

NC Commission of Indian Affairs

Quarterly Meeting

Held In Conjunction with the 38th NC Indian Unity Conference

Sheraton Greensboro Hotel – Koury Convention Center

Greensboro, North Carolina

Feb 28, 2013

(Adopted June 7, 2013)

The Commission held a meet and greet session prior to the meeting being called to order, to officially welcome Secretary Bill Daughtridge to the NC Commission of Indian Affairs.

Chairman Paul Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present. Invocation was conducted by Commissioner Roy Maynor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda, by Commissioner Barbara Melvin, the motion was second Commissioner Roy Maynor and carried.

Motion to approve the minutes, by Commissioner Roy Maynor, second Commissioner Barbara Melvin and carried.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Chairman, President Pro Tem Appointee	Paul Brooks	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee Lumbee	Faline Locklear-Dial	Present
Coharie	Isabell Freeman Elliott	Present
Coharie	Charlene Jacobs	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Roy Maynor	Present
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	Present
Haliwa-Saponi	Charles Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present
Lumbee	Daniel Jones	Present
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Present
Meherrin	Chassidy Hall	Absent
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	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Shirley Freeman	Present
NCNAYO	Jasmine Jacobs	Absent
NCNAYO	Jeremy Locklear	Absent
NCNACHOE	Toni Henderson	Absent

STATE OFFICIALS

Department of Administration, Bill Daughtridge, Jr, Secretary		Present
Designee: June Michaux		Present
Department of Administration		
Rhonda Todd, Legislative Liaison		Present
Employment Security Commission, Sharon Decker, Secretary		
Designee: Confirmation Pending		Absent
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr Aldona Wos, Secretary		
Designee: Confirmation pending		
Sherie Bradsher		Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner		
Designee: Tina Morris-Anderson		Present
Department of Environment & Natural Resources, John Skvarla, Secretary		
Designee: Brad Ives		Absent
Department of Justice		
G Mark Teague, Assistant Attorney General		Present

STAFF

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

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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Included in the Commissioners meeting packet and is on file at the Commission.

REMARKS:

BILL DAUGHTRIDGE, JR, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION,

Secretary Daughtridge stated as virtue of his appointment as Secretary of the NC Department of Administration, he has the distinct honor and pleasure to serve as a member of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. Secretary Daughtridge thanked the Commission members and staff for working hard to achieve the goals and objectives.

RECOGNITION OF NEW STATE OFFICIALS/DESIGNEES TO THE COMMISSION

A list of newly appointed officials and their designees was handed out at the Commission meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - Representative Charles Graham , highlighted several bills currently under consideration by the General Assembly

-NC Indian Child Welfare Legislation – 2013 Legislative Agenda – Item No. 1 and the Legislative Agenda 2012 Indian Child Welfare Amendment was included in packet. Next week Representative Jordan is going to send this to bill drafting; with the first reading coming.

-Tribal Status Clarification – in the process of getting a bill to bill drafting.

He indicated that the following language is being considered for the Tribal Status Clarification legislation, so as to provide a definition for recognized tribes in the state of North Carolina.

71A-5. Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina; rights, privileges, immunities, obligations and duties.

The Indians now residing in Halifax, Warren and adjoining counties of North Carolina, originally found by the first permanent white settlers on the Roanoke River in Halifax and Warren Counties, and who descend from the Saponi, Nansemond, and other tribes of Indians originally inhabiting the coastal regions of North Carolina, shall, from and after April 15, 1965, be designated and officially recognized as the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, and they shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges and immunities as an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal governing body carrying out and exercising substantial governmental duties and powers similar to the State, being recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Update, by Mr. Larry Townsend, Area Vice President of NCAI.

Mr. Larry Townsend discussed several points regarding the 2012 Constitution Convention National Congress of American Indians held in Sacramento, CA October 22-26, 2012.

- Advocate for causes of American Indians and our people
- Work for causes to improve quality of life
- Build newer and stronger relationships
- Unite customs
- Work together spoke of the strength in numbers

Mr Townsend reported that a vote by the membership of NCAI to was overwhelmingly in term of allowing state recognized tribes to hold membership in the NCAI during the Constitution Convention. The vote was approximately 390 to 20 in favor of state recognized tribes holding membership in the NCAI. Mr Townsend was quoted, "It was a historic vote". He also encourage the Commission and all state recognized tribes to attend NCAI conventions and for each tribe to maintain membership in the NCAI. The NCAI has been in existence for 68 years and is highly respected among Indian and non Indian leaders in the United States.

