



NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2022

Via TEAMS Microsoft Meeting

DOA Building, North Carolina

WELCOME: Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm with a quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed guest, the Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, and staff.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was adopted by consensus.

INVOCATION: Chief Michael Jacobs, Waccamaw Siouan Tribe, presented the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS

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

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Gerald Goolsby	Present
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ROLL CALL *(Continued)*

Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Department of Administration (DOA), Pamela Brewington Cashwell, Secretary		Present
Designee: David Elliott, Deputy Secretary		
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Machel Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Betty Marrow-Taylor, Chief Diversity Equity Inclusion Officer		Present
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Elizabeth Biser, Secretary		
Designee: Sharon Martin, Deputy Secretary		
Representative: Sheila Holman, NCDEQ		
Department of Health & Human Services, Kody H. Kinsley, Secretary		
Designee: Melanie Bush, Chief Administrative		
		Present
Department of Labor, Josh Dobson, Commissioner		
Designee: Julie Ryan, Director of Govt. Affairs		
		Absent
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, John Mintz - Non-Voting Member		
Designee: Chris Southerly		
		Absent

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
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program & Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program
Pamela (Shena) Brewington, Program Director, Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)
Steven (Steve) Maynor, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
Candace Lowry, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, Program Director, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: List is on file with the Commission.

Commissioner Walter Baucom was present at the start of the meeting. He informed via email that he had technical difficulties and was unable to answer the roll call and get back into the TEAMS Microsoft meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS: None



ACTION ITEMS:

Indian Education Committee:

Textbook Commission Resolution, regarding incorrect information pending for including the social studies textbook: Commissioner Dorothy Yates, Chair, presented the following:

- Informed the Commission that the Textbook Adoption Process and Textbook Resolution was distributed in the Board packet.
- Chair Yates asked if she needed to read the handouts.
- Chairman Brunett asked the Commission if he had a consensus from members that they read the Textbook Adoption Process and Textbook Resolution. Hearing none. He requested Commissioner Yates, Chair, Indian Education Committee, to proceed.
- Noted the Resolution states “Requesting an American Indian representative to be appointed to the North Carolina Textbook Commission.”
- Suggested that the Textbook Commission Resolution be adopted. Chair Yates read the excerpt “Now therefore let it be resolved that, the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs strongly urges a swift decision to assure American Indian participation in the textbook selection process for social studies in 2022.”
- Chair Yates informed everyone that a meeting date is not listed on the DPI website. Meeting usually start in March. The Resolution needs to be passed and presented to the Department of Public Instruction.
- The process is as follows:
First step, the State Superintendent recommends to the Governor twenty-three positions for the Textbook Commission. The recommendations must be from each of the eight education districts in North Carolina. At this time, the Commission has four vacancies that has not been filled on the Textbook Commission. These positions need to be filled by educators, or principals, or parents, and one superintendent.
- The position will be an “at large position”. She expressed the person filling the position will not have to fit one of the categories listed above. The Commission will not fill in a slot from a teacher of grades K-5, 6-8, 9-10, with an at large position.
- Next step, the Superintendent recommends to the Governor these positions. The Governor does the final acceptance for the final Textbook Commission.
- The Textbook Commission then appoints a Textbook Evaluation Advisor that looks at the textbooks and completes a report. Then reports back to the Textbook Commission. Chair Yates is recommending an at large position, for a Textbook Evaluation Advisor.
- The Department of Public Instruction begins the process of appointing a member of SACIE to begin the process with DPI, where a criteria is developed to evaluate the textbook. This is included in the evaluation and adoption in North Carolina. This information is given to the publishers.
- Chairman Burnett called for a consensus on this item to move forward. He noted that this will be voted on at the end of the meeting.

