

Commission of Indian Affairs
 Quarterly Commission Meeting
 Pembroke, North Carolina
 December 3, 2010

Approved March 10, 2011

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present. Commissioner Furnie Lambert led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Don Carter offered the Invocation.

MEMBERS

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| Coharie | Isabell Freeman Elliott | Absent |
| Coharie | Don Carter | Present |
| Cumberland County Association for Indian People | Roy Maynor | Present |
| Cumberland County Association for Indian People | Barbara Melvin | Present |
| Eastern Band of Cherokee | Patrick Lambert | Present |
| Guilford Native American Association | Ruth Revels | Present |
| Guilford Native American Association | Julia Phipps | Present |
| Haliwa Saponi | Ruth Ealing | Absent |
| Haliwa Saponi | Jeffrey Anstead | Present |
| Lumbee | Larece Hunt | Present |
| Lumbee | Furnie Lambert | Present |
| Lumbee | Donald Jones | Present |
| Meherrin | Chassidy Hall | Present |
| Metrolina Native American Association | Earlene Stacks | Present |
| Metrolina Native American Association | W. David Baucum | Present |
| Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation | Sharn Jeffries | Present |
| Sappony | Shelia Wilson | Present |
| Triangle Native American Society | Brett Locklear | Present |
| Waccamaw Siouan | Lila Spaulding | Present |
| Waccamaw Siouan | Shirley Freeman | Present |
| President Pro Tem Appointee | Paul Brooks | Present |
| Speaker of the House Appointee | Faline Locklear Dial | Present |

STATE OFFICIALS

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| Department of Health and Human Services, Lanier Cansler, Secretary Designee: Maria Spaulding | Absent |
| Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner Designee: Tina Morris Anderson | Absent |
| Employment Security Commission Lynn R. Holmes, Chairman Designee: Debra Derr | Present |
| Department of Administration, Moses Carey, Jr., Secretary | |

Designee: June Michaux
Department of Environment & Natural Resources, Dee Freeman, Secretary
Designee: David Knight

Absent

Absent

ADHOC HEALTH COMMITTEE CHAIR

Robin Cummings - Absent

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

LeAnn Martin, Assistant Attorney General - Absent

STAFF PRESENT

Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Sue Brewington, Workforce Development Coordinator
Missy Brayboy, Director, Health Initiative
Elk Richardson, Director, Workforce Investment Act Program
Sadie Barbour, Director, Community Services Program
Kerry Bird, Program Coordinator, Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program
Kim Hammonds, Director, Economic Development
Royce McNeil, Pembroke Office Staff

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 Chairman Brooks. No conflicts of interests were reported.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Commissioner Hunt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Furnie Lambert, that the agenda be approved. Motion carried

Commissioner Stacks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Roy Maynor, that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Commissioner Brooks introduced Mr. Purnell Sweatt, Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. He welcomed the Commission to Lumbee Land. He challenged the commission to work to protect the funds now available to the commission, tribes and organizations in order to maximize the opportunities for the Indian citizens of North Carolina.

Mr. Swett reported that Federal Recognition for the Lumbee Tribe is on the offensive and in the Red Zone at this time. He is optimistic that the Lumbee are closer to federal recognition.

Chairman Brooks introduced Mr. Kyle R. Carter, Chancellor of UNC-Pembroke who greeted the commission. He spoke regarding how the University can help with Indian issues. He noted that the University wrote letters of support for Lumbee Recognition.

He reported that more American Indian students are enrolled than ever before at UNC-Pembroke - 1,134 students in the fall of 2010. He commented on how American Indian students are doing in regards to retention and graduation rates - 67% in 2008; 72% in 2010. He noted that UNC-Pembroke is struggling because of admission standards being so low. They are working on this issue by encouraging students to attend Community College and then transfer to the university.

There was discussion on the recruitment of North Carolina Indian students. It was noted that there needs to be an aggressive effort for this recruitment. There was further discussion regarding a concern about resources available to make Indian students feel at home at UNC-P; For example, designated staff and office space to work specifically with Indian students. Chancellor Carter remarked that there will be a concerted recruitment effort for North Carolina Indian students.

