



**SWTHA Triannual Business Meeting**  
**Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, TX**  
**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**  
**10:00am - 5:00pm, MDT (Hybrid)**

Board Meeting: 9:00am – 10:00am MST  
Business Meeting: 10:00am – 12:00pm MST  
Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:00pm MST (Hosted by Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo)  
Afternoon Session: 1:00pm – 5:00pm MST  
Training January 24, 2024: 8:30am – 4:30pm MST

### Meeting Minutes

- Welcome: Jamie Navenma (Acting Chair; SWTHA President position vacant and Vice President not present)
- Meeting called to order at 10:14am.
- Roll Call (Quorum Established): 19 Tribes represented (In-Person, Virtual, or by Proxy)
  - Ak-Chin Indian Community Housing (Proxy), Gila River Department Community Housing (Virtual), Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, San Carlos Apache Housing Authority (Virtual), White Mountain Apache Housing Entity (Virtual), Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority (Virtual), Laguna Housing Development & Management Enterprise, Mescalero Apache Tribe Housing Dept. (Proxy), Nambe Pueblo Housing Entity (Proxy), Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority, Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority (Proxy), Pueblo of Zia Housing Services (Proxy), San Ildefonso Housing authority (Proxy), Santa Clara Pueblo Housing Authority (Virtual), Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority, Tamaya Housing Inc (Virtual), Taos Pueblo Housing Authority (Virtual), Zuni Housing Authority, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo - DCD Housing Division.
- Approval of Agenda for January 23, 2024: Santo Domingo made the motion to approve the agenda, Ysleta Del Sur seconded the motion. Agenda was approved.
- Approval of Minutes October 4, 2023: Santo Domingo made the motion to approve minutes, Zuni seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
- Announcements:
  - [SWTHA Associate Members](#)
  - [SWTHA Scholarship Announcement](#)
    - Open January 15, 2024 and posted at [swtha.org](http://swtha.org).
    - Deadline is April 30, 2024.
  - [AMERIND Poster Contest](#) now open, posted at [swtha.org](http://swtha.org).
  - Floyd Tortalita was recognized for his years of service to SWTHA with an honorary Nambe bowl.
  - Thank you to our lunch sponsor, Ysleta Del Sur!
- Reports

- SWTHA Report: Rhoda Eustace, SWTHA Secretary/Treasurer
- AMERIND: Derek Valdo, CEO AMERIND (May not continue the Fire Loss Ratio checks in the future, TBD)
- HUD: Floyd Tortalita and Shane Begay, HUD/SWONAP Administrator
- NAIHC: Ryan Edwards, Finance and Ops Manager
- 2024 Schedule of Meetings
  - Triannual Meetings
    - May 14-15: Mescalero Apache Tribe will host.
    - September 17-18: White Mountain Apache will host.
    - Board and Business Meeting on day 1, Training (TBD) on day 2.
    - Suggestions for training can be sent to [swtha.region8@gmail.com](mailto:swtha.region8@gmail.com).
  - Monthly Zoom Meeting – 2nd Tuesdays of each month, 1pm-2pm MT
- Elections
  - President – Jamie Navenma
    - Jamie Navenma (Laguna Housing) was nominated by Hopi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zuni. No other nominations. Jamie accepted. All in favor.
  - Vice President – Francisco “Chico” Carr
    - Lorrie Chavez (Santo Domingo) was nominated by Ysleta Del Sur, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zuni. Lori accepted.
    - Chico Carr was nominated by Laguna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zuni. Chico accepted.
    - Election was held, Chico was elected.
  - AZ Rep (2)
    - Lukaya Williams (White Mountain)
    - Thana Leslie (Hopi)
  - NM Rep (2)
    - Rachel Salas (Zia)
    - Lorrie Chavez (Santo Domingo)
  - AMERIND Alternate Rep – Rhoda Eustace
    - Rhoda Eustace (Zuni) was nominated by Laguna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hopi. Rhoda accepted.
    - Brook Kristovich (Ysleta Del Sur) was nominated by Santo Domingo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zuni. Brook accepted.
    - Election was held, Rhoda was elected.
    - Note: This position became available when Floyd Tortalita resigned. The next AMERIND Rep and AMERIND Alternate Rep election will be held in 2025, to expire with Veronica and Floyd’s expiration date.
- Strategic Plan Review
  - Stephine Poston, (Poston & Assoc) reviewed the Strategic Plan.
  - February 1, 2024 at 12:30pm-2:00pm: Meeting with newly elected board members for orientation and planning to complete Strategic Plan projects.
  - Funding opportunities – any resources, opportunities, grants, send to [swtha.region8@gmail.com](mailto:swtha.region8@gmail.com).
  - Use SWTHA Position Paper in grant applications.
  - Value to be member of SWTHA: training, scholarships, connections, advocacy, Position Paper
  - Changes will be made, and plan will be redistributed and posted at [swtha.org](http://swtha.org).

- [Position Paper](#) Review (will be updated and posted at [swtha.org](#))
  - Updates since paper was last revised in Dec 2023
    - NAHASDA Reauthorization – The NDAA passed without the NAHASDA Reauthorization language. We now need to ask our congressional representatives to sponsor a new NAHASDA reauthorization bill.
    - The Native American Rural Homeownership Improvement Act is now S. Bill 1941.
    - Newly elected board members need to be updated on the Position Paper.
    - Changes will be made, and paper will be redistributed and posted at [swtha.org](#)).
- [SWTHA Bylaws](#)
  - Discussion to remove Article 3, Section 8: Election year for The President and Treasurer shall be elected in odd-numbered years and the Vice-President and Secretary shall be elected in even-numbered years. (This year both positions are up for election.)
  - Motion to remove Article 3, Section 8 by Zuni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hopi. All were in favor of removing Article 3, Section 8 from the SWTHA Bylaws.
- Comments/Questions
  - Francisco Carr requested clarification on Greta Armijo’s position as NAIHC Alternate Representative, will she continue and complete her term?
- Motion to adjourn made by Zuni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hopi.
- Adjourned at 4:00pm.

Training was held on January 24, 2024 - *A Tribal-TDHE Collaboration*

- Denise Zuni, Owner, Sh’eh Wheel Law Offices, P.C. (Tribal-TDHE-Collaboration)
- Floyd Tortalita, Deputy Administrator, HUD SWONAP (Tribal Consultation – ICDBG)
- Jeremiah Powless, Enterprise Community Partners (Tribal Leadership Forum)
- Adam Rose, Travois (The Importance of Collaboration in LIHTC Projects, New Markets Tax Credits, The Makeup of successful LIHTC Projects)