



**NORTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**
Celebrating 50 Years of American Indian Advocacy

December 3, 2021
Campbell University
Oscar N. Harris Student Union
Buies Creek, North Carolina

WELCOME: Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with a quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed guest, the Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, and staff.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Commissioner Tony Hayes made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Charles Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INVOCATION: Rev. Ricky Burnett, Board Chairman, Lumbee Tribe, presented the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dr. John Mintz led the membership and guests in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Chairman noted that the business at hand will be conducted in the following manner. As Commission members names are called, during roll call, each member will state their name and affirmation. In addition, he indicated that members need to state if they “approve” the meeting agenda and September 3rd minutes, as part of the roll call.

Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Absent
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Present-Approve
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Helen Cook	Present-Approve
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Present-Approve
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Joshua Welch	Absent
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Carolyn West	Present-Approve
Guilford Native American Association	Shelia Epps Wilson	Present-Approve
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnette, Sr.	Present-Approve
Haliwa Saponi	Karen Harley	Present-Approve
Haliwa Saponi	Charles P. Richardson	Present-Approve
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present-Approve
Lumbee	Ricky Burnett	Present-Approve
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Absent
Meherrin	Constance Mitchell	Absent
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D. Baucom	Present-Approve
Metrolina Native American Association	Rebecca LaClaire	Present-Approve
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Tony Hayes	Present-Approve

ROLL CALL *(Continued)*

Sappony	Dorothy Yates	Present-Approve
Triangle Native American Society	Danny Bell	Present-Approve
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present-Approve
Waccamaw Siouan	Chief Michael Jacobs	Absent

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Gerald Goolsby	Present-Approve
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present-Approve
Department of Administration (DOA), Pamela Brewington Cashwell, Secretary		Present-Approve
Designee: David Elliott, Deputy Secretary		
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Machel Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Catherine Rivera, Program Analyst,		Present-Approve
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Elizabeth Biser, Secretary		
Designee: John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary		Present-Approve
Representative: Sheila Holman, NCDEQ		
Department of Health & Human Services, Vacant, Secretary		
Designee: Melanie Bush, Chief Administrative		Absent
Department of Labor, Josh Dobson, Commissioner		
Designee: Julie Ryan, Director of Govt. Affairs		Present-Approve
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, John Mintz - Non-Voting Member		
Designee: Chris Southerly		Present

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO	Kaloni Walton - Non-Voting Member	Absent
NCNAYO	Dylan Hammonds (Co-Chair) - Non-Voting Member	Absent
NC NACOHE	Joshua L Richardson - Non-Voting Member	Absent

STAFF PRESENT

Gregory Richardson, Executive Director
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program & SUNS Program
Steve Maynor, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
Candace Lowry, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: List is on file with the Commission.

ETHICS STATEMENT: The Executive Director read the Ethics Statement on Behalf of Chairman Rev. Burnett. He urged Commission Members to declare any conflicts of interest, or the appearances of conflicts of interest, which may exist in relation to any business matters before the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs and Commissioner Gladys Hunt expressed conflict of interest on housing matters and abstained from voting.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2021, MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the September 3, 2021, meeting were presented. The minutes were accepted by unanimous consent, with no objections from members.

SMOKEY RIVER - DRUM CEREMONY: The Smokey River Drum Group, Coharie Tribe, played the drums in honor of Celebrating 50 years of American Indian Advocacy. Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman, and Mr. Greg Richardson thanked the Smokey River Drum Group and Campbell University for hosting the meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Remarks and Updates:

NC Department of Administration, Pamela Cashwell, Secretary

Secretary Cashwell congratulated the Commission of Indian Affairs for completing 50-years of service to the State of North Carolina. She discussed the budget highlights as follows:

The Department of Administration (DOA) Budget:

- \$10M for Tribes
- \$125,000 for State Recognition Program (one time funding)
- Funding for Deputy Director position
- \$73,000 (one time funding) to monitor and research the effects of COVID-19 on tribes across North Carolina.
- \$20M Retool Funds (COVID-19 funds) – for small minority woman owned businesses.

