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Subject: Agency Operations in the Absence of an Acting or Permanent Chair

National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman E. Sequoyah Simermeyer has resigned effective February 24, 2024. As departing NIGC Chairs have done when there was a possibility that the NIGC would be without an acting or permanent Chair, Chairman Simermeyer delegated his authorities under 25 U.S.C. § 2707 to Vice Chair Jeannie Hovland. This includes the Chair's authority over hiring and supervision of staff and procurement of necessary goods and services.

Chairman Simermeyer further delegated to Vice Chair Hovland to be exercised only in the event of an emergency, his authorities under 25 U.S.C. § 2705. This includes his authority to issue temporary closure orders and proposed civil fine assessments for violations of the IGRA, NIGC regulations, and approved tribal gaming ordinances.

Although the full range of authorities of the Chair cannot be delegated, this action ensures that Vice Chair Hovland can manage the day-to-day functions to allow the agency to continue as normal and address any serious, unexpected situations demanding an immediate response.

This delegation remains in effect until such time as an acting chair is named or a permanent chair is confirmed, at which point that person will assume all the authorities of the Chair.

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