



# N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

## QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

**Hilton North Raleigh - Midtown**

**Grand Ballroom III**

**3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609**

**March 9, 2023**

**9:30 am to 1:00 pm**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Held in conjunction with the 48<sup>th</sup> NC Indian Unity Conference, March 9-11, 2023**

<b>Opening Session</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
Call to Order	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Invocation	Helen Cook, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	W.D Baucom, Executive Director
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrator Assistant
Ethics Statement	Candace Lowry, Deputy Director
Adoption of Meeting Agenda	Chairman Burnett
Approval of December 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes	Chairman Burnett
<b>Guest Presentations: (Please be brief-10 minutes maximum)</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicaid Expansion - Benefits of Medicaid Expansion</li> </ul>	Debra Farrington, Deputy Secretary for Health Equity/Chief Health Equity Officer, NC Department of Health and Human Services, Raleigh, NC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the Needs of Children Aged Birth - Five and Their Families in North Carolina</li> </ul>	Karen McKnight, Deputy Director of Early Learning Programs  Emily Chavis, Associate Policy Analyst Hunt Institute, Cary, NC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broad Band -Equitable access to high-speed internet and digital literacy resources</li> </ul>	Annette Taylor, Director, Office of Digital Equity and Literacy Gangi, Emily W  Emily W. Gangi, Policy Director, Division of Broadband and Digital Equity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar Energy Briefing-Highlights of Upcoming Electric Rate Increases</li> </ul>	Laura Combs, Eagle Solar and Light
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Native American Tribal Communication Plan for Carolina Long Bay Leases (OCS-A 0545 and OCS-A 0546)</li> </ul>	Jen Banks, Permitting & Development Director - Carolina Long Bay Total Energies Renewables USA, LLC  Spencer Hanes, Managing Director of Business Development Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Business Development Fund</li> </ul>	Mr. Kevin Dick, President/CEO of Carolina Small Business Development Fund
<b>Business Items:</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
Executive Director's Report and Briefing Staff Quarterly Program Reports (Included in meeting packet)	Greg Richardson
Deputy Director's Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WIOA Participant - Presentation of Award</li> <li>• New Tobacco Survey Grant, Funded by NC Department of Health and Human Service and Wake Forest University</li> <li>• American Indian COVID-19 Research Project Overview</li> </ul>	Candace Lowry  Kearston Page Freeman, Project Director
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation - Indian Burial Remains Inventory at NC Department of Cultural Resources</li> </ul> <p>John Mintz, State Archaeologist, NC Department of Cultural Resources</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Tribal and Urban Community Consultation Meeting Meetings</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledgement and Introduction of Visiting Duke</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Acknowledgement Statement - Discussion</li> </ul>	

<b>Commission Committee Reports</b>	<b>10:50 am</b>
<b>*Only Committee reports with action items will be entertained.</b>	
American Indian Culture & Religion Committee	Danny Bell, Chair
American Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair
Economic Development & Employment Committee	Craig McMillian, Chair
Adhoc Indian Health Sub-Committee	Constance Mitchell, Chair
Veterans Affair Sub-Committee	Joshua Rory Welch, Chair
American Indian Child Welfare	Dorothy Yates, Chair
American Indian Education	Dorothy Yates, Chair
Legislative 2023 Legislative Agenda Update	Tony Hayes, Chair
Adhoc Land Trust	Vernanda (Vee) Oxendine, Chair
State and Federal Recognition Work Sessions to Review State Recognition Procedures	Larece Hunt, Chair

Environmental Justice	Craig McMillian, Chair
<b>WORKING LUNCH</b>	<b>12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Other Business Items:</b>	
Bylaws - Work Session	Chairman Burnett
Discussion of Member Absence	Chairman Burnett
Flower Fund Report	Nadine F. Patrick, Secretary/Treasurer

<b>2023 Commission Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>June 2, 2023</b> – Location TBA</li> <li>• <b>September 1, 2023</b> - Location TBA</li> <li>• <b>December 1, 2023</b> – Location TBA</li> </ul>	<b>(Now accepting invitations to host future commission meetings)</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>