Commissioner Revels invited Mr. Carter to speak at the 2011 Indian Unity Conference.

Commissioner Don Carter commented that he would like to see the university also contact other community colleges in the state to recruit Indian students. Chancellor Carter commented that he welcomed all suggestions. Please forward comments to kyle.carter@uncp.edu.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – GREGORY RICHARDSON

The Executive Directors' Report was distributed.

There was discussion on state budget reductions based on the Governor's proposed budget cuts: 5% = \$20,611; 10% = \$41,223; 15% = \$61,834. Commissioner Brett Locklear made a motion that the commission adopt a resolution in support of the commission asking the department to review, meet and discuss projected budget cuts for the upcoming fiscal year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Spaulding. Motion carried.

Rules Review – Governor Perdue requested all agencies to review their rules and determine if any rules should be repealed. Staff worked with the Department and have determined that the Commission rules are appropriate at this time.

Indian Heritage Month - The Governor signed the 2010 IHM Proclamation in a public ceremony on November 3rd at the State Capitol. The IHM Celebration was held on November 20th at the Museum of History in Raleigh and was well attended.

US Department of Education Meeting – Meetings were held on November 30th and December 1st with Mr. Kevin Jennings, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe & Drug-Free Schools. This was a follow up meeting with DOE officials and tribal leaders on August 5th.

State Capitol Monument – The Executive Director will be serving on the Advisory Committee to initiate the process of selecting an appropriate subject for the memorial to American Indians which will be placed at the State Capital grounds in Raleigh.

NCAI Meeting: The Executive Director attended the annual National Congress of American Indian Conference on November 14-19 in Albuquerque, NM. During the conference there was much anti-state recognized Indian tribes. Information was being passed out to this effect. NC representatives came before the NCAI and stated that this should not be happening. There was support of a new definition of “American Indian” which only included federally recognized tribe. The same delegation worked the conference and that resolution was over turned.

Personnel Issue: WC Groves, Section 8 Housing Director, retired effective December 1. Plans were to honor him today, but he is in the hospital with health complications. The Commission paused for a moment of silent prayer for WC.

NC DOT Disparities Study: Mr. Tony Hayes reported that he has been attending meetings regarding this issue. American Indians and Indian-owned businesses no longer qualify as minority contractors and cannot receive preference in terms of being awarded contracts with the NCDOT. In August a new study was done and NCDOT determined that American Indians are getting more than their fair share of contracts based on data produced during the Disparity Study. Information on this issue can be accessed through the Initiative website at ncindian.org.

Indian/Black Farmers Settlement: Congress cleared legislation to pay American Indian landowners and Black farmers \$4.6 billion to settle a pair of historic class-action lawsuits. NC Indian Farmers who can show proof of discrimination can apply for \$250,000. For more information, go to: www.cobellsettlement.com.

Center for Disease Control Meeting: The CDC will be holding a meeting in North Carolina on December 14 to discuss American Indian health issues. Agenda participants will include: Chairman Paul Brooks; Secretary of Administration Moses Carey; Dr. Melanie Duckworth, Senior Tribal Liaison for CDC Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support; North Carolina State Health Director, Dr. Jeff Engle; and NC Healthy Carolinians Director, Lisa Harrison.

Thirty Second Annual Minority Health Conference: Scheduled for February 25, 2011 at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The Keynote lecture will be given at 2:00 p.m. by Bonnie Duran, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor, Health Sciences School of Public Health, University of Washington. For more information and registration: www.minority.unc.edu.

LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

Chairman Brooks introduced House Member Elect, Charles Graham, from the 47th District, Robeson County. Representative Graham pledged his support to the commission and the tribes and organizations. He spoke regarding the alcohol and drug abuse problems of the youth of our

communities. He plans to visit all the Indian communities in the state and assist with the issues and concerns.

