



# N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

ANNUAL MEETING

## James A. Thomas Hall A&B

University of North Carolina Pembroke

1 University Road

Pembroke, NC 28372

**September 15, 2023**

**10:00 am to 3:30 pm**

**(Draft Agenda)**

<b>Opening Session</b>	<b>10:00 am – 10:15 am</b>
Welcome, Call to Order & Adopt Agenda	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Invocation	Vernanda (Vee) Oxendine, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Larece Hunt, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Reading of Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of June 1 and June 2, 2023, Meeting Minutes and Work Session	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Honor and Recognition of the late Mr. Alton Bruce Jones Former Executive Director	Rev. Ricky Burnett
<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>	<b>10:15 am – 11:00 am</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr. John Lowery, Chairman</b> <b>Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dr. Robin Cummings, Chancellor</b> University of North Carolina Pembroke</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Myia Reyes, Assistant Director</b> Curt &amp; Catherine Locklear American Indian Heritage Center</p>	
<b>Swearing-in Ceremonies</b>	<b>11:00 am - 11:15 am</b>
<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome and Introduction of the Presiding Officer Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Honorable Gregory Cummings, Mayor Town of Pembroke</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome and Introduction New and Returning Commission Members of the Commission</p>	

Greg Richardson, Executive Director	
<p><b>New Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Greg Bryant</b>, Representing the Metrolina Native American Association, Inc. (Replacing Rebecca LaClaire)</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dorothy Stewart Yates</b>, Representing the Sappony Indian Tribe</li> <li>• <b>Carolyn West</b>, Eastern Band of the Cherokee</li> <li>• <b>Shelia Kay (Epps) Wilson</b>, Representing the Guilford Native American Association</li> <li>• <b>Larece Hunt</b>, Representing the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina</li> <li>• <b>William Anthony (Tony) Hayes</b>, Representing the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation</li> <li>• <b>Elton Ray Jacobs</b>, Representing the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning State Official:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gerald Goolsby</b>, Representing the President Pro Tem NC General Assembly Appointee</li> </ul>	
<b>Election of Officers</b>	<b>11:15 am - 11:30 am</b>
<p><b>Nomination for 2023-2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice-Chair</li> <li>• Secretary/Treasurer</li> </ul>	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
<b>Guest Presentations</b>	<b>11:30 – 12:00 am</b>
<p>Lumbee River Reclamation of the Aboriginal Name of the River</p> <p>Retire the Red Raiders Coalition “Offensive Native American Mascots”</p>	<p>Wendy Moore, Council Member Chairperson, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina</p> <p>Becky Gaither Gaston County Schools Parent and Community Member AVP, Bank of America Cowichan/Salish clan</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce Former Mayor of Belmont, NC Parents of South Point Graduates Retired Presbyterian Minister and Seminary Dean/Professor</p>

Executive Director's Report Staff Quarterly Program Reports (Included in meeting packet)	Gregory Richardson, Executive Director
<b>Lunch Break)</b>	<b>12:00 pm – 12:30 pm</b>
Work Session Follow-up Actions	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
By-Laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of all sections edited and discussed during the June 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> Commission meeting and work session.</li> <li>Discussion of edits.</li> </ul> Approval and Adoption of the revised By-Laws. (Handout 1)	Candace Lowry, Deputy Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Committee Restructure – <b><u>This has already been voted on and approved.</u></b> (Handout 2)	
Discuss and approve the NCCIA 3-year Strategic Plan from June 1 to June 2, 2023, Commission meeting and work session. (Handout 3)	
New Tobacco Program Overview and Survey (Handout)	Laury Chavis, Director, Tobacco Survey Program
<b>Committee Reports and Action Items Only</b>	<b>2:00 pm – 3:00 pm</b>
American Indian Culture and Religion Committee	Danny Bell, Chair
American Indian Housing Adhoc Land Trust	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair
American Indian Health Committee (Victim Services) Indian Health Board Update, UNC-Chapel Hill - Dr. Ronnie Bell, UNC Chapel Hill	Chair Appointment Pending
American Indian Education Committee American Indian Child Welfare Subcommittee	Dorothy Yates, Chair
Economic Development & Employment Committee Environmental Justice Agriculture	Craig McMillian, Chair
State and Federal Recognition Update on Recognition Work Session	Larece Hunt, Chair
Legislative Committee Update on Legislative Items 2022-2023 Working on Legislative Agenda 2023-2024	Tony Hayes, Chair Wes M. Kyatt, Legislative Liaison, NC Department of Administration
<b>Other Items</b>	
Flower Fund Report	Nadine Patrick, Secretary/ Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Items from Commission Members and Announcements	Ricky Burnett, Chairman
<b>Adjournments</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>

**Upcoming Commission Meetings:**

- December 1, 2023 – Campbell University
- March 6, 2024-Meeting being planned in conjunction with the 2024 NC Indian Unity Conference - March 06-09, 2024, Hilton University City, Charlotte, NC
- June 2, 2023, Location TBA

**Upcoming events:**

- **National Congress of American Indians Convention, 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, November 12 – November 17th**
- **28<sup>th</sup> NC Indian Heritage Month Celebration, NC Museum of History** Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Scheduled as a live – in-person event.
- 2024 NC Indian Unity Conference - March 06-09, Hilton University City, Charlotte, NC  
<https://united-tribes.org/>

**New Commission Website:**

Commission members are encouraged to review our new website at:

<https://ncadmin.nc.gov/boards-commissions/commission-indian-affairs>