Other Business Funding:

- Secretary Cashwell provided a list of other budget items for informational purposes.
- It was noted that funding will be given to broadband infrastructure.
- In conclusion, Secretary Cashwell expressed her appreciation towards the NC Commission of Indian Affairs.
- Mr. Greg Richardson expressed that Secretary Cashwell provided information on the budget and that the budget has yet to be certified.

No handout was provided.

Campbell University

Welcome and Introductions:

Mr. Greg Richardson introduced Dr. Alfred Bryant, Dean, Campbell University.

Dr. Alfred Bryant introduced two students, Dean Locklear, and Kalynn Chavis both from Lumbee tribe.

He introduced Dr. Bradley Creed, President, Campbell University and Dr. John Roberson, Executive Vice President Campbell University.

Greetings from Campbell University, Dr. Bradley Creed, President, Campbell University

Dr. Bradley Creed thanked everyone for coming to Campbell University. He congratulated the NC Commission of Indian Affairs for celebrating 50-years of American Indian Advocacy. Dr. Creed provided a brief bio of himself. He expressed that he is the fifth President of Campbell University in only 135-years. He provided a brief overview of Campbell University.

No handout was provided.

Overview of Academic Program Offerings/Campbell University and NC American Indian Tribal Collaboration Ideas:

Dr. John Roberson, Executive Vice President, Campbell University, presented the purpose and mission statement. The mission is to graduate students with exemplary academic and professional skills, who are prepared for meaningful lives and purposeful service. Campbell University was founded in 1887. At Campbell, students develop academically and spiritually.

The university offers over two hundred programs of majors and minors' professional degrees. He gave a brief overview of the programs offered at the university. He discussed funding received by the medical school for various programs on COVID 19 education and vaccination programs. In conclusion, Dr. Roberson stated that Campbell university students are making a difference in their respected communities.

No handout was provided.

Chair Rev. Burnett recognized and welcomed a few Commission members, Chiefs and guest that came in late after the roll call.

BUDGET UPDATE – FUNDING:

Rep. Charles Graham, (Lumbee), NC House of Representatives, NC General Assembly, District 47, Robeson County, NC, presented the following:

- Discussed the appropriation for \$18M from the governor budget.
- Informed the Legislative budget was signed a few weeks ago.
- \$10M was appropriated to the state recognized tribes.
- \$250,000 for tribal organizations.
- \$4M to be allocated, in addition \$750,000, to be allocated.
- Noted that Assistant Director funding was passed.
- \$125,000 funding for tribal recognition, need adequate funding to continue the process.
- Discussed Cultural Resource funding of \$250,000 to create a new commission to promote American Indian culture.
- Discussed establishing an American Indian Federal Relations Committee to bring recommendations to Legislation.
- Discussed Native American Agriculture fund (NAAF), \$650M in this fund. Rep Graham is a member of the trustees. The funds are designated to go to nonprofit organizations to promote farming opportunities. Applications are on the webpage as follows:
<https://nativeamericanagriculturefund.org/>
- Rep. Graham indicated that all the above is a work in progress. The budget must be certified.

The handout “Legislative Funds for State Indian Tribes” is attached and is an official part of the minutes. **(Attachment A)**

Comments from Commission:

Mr. Greg Richardson informed members that the guidelines to spend the funds will follow. He suggested tribes and organizations seek a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), certified in grants who can adhere to state rules and regulations needs to be appointed, to keep proper accounting records in case of an audit at a future date.

NC Housing Finance Agency Funding Briefing:

Pandemic Homeowner Relief Funding Presentation: Ms. Claudia Young, Manager, Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF), NC Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) Implementation Plans and Coordination of State and Tribal HAF programs, Will Parry-Hill, Manager of Government, and Industry Relations, and Treasury for allocation to Tribes or Tribally designated housing entities, Bettie Teasley, Policy and Research Team Lead, they presented the following:

NC Housing Finance Agency:

