

**MINUTES**

**NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND  
REPATRIATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING**

**DECEMBER 11, 2014**

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## **Background**

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee was established under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq., which was signed into law by President George Bush on November 16, 1990.

Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c) and (h), the Review Committee is responsible for –

1. Designating one of the members of the committee as chairman;
2. Monitoring the inventory and identification process conducted under sections 5 and 6 to ensure a fair, objective consideration and assessment of all available relevant information and evidence;
3. Upon the request of any affected party, reviewing and making findings related to-
  - A. The identity or cultural affiliation of cultural items, or
  - B. The return of such items;
4. Facilitating the resolution of any disputes among Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, or lineal descendants and Federal agencies or museums relating to the return of such items, including convening the parties to the dispute if deemed desirable;
5. Compiling an inventory of culturally unidentifiable human remains that are in the possession or control of each Federal agency and museum and recommending specific actions for developing a process for disposition of such remains;
6. Consulting with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and museums on matters within the scope of the work of the committee affecting such tribes or organizations;
7. Consulting with the Secretary of the Interior in the development of regulations to carry out this Act;
8. Performing such other related functions as the Secretary may assign to the committee;
9. Making recommendations, if appropriate, regarding future care of cultural items which are to be repatriated; and
10. Submitting an annual report to the Congress on the progress made, and any barriers encountered, in implementing this section during the previous year.

The Review Committee is organized and administered according to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (2006).

Six Review Committee members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior from nominations by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, traditional Native American religious leaders, national museum organizations, and scientific organizations. At least two of the members must be traditional Indian religious leaders. One Review Committee member is appointed by the Secretary from a list of persons developed and unanimously approved by the other members.

The Review Committee reports to the Secretary of the Interior. Under the Review Committee's charter, the Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service (NPS) serves as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) to the Review Committee. The DFO oversees the activities of the Review Committee and coordinates NPS administrative and staff support to the Review Committee on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior.

Additional information about the Review Committee – including the Review Committee's charter, membership, meeting protocol, and dispute procedures – is available at the National NAGPRA Website, <http://www.nps.gov/nagpra> (click on "Review Committee").

Notice of this Review Committee meeting was published in the *Federal Register* on March 12, 2014 (79 FR 14081-14083).

## **The 54th Meeting of the Review Committee**

The 54th meeting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee was called to order by Ms. LindaLee Farm, Chair, at 2:06 p.m. EST, Thursday, December 11, 2014. Ms. Melanie O'Brien, DFO, confirmed the attendance of six of the Review Committee members and the absence of one member (Mr. Armand Minthorn). Ms. O'Brien stated that the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements were met regarding the publication of the meeting notice and agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was convened by notice for the

sole purpose of finalizing and approving the Review Committee's 2014 Report to Congress. Ms. Atalay offered an opening prayer.

Review Committee members present –

Ms. LindaLee (Cissy) Kuuleilani Farm  
Ms. Sonya Atalay  
Mr. Alexander (Alec) Barker  
Ms. Shannon Keller O'Loughlin  
Mr. Dennis O'Rourke  
Mr. Steve Titla

Designated Federal Officer present –

Ms. Melanie O'Brien, Acting Program Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service

National Park Service/Department of the Interior staff in attendance –

Mr. David Tarler, Training and Civil Penalties Coordinator, and Regulations, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service  
Ms. Lesa Koscielski, Contractor, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service  
Ms. Carla Mattix, Attorney-Advisor, Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior  
Mr. Stephen Simpson, Senior Attorney, Division of Indian Affairs, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior

Persons who preregistered for the meeting (names and affiliations as provided by attendees) –

T. Campbell, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, California, Rohnert Park, CA  
Ms. Mary Carroll, National Park Service, Park NAGPRA Program, Lakewood, CO  
Ms. Amy Covell, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA  
Ms. Sandra Dong, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Ms. Diane Gifford-Gonzalez, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA  
Ms. Sheila Goff, History Colorado, Denver, CO  
Ms. Erin Gredell, Yale University, Peabody Museum of Natural History, New Haven, CT  
Ms. Suzanne Griset, SWCA Environmental Company, Tucson, AZ  
Ms. Lynn Hanson, Dayton Society of Natural History, Dayton, OH  
Mr. Vinton Hawley, Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony, Fallon, NV  
Ms. Lourdes Henebry-DeLeon, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA  
Ms. Katy Hess, Bowers Museum, Santa Ana, CA  
Ms. Christina Hodge, Stanford University, Stanford, CA  
Mr. Erik Kreusch, U.S. Dept. of Interior, National Park Service, Lowell, MA  
Ms. Chimalis Kuehn, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, Elko, NV  
Mr. David Lindsay, Society for American Archaeology, Washington, DC  
Ms. Angela Neller, Wanapum Heritage Center, Beverly, WA  
Ms. Megon Noble, University of California – Davis, Davis, CA  
Ms. Annie Pardo, U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Reston, VA  
Ms. Helen Robbins, The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL  
Ms. Candace Sall, Columbia, MO  
Ms. Lauren Sieg, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, DC  
Mr. Adam Watson, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY  
Ms. Julie Woods, University of Massachusetts – Amherst, Amherst, MA

### **Discussion of 2014 Report to Congress**

Ms. Keller O'Loughlin chaired the discussion of the 2014 report to Congress. Ms. Keller O'Loughlin and Ms. Atalay drafted the report and incorporated suggested changes submitted by the Review Committee members prior to the meeting. During the meeting, the Review Committee members discussed and approved final minor edits and clarifications to the report.

### **Review Committee Motion**

Ms. Atalay made a motion that the 2014 report to Congress be finalized, as discussed and acted upon during the meeting, with minor edits as needed to be inserted by Ms. O'Brien. Ms. Farm seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Ms. O'Brien will complete the final edits, publication, distribution to Congress, and posting on the National NAGPRA Program website.

The Review Committee expressed its appreciation for the work of Ms. Keller O'Loughlin and Ms. Atalay in drafting the 2014 report to Congress.

### **Closing Comments**

Ms. Farm thanked the members of the Review Committee and National NAGPRA Program staff and counsel for their hard work, and the members of the public listening to the meeting.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m. EST, by Ms. O'Brien.

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Ms. Melanie O'Brien,  
Acting Program Manager, National NAGPRA Program  
Designated Federal Officer, Native American Graves Protection  
and Repatriation Review Committee

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February 19, 2015  
Date

Approved on behalf of the Review Committee –



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Ms. LindaLee (Cissy) Kuuleifani Farm  
Chair, Native American Graves Protection  
and Repatriation Review Committee

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February 19, 2015  
Date