

VERMONT
COMMISSION
ON
NATIVE
AMERICAN
AFFAIRS



VCNAA MEETING AGENDA

March 11, 2020

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT



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COMMISSION
Carol McGranaghan, Chair
Carol Irons, Vice Chair
Andrea Brett, Secretary
Rich Holschuh
Eugene Rich
Jennifer Morton-Dow
Hillary Hoffman
Beverly Little-Thunder

1. Changes to Agenda (5min)
2. Approve February 12, 2020 Minutes (5min)
3. Recognition of guests (5 min)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Legislative updates on Commission sponsored bills and other State House happenings – Brian Cina/Rich Holschuh/Carol McGranaghan (20 min.)
 - H.880 An act relating to Abenaki place names on State park signs
 - H.897 An act relating to the repatriation of traditional Abenaki lands
 - H.918 An act relating to Native American cultural and religious freedom (short form)
2. Legislative updates on Commission sponsored bills and other State House happenings - Brian Cina/Rich Holschuh/Carol McGranaghan (20 minutes)
 - H.716 An act relating to Abenaki hunting and fishing licenses
 - H.407 An act relating to creating the Vermont Native American Scholarship Program
 - H.212 An act relating to creating the Office of Native American Affairs
 - H.178 An act relating to exempting real property associated with a State-recognized Indian tribe from property taxation

3. Racial Equity Panel update on Feb 14, 2020 meeting – Carol McGranaghan (5 min)
4. Natural Resources Diversity & Equity assistance/support with Abenaki signage - Aaron Marcus (5 min)
5. Indigenous Feminist Anti-Imperialism opportunity/request - volunteer? (5 min)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss workshops for teaching Native American heritage
2. Discussing possibilities of holding press conferences for Commission and interested parties to create inclusivity on legislation - Brian Cina (20 min)
3. Request for information regarding will bequest - Carol McGranaghan (5 min)
4. Truth and Reconciliation task force to explore the effect of eugenics on targeted populations including native Vermonters, people of color and those with disabilities. Brian Cina/Carol McGranaghan (5 min)
5. Letters of support (20 min)
6. Announcements (15 min)
7. Public comment (15 min)