- Discussed the program overview, background; program design, needs assessment, use of funds and eligibility requirements.
- Working together: Discussed Program Status - It was noted that eligible entities required to develop and submit a plan for use of Home Assistance Fund. NC submitted initial HAF plan August 19, 2021 and submitted responses to clarifying questions on November 24, 2021. Awaiting Treasury approval to proceed to launch the program.
- Provided website details to track the NC Homeowner Assistance Fund progress.
<https://www.nchfa.com/about-us/nc-homeowner-assistance-fund>
- Partner Resources: (1) Community Partner Toolkit - consists of logo and branding information, fact sheet, downloadable flier, social media graphics, brief article for submission to local publication; (2) marketing material request form – consists of fliers, posters and doorhangers; (3) NC HAF Call Center – (855) My NC HAF or (855) 696-2423; Homeowners can sign up to be notified when NCHAF program starts accepting applications <https://www.nchfa.com/about-us/nc-homeowner-assistance-fund>
- In conclusion, Ms. Young stated that The NC Homeowner Assistance Fund is being administered by the NC Housing Finance Agency using \$273M that was allocated to North Carolina under the American Rescue Plan to prevent mortgage delinquencies, defaults, displacements, and foreclosures for homeowners experiencing financial difficulties after January 21, 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic. This program is being supported, in whole or in part by federal award number HAF0019 awarded to the State of North Carolina by the US Department of Treasury. The US Department of the Treasury requires all states to develop and submit a plan to receive the funds.
- Discussed the collaboration and coordination between state and tribal HAF Programs.

The PowerPoint presentation “Pandemic Homeowner Relief Funding” was presented at the meeting. The handout “Pandemic Homeowner Relief Funding” is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

(Attachment B)

Comments from Commission:

- Members asked if there is a list serve. Ms. Young confirmed yes.
- Mr. Greg Richardson suggested the NC Indian Housing Authority could develop a partnership with the NC Housing Finance Agency.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT - OVERVIEW

Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, presented his written report. The following highlights his presentation:

- Acknowledged Representative Charles Graham, Secretary Pamela Cashwell, Chiefs, Elder members of the community, and staff.
- Acknowledged the Guilford Native American Museum and Cherokee Museum.
- Suggested new Commission Member Karen Harley needs to be on the Culture Committee. Expressed his vision to open more American Indian museums around the state.

- The state funding was made possible due to the efforts of Secretary Pamela Cashwell and Senator Charles Graham. Secretary Cashwell advocated for \$10M. Mr. Greg Richardson thanked Governor Cooper.
- Discussed highlights from the November 19, 2021, Governor Round Table discussion. Secretary Mandy Cohen was in attendance.
- Informed that Dr. Mandy Cohen, NC Department of Health and Human Services, resigned.
- Noted that information on COVID-19 is readily available and you can look up data according to zip codes.
- Announced Governor Cooper issued the 2021 Indian Heritage Month Proclamation.
- Mr. Greg Richardson acknowledged the combined efforts of the tribes and organizations towards the 2021 Indian Heritage Month Posters.
- He expressed appreciation of receiving the state funds for tribal communities. Strongly recommended that tribal administrators appoint a state certified accountant, specialized in grant funding to manage the state funds.
- Discussed request from Legislative needing information on various data. Indian Affairs staff have provided all the information and met the requests received.
- Business items: GS 143B, members have certain duties to fulfill.
- Discussed Commission member vacancies and appointments ending June 30, 2022.
- Discussed recommendations for Indian Housing Authority and State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE).
- Noted that the SACIE recommendations will be presented at the Department of Public Instruction meeting (DPI) and the State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting.
- Discussed 2020 Census.
- The Executive Director Report was distributed in the Board packet.

The Executive Director Report is attached to the minutes of the meeting and is an official part of the minutes. (**Attachment C**)

Chairman Rev. Burnett apologized for having to leave the meeting early due to other commitments.

Indian Education Committee:

Vice Chair Yates gave a brief overview of the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE). Discussed the following: American Indian Mascots recommendation of eliminating mascots to the State Board of Education; and the SACIE report. Dr. Susan Silver, Sub-Committee of Indian Education (SACIE), presented a PowerPoint on the study as follows:

- The Sub-Committee of Indian Education created a guidance document (draft) for the State Board of Education. The draft “Guidance for the Elimination of American Indian Mascots in NC Public Schools” was submitted to the Committee in September and will be presented at the State Board at an appropriate time.
- It was noted that the NC State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) reaffirms its support of the joint resolution issued in 2002 by the NC Commission of Indian Affairs and NC State Board of Education (NCSBE) to support the elimination of American Indian Descriptions Naming Mascots, Logos, and Sports Team Nicknames for North Carolina Public Schools.
- Discussed the 2021 and current recommendations: The SACIE further reaffirms its commitment to the recommendation approved by the NCSBE in May 2021. An excerpt was read as follows: “Urge all public-school administrators and boards of education to review and implement local policies related to the selections of athletic mascots, and to educate all school personnel on the long-term, damaging effects to students when inappropriate images and messages dishonor the American Indian culture.”

