

NC Commission of Indian Affairs  
 Quarterly Meeting  
 Lumbee Lodge Community Building  
 Pembroke, North Carolina  
 June 7, 2013  
 (Adopted Sep 13 , 2013)

Due to adverse weather the meeting could not start at 10:00 am as planned. Chairman Paul Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. with a quorum present.

Invocation was presented by Commissioner Furnie Lambert

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve agenda: Commissioner Barbara Melvin, second Commissioner Roy Maynor and carried.

Motion to approve the minutes: 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	Absent
Coharie	Charlene Jacobs	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Roy Maynor	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Barbara Melvin	Absent
Eastern Band of the Cherokee	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee	Marvel Welch	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	Ruth Revels	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	Julia Phipps	Absent
Haliwa-Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Absent
Haliwa-Saponi	Charles Richardson	Absent
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present
Lumbee	Daniel Jones	Absent
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	Absent
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 Designee: Dee Jones		Present
Employment Security Commission, Sharon Decker, Secretary Designee: TBA		Absent
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr Aldona Wos, Secretary Designee: Sherry Bradsher		Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner Designee: Tina Morris-Anderson		Absent
Department of Environment & Natural Resources, John Skvarla, Secretary Designee: Mary Denny Thompson for Brad Ives		Present

**STAFF**

Greg Richardson, Executive Director		Present
Ruth F Maitz, Administrative Secretary		Present
Kimberly Hammonds, Economic Development		Present
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 STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT**

G Mark Teague, Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Justice

Jarrold Lowery, Community Liaison  
Governor’s Office

Amy Bowman, Office Fiscal Management  
Department of Administration

OTHERS PRESENT-Attendance list on file with the Commission

**ETHICS STATEMENT**

Greg Richardson read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Chairman Brooks.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

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

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORTS**

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

## **HOSPITALITY**

The Commission would like to go on record and thank Chairman Brooks and the Lumbee Tribe for sponsoring the June 7<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, providing the meeting space and lunch for the members and staff.

## **BRIEF STATEMENTS FROM GUEST SPEAKERS REPRESENTING THE STATE**

*Mr Jarrod Lowery, Community Liaison, Office of the Governor.* Jarrod advised the membership that he is a member of the Lumbee Tribe and is aware of a number of issues facing the American Indian population of North Carolina. As an appointee in the Governor's Office, perform outreach to rural economically depressed Indian communities throughout the State. He will be the eyes and ears for the Governor's office and would like to visit all the tribal communities in the near future. His mission is to determine the needs of those communities and determine what he can do to improve conditions in those communities. He encourage the members of the Commission to call on him when they have unmet needs.

*Mrs. Dee Jones, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Administration.* Dee has been with Department of Administration for the past 4 ½ months and learning a lot about the DOA Advocacy groups. She is on board with the Governor's "3 E's" – *economy, education and efficiency*, and bringing customer service to everyone.

*Ms Amy Bowman, Fiscal Management, Department of Administration.* Amy presented a comparative budget for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, which was included in the June packet. Commissioner Locklear requested that the Fiscal Office provide a report of reverted funds at the September Commission meeting.

## **UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR COMMISSION**

The Commission will lose one position and the Pembroke office will be closed as a result of budget reductions.

## **SEQUESTRATION IMPACT ON THE FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS**

*Education Talent Search* has had a 3% budget cut; impact may result in less school visits, field trips, with a potential cut up to 18% during the upcoming fiscal year. If 18% budget cut holds further reduction in programming will occur, such as a reduction in the number of counties served and a reduction in staff working hours of staff.

*Workforce Investment Act (WIA)* federal projection 5.2% cut. We must do more with less, partnering with local agencies, increase linkages and collaboration with the five other Indian WIA programs in North Carolina, the state's Career Center system etc.

*Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program* is anticipating only 94% of its funding; In April the program received \$271.000 and in May and June the program received \$286.000. The program has a healthy reserve and the fraud recovery net is \$160.000 at this time. Section 8 program is currently working with

a shortfall team to address funding cuts. Greg stated with the sequestration, it might become necessary to terminate landlords and families from the program. If this does happen, we will try to make it as painless as possible. Human resources committee made a motion to adopt the Section 8 Housing Shortfall Policy, seconded by Commissioner Locklear. The Shortfall Policy is on file with the Commission.

Healthy Eating Action Partnership Program will end June 13, 2013.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) has submitted an application to DHHS for \$160K, effective July 1, 2013, however, we are not certain as to the exact amount of funding at this time. The funding is tied to legislative action.

