



**SWTHA Triannual Business Meeting**  
**Hybrid Setting, Flagstaff, AZ**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- Welcome: Floyd Tortalita, SWTHA President
- Opening Prayer: Merwin Kooyahoema, Hopi Board Member
- Meeting called to order at 10:30am
- Roll Call: 14 Tribes in attendance or by Proxy (Quorum was established)
  - Ak-Chin Indian Community Housing Department, Gila River Department Community Housing, Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, Hualapai Housing Department (Proxy), White Mountain Apache Housing Entity, Laguna Housing Development & Management Enterprise, Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority, Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority, Pueblo of Zia Housing Services, Santa Clara Pueblo Housing Authority (Proxy), Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority, Taos Pueblo Housing Authority, Zuni Housing Authority, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo - DCD Housing Division
- Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo and seconded by Hopi Tribal Housing Authority
- Approval of Minutes, October 20, 2022: Motion to approve by Laguna Housing Development & Management Enterprise and seconded by Zuni Housing Authority
- Announcements:
  - Introduction of [Associate Members](#)
  - [SWTHA Region VIII Scholarship 2023](#)
    - January 15, 2023: Scholarship Open
    - **April 30, 2023**: Scholarship Deadline
    - May 2023 SWTHA Triannual Meeting: Announcement of recipients
  - [AMERIND Poster Contest 2023](#)
    - December 2022 to February 2023: Region VIII Housing Departments to notify their students to participate.
    - **February 15, 2023**: Region VIII Housing Departments to send one winner from each category (K-3, 4-6, 7-8) to [swtha.region8@gmail.com](mailto:swtha.region8@gmail.com).
    - February 20 – March 17, 2023: Region VIII Voting at [swtha.org](http://swtha.org).
    - April 2023: National online voting at [amerind.com](http://amerind.com).
    - May 2023: Winners announced at AMERIND Annual Meeting
- Reports
  - NAIHC: Tony Walters, NAIHC Executive Director ([NAIHC 2023 Q1 Update](#))
  - AMERIND: Derek Valdo, AMERIND Chief Operating Officer ([AMERIND Update 1\\_26\\_2023](#))

- HUD: Cheryl Dixon Zuni, HUD-SWONAP Deputy Administrator and Jody Moses, SWONAP Administrator ([ONAP Update 1\\_26\\_2023](#))
- SWTHA Financial Report: Rhoda Eustace, SWTHA Secretary/Treasurer
- Elections
  - Approval of the Bylaws to include AMERIND and NAIHC Liaisons and Liaison Alternates (Added Article VI, Section 1-3)
    - Motion to Approve by Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo and seconded by Laguna Housing Development & Management Enterprise
  - SWTHA Secretary/Treasurer: Rhoda Eustace, Zuni Housing Authority (Reappointed)
    - Motion to reappoint Rhoda by Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo. Rhoda accepted. Motion seconded by Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority.
  - West TX Representative: Martha Beltran, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo
    - The three members of Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo chose Martha as their representative.
  - NAIHC Representative: Jamie Navenma, Laguna Housing Development & Management Enterprise
    - Motion to reappoint Brook Kristovich by Zuni Housing Authority, seconded by Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority. Motion made by Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority to take a vote. Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority withdrew their second to reappoint Brook.
    - An election was held to reappoint Brook or hold an election. It was voted that an election would be held for NAIHC Representative.
    - The Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority made a motion to nominate Jamie. Hopi Tribal Housing Authority seconded the motion. Jamie accepted.
    - Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority made a motion to nominate Brook. Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo seconded the motion. Brook accepted.
    - A vote between Jamie and Brook was held. The vote was tied and was held again and still tied.
    - In case of a tie, the SWTHA Bylaws state, “The President shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie” (ARTICLE V – MEETINGS, Section 7. Voting).
    - In order to break the second tie vote, Chairman Floyd Tortalita voted to appoint Jamie as NAIHC Representative.
  - NAIHC Alternate Representative: Greta Armijo, Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority (Reappointed)
    - Motion to nominate Veronica Ruiz was made by Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority, seconded by Zuni Housing Authority.
    - Veronica declined the nomination due to her duties as AMERIND Alternate Representative.
    - Motion to nominate Greta was made by Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority, seconded by Hopi Tribal Housing Authority. Greta accepted.

- Motion to nominate Brook Kristovich was made by Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, seconded by Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority. Brook accepted.
  - A vote between Greta and Brook was held. Greta was voted to stay on as NAIHC Alternate Representative.
- May 8, 2023: In conjunction with AMERIND | NAIHC Annual Convention & Tradeshow, Waikoloa, Hawaii.
- October 10 - 11, 2023: Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo (TBD)
- Monthly Zoom Meeting – 2nd Tuesdays of each month, 1pm-2pm MT
- Comments / News
  - [NM Tribal Homeownership Coalition](#)
  - [NAIHC Legislative Conference](#)
  - [AMERIND/NAIHC Annual Convention](#)
  - [Travois Annual Conference](#)
  - [Laguna #3 LIHTC Project Ground Breaking Ceremony](#)
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm
  - Motion made to adjourn by Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority, seconded by Hopi Tribal Housing Authority.
- [Afternoon Training](#)
  - **Enhancing and Implementing Homeownership Programs in Native Communities:** Tonya Plummer, Director of Native Housing Programs (Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate) and Evelyn Immonen, Programs Officer (Turtle Mountain Chippewa), Enterprise Community Partners
  - **Expanding Homeownership Opportunities with USDA 502 Direct Loans:** Presented by Gina Chamberlain, Homeownership Program Manager, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

Documents, reports, and PPT from meeting can be found at [swtha.org](https://www.swtha.org).

#### Thank you to our sponsors!

- Hopi Tribal Housing Authority – Little America Meeting Space
- 1st Tribal Lending - Breakfast
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) – Lunch
- Travois - PM Break
- Native Community Capital – Reception