- SACIE recognizes and applauds the efforts that have been made by the school districts over the past 19-years to reduce the use of American Indian (AI) Mascots and imagery. North Carolina has reduced the number of schools using American Indian Mascots or imagery from 73 to 36.
- Modules are created for teachers, supported by the NC Department of Public Instruction, to educate teachers on American Indian students and noted this would help them understand why the mascots are inappropriate.
- The State Advisory Council on Indian Education and NC Department of Public Instruction has worked on the recommendation and simultaneously continuously trying to educate the educators.
- NC Department of Public Instruction needs to promote the module on American Indian Mascots.
- The draft guidance document has the summary of the research to help the Board understand why the mascots need to be eliminated. It also indicates how American Indian students are impacted by American Indian mascots.
- Discussed a pathway forward with the State Board supporting SACIE recommendation that the American Indian mascots should be removed.
- Reference links are provided in the guide study.
- Discussed using feathers at graduation, yet football teams wear American Indian headdresses out on the field.
- Discussed pros and cons of eliminating mascots and its costs.
- Discussed the U.S. Department of Education White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education provides “More than Mascots: A Resource Guide for Ensuring Native Youth Experience Safe and Welcoming School Environments” which provides insight into beginning the journey to changing American Indian mascots.
- Vice Chair Yates noted that Dr. Susan Silver presentation was information that the Members could take back to their communities. She also referred the Commission to the SACIE website for resource material.

An excerpt of the draft guidance study was provided in the Board packet.

Comments from Commission:

- What is the next step for SACIE?
- What is the timeline?
- What is the goal for SACIE with this report?
- Will NCDPI make the regulations?
- Dr. Silver responded that she went through the next step, timeline and goal when presenting her report. She is working with Dr. Olivia Oxendine and Dianne Townend, regarding the best time to take these guidelines back to State Board meeting in May. The recommendation will include the draft guidance for eliminating American Indian mascots.
- SACIE’s goal will be to request that the State Board make specific regulations around mascots. Dr. Silver is not sure if the State Board will take it up. She explained that State Board prefers to be influencers rather than make hardline policies.
- Dr. Silver referred to Vice Chair Yates for comments since Dr. Silver is not a member of SACIE.
- Vice Chair Yates noted that SACIE does not have a specific pathway forward. They were delighted to share the draft guidance document with Commission members.
- Dr. Silver noted that the feedback/suggestions can be shared with Vice Chair Yates, expressed that this is still a draft document. At this point the report is not finalized.

Vice Chair Yates announced a short recess for lunch. Vice Chair Yates requested Charles Pete Richardson to bless the food.

Lunch break, meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Announcement was made to pay the flower fund dues.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – OVERVIEW – *Continued*

- Mr. Greg Richardson discussed the Indian Child Welfare event held October 17-21, 2021. The event was successful. Information gathered at the event suggested there is a desperate need for more foster care parents. He stated that children are being placed outside of their American Indian community. These children will grow up knowing very little about their tribal roots, heritage, and culture. Another issue noted, these children will not have a tribal card. Mr. Greg Richardson encouraged members to promote foster care/how to become a foster care parent. Legal classes are being offered.
- Mr. Greg introduced Ms. Emily McDonnell, Intern and student at UNC-Chapel Hill studying American Indian Advocacy Fellowship. Ms. McDonnell will be working on a COVID-19 Pandemic Impact project for the Commission, which will involve, conducting a research study to determine the overall impact of Covid-19 on American Indians and their communities in North Carolina.
- Ms. McDonnell gave a brief bio. She is a doctoral student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she is studying Philosophy in American Studies and obtained her bachelor's degree from University of Arizona and Master's in Public Administration from Arizona State University in May 2020. Ms. McDonnell indicated that public service is her passion, and she is interested in serving at the pleasure of Indian country. The goal of the project is to investigate and better understand discrepancies and obtain public health data collection between federal and state recognized tribes. Information obtained from public health data, surveys, and interviews in the Indian community. She needs the Commission support to distribute the survey and encourage people to take the survey. The survey will be anonymous and will only list their tribal affiliation.
- Ms. McDonnell is finalizing questions for the survey as follows: (1) Where are the people getting the data on Covid 19 information; (2) Why people are choosing or not choosing to get vaccinated; (3) People who are impacted by Covid-19.
- Preliminary work is conducted in tribal nations in North Carolina. Ms. McDonnell is interested in engaging with people to learn more about the Indian tribal history.
- Ms. McDonnell stated that her report will be submitted to the Commission and the tribal communities before it will be officially released. She is looking forward to communicating with all the Commission members.
- Mr. Greg Richardson concluded his report and encouraged all members to encourage their communities to take part in the survey.
- Mr. Richardson informed that Ms. Emily McDonnell, Intern will provide a full report on the evaluation of the survey "Covid-19 Pandemic Impact" at the next Commission meeting.