State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Appointments:

Chair Yates informed the Commission that the SACIE handout was distributed in the Board packet. She noted the SACIE nominees were approved by the Education Committee. The following was discussed:

- Informed members that they did not have to vote on the following:
Amanda Frisard, Parent, Term 1 (2021-2023)



Kamiyo Lanning, Parent, Term 2 (2021-2023)

Tina Lance, Parent, Term 1 (2021-2023) slot.

- The two-parent position needed for vote are as follows:
Calvin Locklear, Parent, Term 1 (2022-2024)
Stacey Lynch, Parent, Term 1 (2022-2024).
- Re Educators: Chair Yates indicated that Mr. Jerimiah Moore, educator was added at the December 3, 2021, meeting, to be part of the list. The Commission voted to allow his application to be in the running for a SACIE position. Mr. Goolsby, Commission member was given an incorrect date as to when the application was due.
- Indicated, Mr. Rodney Jackson, Educator, Term 2 (2022-2024), was not approved during the vote.
- Chair Yates noted that the Committee already has the following:
Ms. Brandi Jacobs, Educator, Term 1 (2021-2023)
Ms. Reah Jacobs, Educator, Term 2 (2021-2023)
- Three educator slots needed to be voted are as follows:
Angelique Young, Educator, Term 1 (2022-2024)
Jerimah Moore (was added to the spreadsheet, and he was approved.)
Tamara Carter (was added to the spreadsheet and she was approved.)
- Chair Yates informed everyone that she is waiting on DPI, application on Tamara Carter, stated that she has applied for an educator slot. However, she is not a licensed educator, but instead a Title VI Director, in Columbus County schools. Waiting on ruling and clarification from DPI to see if she qualifies for Title VI position, or if the Education Committee needs to find another candidate that is an educator and a title VI Director. Indicated, the Committee is going to submit Tamara Carter for one of the positions for SACIE, for the terms that begin, July 1st of 2022.
- Chairman Burnett asked for a consensus and informed that members will vote at the end of the meeting.

Indian Housing Committee: Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair, informed everyone that Mr. Steven Maynor, Section 8 Housing Program Manager, will be presenting the following:

- A Retroactive Vote for seat ending 6/30/22 for Mr. Alton Locklear (Lumbee Seat).
Whitney Bell - First choice
Tina K Dickie - Second choice
- A vote for members whose terms end 6/30/22 for Elton Ray Jacobs (Waccamaw Siouan Seat)
Elton Ray Jacobs - First choice
Ellon Jacobs - Second choice
- A vote for members whose terms end 6/30/22 for Gladys Hunt (Cumberland County Association of Indian People Seat)
Gladys Hunt – First choice
No alternative – Second choice
- A vote for members whose terms end 6/30/22 for Jerl Wayne Locklear (Lumbee Seat)
Dr. Reginal Oxendine - First choice
Ted Woodall - Second choice
- Chairman Burnett asked for a consensus and informed that members will vote at the end of the meeting.



INFORMATION ITEM:

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Tony Hayes, Chair, was unable to attend. He requested Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs presented the following on his behalf.

- General Statute 71-A Purpose changing General Statute 71-A to mirror recent changes for Lumbee, Haliwa-Saponi, and Occaneechi.

Commission was urged to gauge tribes' interest to pursue change in General Statute 71A
Mr. Greg Richardson noted that all the tribes will have the same language incorporated into their Chapter of 71A, if the amendment is pursued, so tribes will not have to go to the General Assembly separately to amend the GS 71A.

- William Anthony Hayes, Chair discussed at the December 3, 2021, meeting, Land acknowledgement concerns and recommended that the Commission create a template for land acknowledgement ceremonies, he indicated that perhaps this would make the land acknowledgements more official and standard, so ceremonies are not commercialized.
Mr. Richardson informed the Committee that he has received additional information that might lead to further discussion.

ACTION ITEM: Continued

Textbook Commission Resolution:

The following was discussed:

Chairman Rev. Burnett called for a s vote on the action items presented during the meeting and they are as follows: Textbook Commission; State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Nominees for FY 2022-2024; and Appointments for the Indian Housing Authority.

