
 - Per Rebecca Martinez all items discussed have been resolved and voted on. Taken note that a one page information sheet will be created by SOS. Voter registrar agent training, report back to the task force what it looks like and opportunities for training. Proceed how the task force would like us to communicate with various agencies that may be best suited to provide that service to the voters. SOS will look at recordings of sample ballots.
 - Work session with members this morning, very fruitful. Discussed the core values of the task force and how they relate to the objectives that have already been put into place and the universal messaging of your efforts to everyone. Once it is defined then put into a document and get it out to all of you. Make sure hone in on values and mission statement is to look like, group is right on track.

7. Public Forum

- Shirley Smith, Bernalillo County
 - Suggested that the task force members get a badge of some kind for recognition when they are out in the communities.
 - Should use census data for outreach.
 - Work with the schools, good idea.
 - Asked SOS to create a newsletter or attach the one pager that the SOS is creating.
 - Survey, maybe the task force can incorporate one that Bernalillo County started.

8. Adjournment – Chair adjourned meeting at 4:06 PM