Comments from Commission:

- Commission member requested information on Domestic Violence.
- Ms. Nikki Locklear provided information on her program. The NC Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault (DV/SA) Program is funded through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) by the Governor's Crime Commission and the Family Violence Prevention and Service Act (FVPSA) through the NC Council for Women. The program provides for a Program Director and DV Advocates for various tribal communities to provide direct services to victims, provide training

and resources to victims. Funds also are used to provide training opportunities for advocates. Advocates provide direct services to victims in the tribal communities.

- Commission member requested information on vital records and birth certificate. Noted that American Indian is not listed on the birth certificate.
- Mr. Greg Richardson noted that Health and Human Services needs to be contacted to resolve the birth certificate issue.
- The NC Indian Unity Conference is on March 10, 11, 12, 2022, sponsored by the United Tribes of North Carolina.
- Vice Chair Yates congratulated the Haliwa Saponi Tribe on the Boys and Girls Club funding.
- On behalf of Chair Rev. Burnett, Vice Chair Yates announced that the 50th NC Commission of Indian Affairs Celebration will be in conjunction with the NC Indian Unity Conference in March 2022. She requested to submit suggestions or ideas to her directly.
- Vice Chair Yates informed that United Tribes has a theme ready.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Adhoc Goals Committee: None. Reported that there is a lack of a quorum at the Goals Committee meeting. Commission members requested clarification from Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Chair. Vice Chair Yates requested members to submit their committee request to Chairman Burnett.

Adhoc Land Trust: None

Veterans: None. Veterans Awards for 2022 Indian Unity Conference, Mr. Richardson requested recommendation from each tribe to nominate a Veteran by January 15, 2022. Request for sponsors will follow shortly.

Culture Resources: None. Reported that there is a lack of a quorum at the Culture Resources Committee. Chair Danny Bell provided informational items as follows: (1) 250th Anniversary of American Revolution; (2) Ensure American Indians participate in the discussion (3) Need for American Indian Museum in Raleigh (4) New NC American Indian Heritage Commission.

Employment and Training: Commissioner Wanda Ramsey Burns made a motion for American Indian owned business need to know the type of business, contact of local tribes and organization. Mr. Greg Richardson recommended that name and type of business is an essential information. A form was distributed in the Board packet.

Vice Chair Yates requested the motion to be repeated.

Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey read as follows: Economic Development Employment and Training Committee vote on to encourage the full Commission to contact the local tribes and organizations to request that they provide a list of American Indian owned businesses so that the Commission of Indian Affairs can incorporate the information in a virtual database. Vice Chair Yates noted that since it is coming from the Committee there is no need for a second. She asked if there is any discussion.

Mr. Greg Richardson informed that the form needs to include the status of the business, LLC, Cooperate or sole ownership.

Chair Yates requested the Commission to raise their hands if they approved. Vice Chair Yates accepted the recommendation with the modifications on the form. It was noted that since the recommendation was coming from the Committee, no need for a second. Motion carried.

Environmental Justice: Appointment of the Chair is pending. No report.

Health Committee: None. Vice Chair Yates noted that Commissioner Connie Mitchell, Chair was unable to attend due to a recent death of a close family member. To keep her and her family in prayers.