Mr. Townsend reported that non-federally recognized tribes cannot legally possess Eagle Feathers. He indicated if you have an Eagle Feather in your possession you can be charged with a felony and encouraged the Commission and tribal leaders to write to their Congressman and President and tell them this is wrong, because American Indians have possessed and used Eagle Feathers through history in tradition ceremonies, celebrations and is deeply rooted in American Indian culture.

Commissioner Brett Locklear made a motion that the Commission adopt a resolution calling attention this issue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Julia Phipps.

QUARTERLY COMMISSION PROGRAM REPORTS

The reports are Included in commission meeting packet and is on file at the commission.

2014 UNITY CONFERENCE – The 2014 Conference will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC.

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION (SACIE) UPDATE

Dr. Olivia Oxendine, Department of Public Instruction Liaison to SACIE and Teresa Cunningham-Brown, Chairperson of SACIE and Senior Director, Teacher Recruitment and Retention Wake County Public Schools gave an update on the current status on SACIE and related activities.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

Mrs. Colmorene Wilson, Outreach Worker, with the Commission's LIEAP gave an update, overview and status report on the program, for informational purposes only.

HEALTHY NATIVE NORTH CAROLINIANS GRANT

Mrs. Amy Locklear-Hertel, Director, and Randi Byrd, Program Assistant, with the American Indian Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, lead a work session regarding the Healthy Native North Carolinians grant and the program. They presented information about the program and a status report on its project activities. Representatives from each of the tribes and organization presented a status report on their projects. This grant ends June 30th, however, the American Indian Center is working with the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust to apply for another grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adhoc Land Trust & Veterans – No report

Legislative – The legislative Committee met during the quarter and the minutes of their meeting is included with the minutes of the Commission meeting. A status report on pending bills was presented by Rep. Charles Graham, during his presentation to the Commission.

Culture and Religion – No report

Economic Development and Employment – It was reported that the Workforce Investment Act Program was coming up for re-authorization this year and that the tribes should monitor this legislation and discuss any issues affecting them with their Congressional delegates. The Commission was also advised that Elk Richardson of the Commission staff has been working with Workforce Study Committee and providing input as it relates to the Commission's Workforce program.

Education Committee – The Education Committee met and a copy of there are included with the minutes of the Commission meeting. Corporal punishment in schools is a hot topic; everyone has an opinion on how the education committee and Commission should proceed. Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion to table the issue until the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Charles (Pete) Richardson suggested the Education Committee study this issue bring a recommendation back to the Commission. Commissioner Jeff Anstead withdrew his motion, based on the recommendation of Commissioner Richardson.

Health – No Report

Human Resources –No Report

Indian Child Welfare –Deana Fleming sent proposed changes to the ICW Committee of the Statutes with a slight additional change. This change or expansion states that a member of a state or federally recognized tribe may be considered for the placement of the child even without a significant relationship. Finalization of the full draft was to be sent out Feb 7, 2013 to different listservs for questions.

There are two ICW workshops planned during the Unity Conference, Friday morning and afternoon.

Corporal Punishment – In the last meeting the decision was made the investigation and evaluation of this issue should go back to the NCCIA Education Committee recommending this be addressed to the SACIE Board. The ICW Committee is encouraging the Education Committee to develop a resolution for counties and parents to seek more positive action in addressing correction matters. ICW will send information and resources that they have to the Education Committee.

Recognition Committee – The Recognition Committee met during the quarter and the minutes of their meeting is included with the minutes of the Commission meeting. Commissioner Larece Hunt reported that the Recognition Committee is proceeding to review the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina's Petition for State Recognition. He also requested that the committee members pick up their notebooks, which contains he Tuscarora petition in Auditorium between 11:45 am and 12:45 pm. The Recognition Committee will meet after the Commission meeting to discuss the review process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Suellen Vaughan, photographer for the Unity Conference for many years and for many other special events had a mini stroke March 5th. She is being treated at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, Raleigh, and regrettably will not be able to attend the conference this year. Mr. Bill Hunt, Trinity Photography, will be taking photos throughout the conference this year. He also took photo's during he Commission meeting. Mr. Hunt was welcomed and thanked for his contribution to the Commission meeting and the Indian Unity Conference.

Commissioner Jeff Anstead extended an invitation to the Commission membership and the tribes attending the meeting to attend the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Pow-Wow, April 19-23, Hollister, NC

FUTURE MEETING DATE

June 7, 2013 (*Location To Be Announced*)

September 6, 2013 (*Location To Be Announced*)

December 6, 2013 (*Location To Be Announced*)

Faline Locklear Dial, Secretary-Treasurer