

1 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**

2 **LTBB Governmental Complex, Room 312**

3 **6-12-15**

4 **DRAFT Open Session Minutes**

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6 **CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Rochelle Ettawageshik - Chair.

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8 **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rochelle Ettawageshik – Chair, Steve Sochay –  
9 Treasurer, Linda Keway – Commissioner, Joan Jacobs - Commissioner Heidi Bosma –  
10 Secretary (via phone)

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12 **COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** none

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14 **STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Catherine Castagne – Tribal Prosecutor

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16 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** The Commission welcomed Catherine Castagne as the  
17 newly appointed Tribal Prosecutor. Introductions were made and a group e-mail was  
18 established for communication purposes.

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20 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms Keway made a motion to approve the agenda for the June 12,  
21 2015 meeting; supported by Ms Jacobs. **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried.

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23 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms Keway made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 1,  
24 2015 meeting - open minutes and table the closed minutes until the next regular meeting;  
25 supported by Ms Jacobs. **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried.

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27 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was held at 3:37 pm and closed at 3:38 pm. No public  
28 present.

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30 **PROSECUTOR'S REPORT:**

31 Ms Castagne discussed protocol with the Commission. She is acclimating to the position and  
32 starting to familiarize herself with the current cases. The goal is to be up to speed by the end of  
33 the month.

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35 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

36 Ms Ettawageshik attended a conference on the Great Lakes in Milwaukee, WI.

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38 Discussed possible dates for the NICWA Bazaar

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40 Discussed recent possible State Senate legislation involving a private adoption agency denying  
41 services based upon religious convictions – there are concerns about broader ramifications –  
42 including Indian children. Another case will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court next month.

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44 Motion was made to accept the Chairperson's Report by Mr. Sochay seconded by Ms Jacobs.  
45 **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried.

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49 **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Sochay reported on the current status of the 2015 budget  
50 through May.  
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52 Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Ms Keway seconded by Ms Jacobs  
53 **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried.  
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56 **SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** no staff member present  
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58 The Department has hired Heather Boening as the new Social Services Program Manager.  
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60 Denneen Smith submitted electronically a Policies and Procedures document for the Child  
61 Welfare Commission to review and discuss.  
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63 **NEW BUSINESS**

64 Rebecca Fisher provided a GoFundMe link for Heidi Bosma's daughter Anna  
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66 The Commission changed its meeting times to 1:00pm for the remainder of the calendar year.  
67 The Commission has notified the Executive to confirm and republish the times publically  
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69 The Commission switched its August meeting date from August 14<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.  
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71 The Commission confirmed the Government Center is open on Sept 4, 2015 for the regularly  
72 scheduled meeting that month.  
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74 Jim Bransky has been invited to the July meeting in order to continue to develop Commission  
75 policy in regards to the Child Welfare statute  
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77 Ms Castagne has also been invited to attend and participate  
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81 **NEXT MEETING/WORK SESSION**

82 Motion made by Chairperson Ettawageshik and supported by Treasurer Sochay to approve  
83 stipend, mileage, per diem, and hotel for Commissioners to attend the following:  
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84 **Vote** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried

- 85 • Regular Meeting: Friday, July 10, 2015 at 1:00pm; and
- 86 • Work Session: Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 10:00am

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88 **ADJOURNMENT:**  
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90 Motion was made to adjourn by Ms Keway and supported by Ms Jacobs **Vote:** 4-0-0-1  
91 Motion carried.

92 Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 pm.  
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94 Respectfully Submitted,  
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96 Steve Sochay,  
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