Indian Child Welfare: Appointment of the Chair is pending. Chair Yates noted that Mr. Greg Richardson informed that the Indian Child Welfare Gathering was a success.

Indian Education: Commissioner Yates, Chair announced the nominees for FY 2022-24. The following was discussed:

- She informed that SACIE Committee must follow State Board of Education (SBOE) guidelines. The process was explained in brief.
- Chair Yates read the nominees listed on the handout provided. She informed that there needs to be five parents whose children are currently in the public school system or charter school. Also, five educators whose license is current. One of the educators must serve in Title VI Indian Education.
- Motion: Commissioner Goolsby recommended Jerimiah Moore application for the State Advisory Council on Indian Education. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Yates repeated the motion as follows: She noted that the Commission is voting to include the application of Jerimiah Moore. Vice Chair Yates requested members to raise hands if they approved, a count of thirteen members approved (majority). Motion approved.
- Mr. Greg Richardson noted that the motion is on the table.
- Commissioner Helen Cook objected to the motion and questioned Commissioner Goolsby on Rodney Jackson. Commissioner Goolsby noted that he did not vote for Rodney Jackson. Chair Yates noted that the paperwork on Rodney Jackson is complete.
- Chair Yates read the names of the parents that needed to be voted on: Calvin Locklear from Triangle Native American Society, and Stacey Lynch from Haliwa Saponi. Motion: Commissioner Tony Hayes made a motion to accept the parent recommendation. Commissioner Charles Richardson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by fourteen vote counts.
- Chair Yates read the names of the educator's Angelique Young, Coharie; Rodney Jackson, Lumbee, Title VI; Tamara Carter, Waccamaw-Siouan, Title VI; and Jerimiah Moore. Chair Yates made a recommendation in alphabetical order as follows:
 - Tamara Carter, thirteen vote count, none oppose
 - Rodney Jackson, one vote count in favor; thirteen votes against
 - Jerimiah Moore, fourteen vote count in favor; none opposed
 - Angelique Young, thirteen vote count in favor; none opposed
- Chair Yates announced that Tamara Carter, Jerimiah Moore, and Angelique Young are the 3-educators who received the highest vote count. Mr. Greg Richardson requested that Ms. Candace Lowry, Recording Secretary, read the vote count.
- Commissioner Yates made a recommendation for the Eight Grade Textbook item on American Indian. SACIE Committee contacted Dr. Olivia Oxendine, State Board of Education and Dr. Susan Silver, Liaison for SACIE, Department of Public Instruction. They reported their findings and recommendation that Dr. Oxendine, is going to request a representative from SACIE to be on the Textbook Commission. Expressed that there is no American Indian on the Textbook Commission.
- Dr. Susan Silver recommended that the Commission support by sending a letter to the Textbook Commission requesting an Indian representative be on the Textbook Advisory Committee and the Textbook Commission (both).

- Chair Yates explained in brief the importance of a representative and how this person will notify Textbook Commission when adoptions occur.
- Mr. Greg Richardson recommended Ms. Dorothy Yates, Chair, Education Committee, to be the Indian representative to the Textbook Advisory Committee and to the Textbook Commission.
- Chair Yates clarified that the current textbook is in publishing and cannot be stopped. Textbook will be out in the spring and distributed to students.
- Commissioner Tony Hayes made a motion to approve Ms. Dorothy Yates to be the American Indian representative to the Textbook Advisory Committee and on the Textbook Commission. Commissioner Gladys Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Twelve vote count in favor and one vote count absentee.
- Commission members requested clarification on the Resolution. Mr. Greg Richardson requested Ms. Dorothy Yates to give in writing the resolution and Mr. Mark Teague to see to the legal aspects. Chair Yates recommended a motion. The motion was accepted by consensus. Mr. Greg Richardson noted that there is no quorum at this time.

Indian Housing: Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair, informed that Mr. Steve Maynor will be presenting the NC Indian Housing Authority Appointments.

Mr. Maynor read the names as per the handout.

