

Commission of Indian Affairs
 Quarterly Commission Meeting
 Raleigh North Carolina
 Dec 14, 2012
 Held by teleconference
 ADOPTED 2/28/13

Vice-Chairman Shirley Freeman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present. Invocation: Commissioner W.D. Baucom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda: Commissioner Furnie Lambert, second Commissioner Charlene Jacobs and carried.

Motion to approve the minutes: Commissioner Larece Hunt, second Commissioner Furnie Lambert and carried.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Chairman, President Pro Tem Appointee	Paul Brooks	Absent
Speaker of the House Appointee Lumbee	Faline Locklear-Dial	Present
Coharie	Isabell Freeman Elliott	Absent
Coharie	Charlene Jacobs	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Roy Maynor	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Barbara Melvin	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee	Marvel Welch	Present
Guilford Native American Association	Ruth Revels	Present
Guilford Native American Association	Julia Phipps	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Absent
Haliwa Saponi	Charles Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present
Lumbee	Daniel Jones	Present
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Present
Meherrin	Chassidy Hall	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D Baucom	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Jessie Jacobs	Present
Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation	Sharn Jeffries	Present
Sappony	Dorothy Crowe	Present
Triangle Native American Society	Brett Locklear	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R Jacobs	Absent
Waccamaw Siouan	Shirley Freeman	Present
NCNAYO	Jasmine Jacobs	Absent
NCNAYO	Jeremy Locklear	Absent
NCNACHOE	Toni Henderson	Absent

STATE OFFICIALS

Department of Administration, Moses Carey, Jr, Secretary Designee: June Michaux	Present
Employment Security Commission, Lynn R Holmes, Chairman Designee: Debra Derr	Absent
Department of Health & Human Services, Lanier Cansler Designee: Maria Spaulding	Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Designee: Tina Morris-Anderson	Present
Department of Environmental Natural Resources, Dee Freeman Designee: Charles Malone	Absent
Department of Justice G Mark Teague, Assistant Attorney General	Present

STAFF PRESENT

Greg Richardson, Executive Director
David Grigsby, Director, Section 8
Kimberly Hammonds, Director, Economic Development
Elk Richardson, Director, Workforce Investment Act Program
Mickey Locklear, Director, Educational Talent Search Program
Elizabeth "Qua" Lynch, Intern, Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

OTHERS PRESENT

A list of others present is on file at the Commission office.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Greg Richardson read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Vice Chairman Freeman.

MODIFICATION TO HUD/SECTION 8 HOUSING PLAN

Motion made by Furnie Lambert to amend the Commissions' Section 8 Housing program administrative plan to include project based housing in this program. Motion second by Larece Hunt and passed. Barbara Melvin abstained from voting because she is Director of the NC Indian Housing Authority.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Included in the December commission meeting packet and on file at the commission.

QUARTERLY PROGRAM REPORTS

Included in December commission meeting packet and on file at the commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adhoc Land Trust & Veterans – No Report

Legislative – Greg reported on the recommendations that this committee had for the Commission.

Item No 1 – NC Indian Child Care Legislative Amendment will be added to the 2013 Legislative Agenda. Furnie Lambert made the motion, second Dorothy Crowe and carried

Item No 2 – Catawba Indian Nation-State Recognition Legislation as stated in the Legislative Committee agenda failed due to the lack of support of the committee members.

See attachment A.

After many questions and discussion the Commission members decided more research and information is needed.

A motion was made by Brett Locklear to forward this item back to the Legislative Committee for additional research. Mr Mark Teague, Attorney, NCDOJ, indicated that there are no provisions in the Commissions' legislation or recognition procedures for the Committee to recommend that the Catawba be granted State Recognition through Legislation, only that they go through the Recognition procedures. Item No 2 will not be added to the 2013 Legislative agenda. Charlene Jacobs seconded the motion and carried

Item No 3 – Tribal Status Clarification Legislation will be added to the 2013 Legislative Agenda. Furnie Lambert made the motion, second Marvel Welch and carried.

Discussion: Chassidy Hall made a motion to include tax exemption status clarification to the proposed Item No 3. Marvel Welch, Julia Phipps, Faline Dial-Locklear objected to the inclusion of the tax exemption status being added to Item No 3. Attorney Mark Teague stated if the Commission decided to include the tax exemption clarification status to Item No 3, then an amendment would need to be made to the motion made by Furnie Lambert. Chassidy Hall then rescinded her previous motion.

Brett Locklear made a motion to table the tax exemption status clarification topic for NC State Recognized Tribes until more research, investigation, reviews, studies, and records have been completed; then take a recommendation to the Executive Committee for action on behalf of the Commission; continuing this movement before the February Commission meeting, enabling this time line to meet the General Assembly convening Jan 30, 2013. Larece Hunt seconded motion and carried.

Culture and Religion – No Report

Economic Development and Employment– No Report

Education Committee – Dorothy Crowe gave an update on committee activities. The committee is in the process of planning an Education Forum for later this year. They will be focusing on making sure that American Indian students are registered in schools as American Indian. Dorothy expressed the importance of parents checking the “Indian Only” box on their children’s school enrollment documents.

Health – No Report

Human Resources –No Report

Indian Child Welfare – No Report

Recognition Committee – Larece Hunt gave an update on committee activities. The Tuscarora Nation resubmitted their petition for state recognition. They now fall under the current State Recognition Procedures. The recognition committee will plan to meet in early January to discuss the petition at hand. The Catawba petition will continue to be handled.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. **Coharie Tribe's request for funding in the amount \$350,000.** The Executive Director indicated that he had received feedback that this request should come from a local bill sponsor, preferably a legislator from the Coharie tribal community or the Sampson/Harnett County legislative district, so as not to violate legislative protocols. The Committee opted not to include this legislation on the legislative agenda. The committee agreed that the Commission should support the proposed legislation through the recommended legislative process or a local bill. Motion made by Furnie Lambert, seconded by Marvel Welch. Motion carried.
2. **Legislative Agenda items held over from 2011-2012.** The Committee determined that the legislative agenda items from the 2011-2012 legislative agenda would be carried forward into the 2014 legislative agenda for consideration. However, it was felt that these items need further discussion and must be resubmitted to the legislative committee by November 2013. Motion made by Marvel Welch, seconded by Furnie Lambert and carried .

Brett Locklear brought up the concern of this causing an ethical conflict. Marvel Welch made a motion that the Legislative Agenda Items held over from 2011-2012 be sent back to the Legislative Committee for further review, seconded by Larece Hunt and carried.

INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Greg stated that the Indian Cultural Center is out of the Commission's hands. The Joint Legislative Committee on Program Evaluation and Development has compiled a recommendation for the 2013 General Assembly. Greg expressed that a copy of the recommendations would be on hand at the Commission if any of the Commissioner wanted to review it.

INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE

The 2013 Indian Unity Conference will be held February 28 - March 2, 2013 at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons • Joseph S. Koury Convention Center Greensboro, NC.

INAUGURAL PARADE

The Inaugural Parade welcoming Governor Pat McCrory into office will be held on January 12, 2013. Greg briefly discussed the plans for a float and informed Commission members that instructions had been sent out to the individual tribes and urban organizations. NCNAYO will be acting as the financial agent for the parade; therefore, all checks should be written to Mickey Locklear.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

February 28, 2013