Dr. Shelia Fleischhacker spoke to the commission on “Developing, Planning & Policy Strategies to Improve Access to Healthy Eating”. There were four strategies in this project: 1) Developing partnerships & gaining community perspectives, 2) Mapping community food access, 3) Validating data sources, 4) Identifying policy strategies. The project is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

ADHOC LAND TRUST – COMMISSIONER FURNIE LAMBERT, CHAIR

Commissioner Furner – The committee did not meet this quarter and there would be no report at this time.

VETERANS COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER FURNIE LAMBERT, CHAIR

On November 6th, the Lumbee Warriors were the Color Guard at The World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series Race in Charlotte.

The Community Based Outpatient Center will be turned over to the VA on January 12th. Veterans who utilize the Fayetteville facilities have been sent letters giving them opportunity to move to the CBOC. Information regarding the Grand Opening will be provided to the Commission for dissemination.

ADHOC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER ROY MAYNOR, CHAIR

There was discussion on the proposed 2011-12 Legislative Agenda. (Attachment 1) Items #3-NC Indian Cultural Center - will be placed on hold at this time. It was recommended to extend the legislative process to January and to approve the items presented today and any additional items be approved by the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Anstead made a motion to delete Item #1 – Increase representation on the Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Spaulding. Vote was taken as follows: No 9 Yes 5. Motion carried. Item stays in.

Commissioner Furner Lambert made a Substitute motion to postpone discussion on this issue for 6 months. Vote was taken as follows: No votes 1. Motion failed.

HEALTH COMMITTEE – DR. ROBIN CUMMINGS – CHAIR – ABSENT

No Report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER RUTH REVELS, CHAIR

Commissioner Revels reported that the committee did not meet this quarter.

Wanda Burns Ramsey has been named as Chair of the NC Indian Economic Development Initiative.

The NC Indian Economic Development Initiative has made changes to their bylaw to reduce the members from 25 to 20. They are also looking at creating an Advisory Board.

The 2011 Indian Unity Conference is scheduled for March 10-12 at the Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh, North Carolina.

CULTURAL/RELIGION COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY FREEMAN, CHAIR

The committee did not meet this quarter.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER LARECE HUNT, CHAIR

The committee did not meet this quarter.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER RUTH EALING, CHAIR

The committee did not meet this quarter.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE- COMMISSIONER EARLENE STACKS – CHAIR

The Committee met by teleconference on November 18th.

There were no new updates on the North Carolina American Indian Fund.

The Committee recommended that the Commission's Legislative Agenda include the expansion of SACIE to include representation for all tribes and organizations and expand the role of SACIE to partner with UNC-General Administration, private and community colleges.

Motion from committee: The license plate insignia fee be increased to \$20 and the revenue be used for scholarships or the Commission's general operating fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brett Locklear. There was concern about the additional costs for some tribal members. After discussion motion carried.

Plans are underway for the 2011 Annual NC Native American Youth Organization conference to be held at NC State University. During the US Department of Education meeting, it was suggested that an Indian Education Summit be held in conjunction with the youth conference. Discussion will be held with NCNAYO to see if this would be feasible.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE – DR. CLARA KIDWELL

Dr. Kidwell spoke on the importance of the issues involved and the ongoing efforts of the Standing Committee. Motion from Committee: Legislative Study Committee on the Culture and Customs of American Indian Children be extended past the current legislative session. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chairman Brooks noted that the American Indian Caucus will not meet until the tribes and organizations become interested.

A Federal Recognition Gala will be held on 12-3-10 at the Haliwa Saponi Administrative Building.

Chairman Brooks noted that the Lumbee Tribe Office Facility – “The Turtle” is now open.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Lila Spaulding, Secretary/Treasurer

ACTION ITEMS
 DECEMBER 3, 2010
 NC COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
 QUARTELY MEETING

| ACTION | ASSIGNMENT | COMPLETE | ONGOING |
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| Motion that the September minutes be approved. | Greg Richardson | | |
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| Motion from ICW Committee: Legislative Study Committee on the Culture and Customs of American Indian Children be extended past the current legislative session. | | | |