

**UNAHA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 31, 2025
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO**

MINUTES FOR UNAHA ANNUAL MEETING AT HOLIDAY INN, LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

Opening prayer was given by Gene Sorrell, SKHA Board Chairman

The meeting was called to order by UNAHA Chairwoman, Sharon Vogel at 8:44 a.m.

Sharon welcomes everyone and recognizes the elected officials in attendance.

Roll call by UNAHA Manager Jason Adams; 28 members are present and Quorum is established for the Annual Business Meeting.

Patrick Goggles provides the invocation for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair asks for a motion to approve consensus for the meeting notes for the Legal Symposium in Las Vegas in December 2024 at the MGM Grand since we did not have a quorum for the meeting. Standing Rock made the motion, Sisseton seconded the motion; Motion passed by consensus vote.

CHAIR REPORT – Sharon Vogel

Does everyone feel like they are on a rollercoaster ride? The federal funds freeze and the lay off of 50% of the HUD staff, the retirement of important champions at ONAP, Randy Akers, Lori Roget and Cheryl Cozad and so on. She acknowledged the HUD staff and thanked them for their commitment and hard work for Tribes and TDHE's. We don't know what to expect but what we do know is UNAHA is strong and we know that our advocacy is strong.

Last week Dave and I were in DC to meet with the Native American Housing coalition. We don't know the impacts are but we do know one thing access to our funds is going to be impacted. We have to be prudent about how we spend our dollars because we don't know what to expect. The impact of the Continuing Resolution (CR) and where is the 2026 budget going to end up? We need key bi-partisan legislation. There may be opportunities and we have to pay attention to include Indian Housing. Dave will share the alignment of our priorities. She expressed thanks to Jason Adams for the survey. Sharon said she used the data from the survey in Washington DC and she also stated we need to document our successes.

An unexpected surprise was the level of donations, \$200,000.00 was donated to the Native American Housing Coalition which is a non-profit and we need the funds to do advocacy work.

In closing I would like to thank you for your participation this week. We will hear from individuals this week but they need to hear from us to, lets promote our housing priorities.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joey provides the Treasurer's report

ELECTION OF UNAHA OFFICERS-

Vice-Chairman Nominations were opened by Chair

Apsaalooke nominated Jody Perez, Goshute seconded the motion, Lower Brule made the motion for nominations to cease, Sisseton seconded the motion, all in favor. Jody Perez is the Winner by acclamation.

Treasurer Nominations were opened by Chair

Lower Brule nominated Joey Nation, Sisseton seconded the motion Sisseton made the motion for nomination to cease, Apsaalooke seconded the motion, all in favor Joey Nation is the winner by acclamation.

Jason Adams announced the Region 3 NAIHC representatives and Region 5 Amerind board will be done by Caucus by the respective regions at 11:45.

NATIONAL HOUSING COALITION REPORT-Rachel Harati

Ms. Harati started her presentation by sharing her background.

Her report was done by a Power Point Presentation.

Ms. Harati requested including IHBG data for her program, David Heistercamp responded to this request and Ms. Harati defined what data she needs.

They have MOU's with other organizations and she went over the benefits of the partnerships.

BIG WATER and Dave encouraged UNAHA and ONAP to participate and share information/data.

Message from Amber Hunter (Ask Jason for the letter from AMBER)

NAIHC-Rudy Soto

Mr. Soto reported there a NAIHC board meeting was held on April 7, 2025.

With DOGE so many things are on the chopping block. Since NAHASDA is not authorized we are vulnerable, we need to advocate and present re-authorization with updated provisions. Work on community development side of home ownership, introduce a bill or legislation so that we are not facing an imminent cut. When is the dust going to settle or is funding at current levels one of only 3 agencies that received recognition and we want to help other entities who may face DEI cuts. HUD and DOE taskforce we want and need housing and we are working on this. If they are working on something we need to make sure it is not detrimental. Move opportunities forward. If a train is leaving the station we do not want to be in the path. We will help provide the tools to help pass legislation. How do we get more leaders out to Washington DC. When people come from their communities it gets their attention. There is a lot happening that should not be happening.

Next conference is in Los Angeles and we are looking for presenters. The Legal Symposium will be at Choctaw in Durant Oklahoma. These conferences are to help empower our organization.

Question by Stewart; Maxine Waters is holding up everything for NAHASDA how do you plan to respond; RESPONSE It isn't just Maxine Watters and we are trying to get this on the floor because it hasn't been authorized for so long that they think this isn't important. We have to tell our story. The Democrats controlled

the HOUSE last time and the vote was so narrow last time. We can steamroller, we need to get this across the finish line. We are stronger together.

Jody Perez share her story, Crow, Blackfeet, Northern Cheyenne, and Salish went as a contingency and met with the Representatives from the House and Senate. We met with Zinke and asked him to reauthorize NAHASDA and sponsor the bill. Jody shared her story about the rock from her country and the words on the Rock. Zinke responded by calling her and sharing the news that the bill will be sponsored by him.

GHPI- Joanna Donahue

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Jason announced the Region 3 caucus results for NAIHC board members:

Sharon Vogel and Stewart

Region 5 Caucus results Amerind board and alternate:

Joanie Rowland Board member and Alternate Denise Hooper

Resolutions: David Heistercamp presented the resolutions.

Resolution 2025-01 A resolution supporting the re-authorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-determination Act.

Chairman Vogel calls for a motion

Motion made by Lower Brule to pass Resolution 2025-01

Seconded by Apsaalooke Nation

Motion passed by unanimous consent

RESOLUTION 2025-02 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTIUNG INCREASED FUNDING FOR INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE HOUSING

Chairman Vogel calls for a motion

Motion by Apsaalooke Nation to pass Resolution 2025-02

Seconded by Standing Rock

Motion Passed by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION 2025-03 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WHOLE HOME IMPROVEMENT ACT

Chairman Vogel calls for a motion

Motion made by Northern Cheyenne to pass Resolution 2024-03

Seconded by Ogalala

Motion Passed by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION 2025-04 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRIBAL TRUST LAND HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT (S. 7 & H.R. 2130)

Chairman Vogel calls for a motion

Motion made by Fort Peck to pass Resolution 2025-04

Seconded by Blackfeet

Motion Carried by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION 2025-05 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RURAL HOUSING REFORM ACT

Chairman Vogel calls for a motion

Motion made by Little Shell to pass Resolution 2025-05

Seconded by Standing Rock

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION 2025-06 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HUD LOCAL AND REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Vogel call for a motion

Motion made by Salish & Kootnenai to pass the resolution

Seconded by Ponca Tribe

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION 2025-07 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING VETERANS' AFFAIRS TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Motion made by Northern Cheyenne to pass resolution 2025-07

Seconded by Ogalala

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION 2025-08 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONSULTATION ON OPENING FEDERAL LANDS FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Motion made by Oglala to pass Resolution 2025-08

Seconded by Southern Ute

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Chairman Vogel announced the need to look towards private sector funding to campaign at the UNAHA region for advocacy in Washington.

Motion to adjourn by Lower Brule, seconded by Standing Rock, all in favor Motion carried.