Secretary Cashwell asked if the Commission was going to have a discussion before voting. Her question to Chairman Rev. Burnett, how did we get to a Consensus without any discussion?

Secretary Cashwell asked clarifying question regarding the Resolution on Textbook Commission. She understands the intent and expressed that the appointment to the Textbook Commission must be in accordance with statute NCGS 115 C-87. Secretary Cashwell read an excerpt from the GS115 C-87. And noted that she is concerned that the Commission is passing a resolution that conflicts with the statutes and want to discuss the matter stated, specifically how DPI could somehow go outside the parameters of the statutes.

Secretary Cashwell expressed her concerns as follows:

- How is the Commission passing the resolution that is not possible?
- Informed the Commission that she would be happy to suggest ideas about how to go about the recommendation.
- Indicated that the Commission can adopt a resolution, and or send a letter to the Textbook Commission and to the Superintendent at DPI.
- Discussed since the States Superintendent does the recommendations to the Governor, requesting or stating the concern that there are no Native American representatives on the Textbook Commission. Noting the importance of having the representation because of the lack of information in the social studies curriculum in North Carolina, particularly as it relates to North Carolina Tribes and tribal communities. Then, offering that the Commission would provide some recommendations for the State Superintendent to recommend to the Governor.



- Expressed that the Commission recommendation cannot be for an at large member because it does not fit with the General Statutes. She noted that the recommendation must be within the category listed in the GS 115C-87.
- The recommendation needs to be pointed to the lack of a Native American Superintendent or teachers within the category listed in the statute.
- Concluded that the Commission can make a recommendation to the Textbook Commission and DPI Superintendent to seek an advisor outside of the Textbook Commission to come in and advise the Textbook Commission with respect to the curriculum.
- Mr. Richardson suggested that we hold the resolution and its adoption, at this time. He noted that the Commission needs to work with Secretary Cashwell on the language to be included in the Resolution and so that the language is in-line with the general statutes.
- Secretary Cashwell noted that if all members agree, and given the understanding there is a time constraint the Commission authorizes the North Carolina Department of Administration (NC DOA) to draft a letter. This letter can be submitted to the Committee Chair and all Commission members, this will enable us to move the process forward “to let the Textbook Commission know that this is a concern”.
- Secretary Cashwell also stated that a vote can be administered at this meeting to initiate the process without adoption of a full resolution. This is just a recommendation to keep it moving.
- **Motion:** Commissioner Danny Bell made a motion to adopt the recommendation made by Secretary Cashwell that Department of Administration drafts a letter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gladys Hunt. Motion carried. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Chairman Rev. Burnett noted that the Commission will vote at the end.
- Chairman Rev. Burnett asked if there is any discussion on the Housing appointments.
- Commission member suggested that the Education Committee needs to be included in discussion for the Resolution.
- Commissioner Yates, Chair, Indian Education Committee, informed everyone that originally it was suggested that a letter be written. She noted that at the December 3, 2021, meeting the discussion was that a resolution needed to be drafted. That today’s discussion and action has turned the efforts from what it was originally discussed. Also stated that the Resolution is within the boundaries of the General Statutes. She suggested the Textbook Commission could still have an advisor and be added to the DPI Committee, without it being in one of the general statutes. Stated that it comes under the Committee headings, she would like to be included in the conversation.