- Mr. Greg Richardson informed that there was no quorum. Chair Yates requested a consensus.
- Commissioner Tony Hayes made a motion to accept the recommendation for the Indian Housing Authority appointments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wanda Ramsey Burns. Motion carried.
- Mr. Greg Richardson informed that the retroactive vote for term ending 06/30/21 for Alton Locklear, Lumbee. Nominees are Whitney Bell, and Tina K Dickie. Since there was no quorum, a special meeting will be conducted to vote on the appointments to the NC Indian Housing Authority Board.

Legislative: Commissioner Tony Hayes, Chair, discussed in brief the 2022 Indian Legislative Agenda.

- General Statute 71-A Propose changing the GS 71-A to mirror recent changes for Lumbee, Haliwa-Saponi, and Occaneechi.
- The Commission was urged to gauge tribes' interest to pursue change in GS71-A
- Discussed Land acknowledgement concerns and recommended that the Commission create a template for land acknowledgement ceremonies and matters.
- Chair Hayes informed that he will be mailing a template for land acknowledgement.
- Mr. Greg Richardson informed that there is no quorum. The action item could not be voted at this time.
- Discussed the Deputy Director position, funding, and job description.

Recognition: Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chair informed that there was no action item at this time.

Other Business:

Flower Fund Report: Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary/Treasurer, stated the following: Flower fund balance \$ 135.39. At the meeting, Commissioner Burns-Ramsey collected \$160 towards the flower fund.


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tribal Announcements from Commission Members: Commission members announced their upcoming events.

FUTURE MEETING DATES & EVENTS: The meeting dates are listed on the agenda.

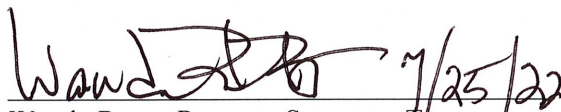
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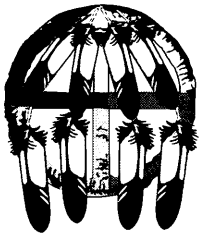
With no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting, was made by Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2022, in conjunction with the Indian Unity Conference. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting will be held virtually via Teams.


Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)

 3-10-22
Daphne Pinto, Transcriber
on Behalf of Candace Lowry, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on March 10, 2022.


Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)



**N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

Campbell University
Main Campus - 143 Main St.
Buies Creek, North Carolina
Student Center

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

DRAFT AGENDA – December 3, 2021

Opening Session	10:00am
Call to Order & Adopt Agenda	Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Invocation	Chief Michael Jacobs, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Commission Member
Roll Call	Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of September 3, 2021, Minutes	Ricky Burnett
Guest Presentations:	
Welcome and Remarks	Dean Dr. Alfred Bryant, Dean, Campbell University
Greetings from Campbell University	Dr. Bradley Creed, President, Campbell University
Overview of Academic Programs Offerings at Campbell University and NC American Indian Tribal Collaboration	Dr. Mark Hammond, Provost, Campbell University
Business Items:	
Executive Director Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director's Report Quarterly Program Reports (copies included in packet) 	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID 19 Pandemic Impact Report Overview Update 	Emily McDonald, (Navaho) Intern, Graduate Student, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Commission's 50th Anniversary - Discussion	Ricky Burnett
Commission Committee Reports	Only Committee Reports with action items will be heard
Adhoc Goals Committee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Chair
Adhoc Land Trust	Furnie Lambert, Chair

Veterans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran Awards for 2022 Indian Unity Conference – Announcement Awardees 	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Cultural Resources	Danny Bell, Chair
Employment & Training	W D Baucom, Chair
Environmental Justice	Committee Chair Appointment Pending
Indian Child Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Indian Child Welfare Gathering – Update 	Carolyn West, Chair
Indian Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Appointments • Elimination of American Indian Mascots • Potential entry in the social studies textbook 	Dorothy Yates, Chair
Indian Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC Indian Housing Authority Appointment 	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair
Legislative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Indian Legislative Agenda Discussion 	Tony Hayes, Chair
Recognition	Larece Hunt, Chair
Other Business Items: Flower Fund Report	Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary/Treasurer
Items from Commission Members	(2 Minutes Only)

Adjournment	3:00 pm
2022 Commission Meetings	
March 10 -In conjunction with NC Indian Unity Conference, Raleigh, NC June 3 - Raleigh September 2 - Raleigh December 2 – Raleigh	

