



NINETEEN TRIBAL NATIONS

Innovative Workforce Solutions

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (SOC)

Friday – July 23, 2021

VIA Zoom

SOC Members Present:

Rachel Hilgeford

Kim Booth

Crystal Banuelos

Jonathan Rios

Diana Russell

Ron Trusley (non-voting)

SOC Member Absent:

Bernadette Kniffin

Leon Ghahate

Guest Present:

Kathlene Sumatzkuku (New SOC Member Effective 08/01/21)

► **Call to Order**

SOC Chair Rachel Hilgeford called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Ms Hilgeford asked Ron to conduct roll call. Ron conducted roll call and announced that five (5) SOC Members are present. He then announced that the director position occupied by Leon Ghahate is now vacant. Leon announced in the July 16, 2021 directors' meeting he is no longer employed with Hualapai Tribe; he has accepted a position with Bureau of Indian Education in Seattle, Washington.

► **Approval of Minutes**

Diana Russell moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 SOC Meeting. Kim Booth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

► **New SOC Members**

Ron reported in the July 16 directors meeting they selected the following directors to serve on the SOC for a term of August 2021 through July 2023. They are: Lana Chanda, Kathlene Sumatzkuku, and Jonathan Rios. Kathlene notified us that her last day of employment with the Hopi Tribe is August 20, but she will stay on the SOC until then.

Per NTN Bylaws, the NTNWDB Chair appoints two board members to serve on the SOC. Chair Banuelos stated she will discuss this again in the July 29 board meeting. Two board members (Rachel Hilgeford and Pamela Pierce) have expressed possible interest. Term for these board members would also be August 2021 through July 2023.

Per NTN Bylaws, the NTNWDB Chair and Vice Chair are also SOC Members. Crystal Banuelos (NTNWDB Chair) and Bernadette Kniffin (NTNWDB Vice Chair) became SOC Members effective July 1, 2021.



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▶ **SOC Chair Election**

Since all SOC appointments have not been made, election of the SOC Chair was tabled until the next meeting. Ron reminded us that the chair must be a board member.

▶ **Next Meeting**

The next SOC Meeting was scheduled for Thursday – August 5 from 11:00 am until noon.

▶ **Adjourn**

Chair Hilgefjord adjourned the July 23, 2021 SOC Meeting at 11:29 am.