Motion was recommended to approve all the action items listed above.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

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Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Present, Approved
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Helen Cook	Present, Approved
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Present, Approved
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Joshua Welch	Absent
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Carolyn West	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	Shelia Epps Wilson	Present, Approved
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnette, Sr.	Absent



Haliwa Saponi	Karen Harley	Present, Approved
Haliwa Saponi	Charles P. Richardson	Absent
Lumbbee	Larece Hunt	Present, Approved
Lumbbee	Ricky Burnett	Present, Approved
Lumbbee	Furnie Lambert	Absent

ROLL CALL (*Continued*)

Meherrin	Constance Mitchell	Absent
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D. Baucom	Absent
Metrolina Native American Association	Rebecca LaClaire	Present, Approved
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Tony Hayes	Absent
Sappony	Dorothy Yates	Present, Approved
Triangle Native American Society	Danny Bell	Present, Approved
Waccamaw Siouan Elton R. Jacobs	Present, yes, to Education; abstained from Housing	
Waccamaw Siouan	Chief Michael Jacobs	Present, Approved

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President Pro Tem Appointee	Gerald Goolsby	Present, Approved
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present, Approved
Department of Administration (DOA), Pamela Brewington Cashwell, Secretary		Present, Approved
Designee: David Elliott, Deputy Secretary		
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Machel Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Betty Marrow-Taylor, Chief Diversity Equity Inclusion Officer		
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Elizabeth Biser, Secretary		Present, Approved
Designee: Sharon Martin, Deputy Secretary		
Representative: Sheila Holman, NCDEQ		
Department of Health & Human Services, Kody H. Kinsley, Secretary		
Designee: Melanie Bush, Chief Administrative		
Department of Labor, Josh Dobson, Commissioner		Present, Approved
Designee: Julie Ryan, Director of Govt. Affairs		
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, John Mintz - Non-Voting Member		
Designee: Chris Southerly		
		Absent

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO Kaloni Walton - Non-Voting Member	Absent
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Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting, was made by Commissioner Gerald Goolsby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helen Cook. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 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 7/25/2022
Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)

Daphne Pinto 3-10-22
Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)

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

Wanda Burns-Ramsey 7/25/22
Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)



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Special Meeting
Celebrating 50 Years of American Indian Advocacy

AGENDA
January 27, 2022

Welcoming Remarks	2:00pm
Call to Order & Adopt Agenda	Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Invocation	Chief Michael Jacobs, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Executive Director Announcements	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Indian Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Appointments • Textbook Commission Resolution, Regarding Incorrect Information pending for including in Social Studies Textbook 	Dorothy Yates, Chair
Indian Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC Indian Housing Authority Appointment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Retroactive Vote for seat ending 06/30/2021 for Mr. Alton Locklear (Lumbee Seat). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Whitney Bell, First Choice ii. Tina K Dickie Second Choice (Nomination letter on File with the Commission of Indian Affairs) 2. A Vote for members whose terms end 06/30/2022: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Elton Ray Jacobs (Waccamaw-Siouan Seat) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Elton Ray Jacobs - Frist Choice ii. Ellon Jacobs - Second Choice b. Gladys Hunt (Cumberland County Association of Indian People Seat) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Gladys Hunt - First Choice ii. No Alternative - Second Choice c. Jerl Wayne Locklear (Lumbee Seat) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dr, Reginal Oxndine, First Choice 	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair

<p>ii. Ted Woodall, Second Choice Note</p>	
<p>Legislative Committee</p> <p>i. General Statue 71A- Propose changing General Statue 71A to mirror recent changes for Lumbee, Haliwa-Saponi, and Occaneechi.</p> <p>1. The Commission was urged to gauge tribes' interest to pursue change in General statue 71A.</p> <p>ii. William Anthony "Tony" Hayes discussed Land acknowledgement concerns and recommended that the Commission create a template for land acknowledgement ceremonies and matters, he indicated that perhaps this would make the land acknowledgements more official in standards, so ceremonies aren't commercialized.</p>	<p>Tony Hayes, Chair</p>
<p>Items from Commission Members</p>	<p>(2 Minutes Only)</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>3:00pm</p>
<p>2022 Commission Meeting Dates</p>	<p>March 10 - In conjunction with Virtual NC Indian Unity Conference June 3 - TBA September 2 - TBA December 2 TBA</p>