## **COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Executive Director presented a list of nominees for appointments coming under the jurisdiction of the Commission:

### NC Indian Housing Board

Vivian Maynor – Coharie Indian Tribe  
Gladys Hunt – Cumberland County Association for Indian People  
Dorothy Denise Brown McAuly – Meherrin Indian Tribe  
Earlene Stacks – Metrolina Native American Association  
Larry Jones – Sappony Tribe  
Clarice Dial – Triangle Native American Society

For the record, Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs currently holds a seat on the NC Indian Housing Board and recused himself from the vote. Per the General Statutes, the above names will be forwarded to the Governor's Office for appointment.

### NC Commission of Indian Affairs –Appointed by Tribes and Associations

Isabelle Freeman-Elliott – Coharie Indian Tribe  
Gladys Hunt – Cumberland County Association for Indian People  
Furnie Lambert – Lumbee Indian Tribe  
Chassidy Hall – Meherrin Indian Tribe  
G. DeVane Burnette, Sr. – Guilford Native American Association  
Jeffrey Anstead – Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

The above appointees will be sworn in during the September Commission meeting

State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Dorothy Crowe presented the Education Committee's recommendations for appointments to the SACIE. Commission Sam Lambert expressed concern about the Cherokee Schools not being represented and asked what the tribe needed to do to be included. Cherokee School is not a public school, thus not eligible to hold a seat on the SACIE. Commissioner Lambert stated that in his opinion, there should be a representative on SACIE from the Cherokee Community. The Commission agreed to allow Mr. Lambert to submit a nominee for appointment to the SACIE following the meeting. The remaining nominees for appointment to SACIE were forwarded to Department of Public Instruction for appointment.

Veronica Graham - Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe – educator  
Margo Howard - Meherrin Tribe – parent

Kara Stewart – Sappony Tribe – parent  
Sharon Williams – Coharie Tribe – parent – (eligible for reappointment to second term)  
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation – educator - (recommendation pending)

One nomination to be submitted by Commissioner Sam Lambert, Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation - (educator needed). Kamiyo Lanning – parent was submitted  
One nomination to be submitted by Commissioner Brett Locklear, Triangle Native American Society (educator needed). Alisa Hunt-Lowery – parent was submitted.

Greg will check with the Department of Public Instruction for the legal definition of “teacher “and “educator ”.

### **UNITED TRIBES OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Chairman Brooks asked the membership if was their pleasure to have the Executive Director, Greg to continue representing the Commission on United Tribes of North Carolina. Agreement was reached by consent.

### **RECOGNITION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Chairman Larece Hunt reported that the Committee met during the quarter and held a work session in July to work on the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina’s petition for State Recognition. He indicated that in September the committee’s work should be well underway and expect that critical questions regarding the petition should be formulated by that time. He also indicated that by the December meeting the committee anticipates being able to present a recommendation to the Commission, regarding the petition. Commissioner Hunt thanked the Tuscarora representatives, who came to the meeting and for their patience regarding the petitioning process.

### **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

*Faith Danielle Hedgepeth* – Elizabeth Qua Lynch read the resolution. Commissioner Locklear recommended that several changes be made and agreed to work with the staff amend the Resolution. This resolution was adopted during the February meeting of the Commission.

Commissioner Locklear made a motion that the Commission prepare a second resolution to reflect upon Ms. Hedgepeth’s achievements in education, as a friend and mentor. He indicated that the second resolution could perhaps help the family bring closure to the loss of their daughter. Finally, Mr. Locklear indicated that he would prepare the additional resolution and forward it to the staff. The staff will be tasked to distribute it to the Commission membership and ask for their vote of acceptance electronically. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crowe, motion carried.

*Eagle Feather* – Elk Richardson read the draft resolution and the Commission recommended several changes. Commissioner Furnie Lambert made the motion to accept the resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charlene Jacobs, motion carried.  
Commissioner Locklear recommended the Eagle Feather resolution be sent to state agencies, President Obama, U.S. Department of Justice, Senate Affairs and all over Capitol Hill.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Representative Graham was not present to provide a legislative update as planned; however, Greg Richardson presented several highlights of Legislative items presented to the 2013 General Assembly.

### **TRAIL OF TEARS RIDE**

Commissioner Marvel Welch participated in the Trail of Tears Ride, which involved a 950 mile bike ride, from Cherokee North Carolina Tahlequah, Ok. The bike ride started on June 3 and ended on June 21. A moment of silence was held in by the Commission to remember the trail of tears and the bike riders who sacrificed to commemorate the trail of tears. See the article in Indian Country for additional information:

<http://indiancountrytodaymediannetwork.com>.

A quote from Indian County Today, **“Welch led the riders into Tahlequah to the cheers of family and friends on the final day June 21.”**

*Congratulations Marvel!*

### **JULIAN T. PIERCE MEMORIAL EVENT**

Rebekah Revels Lowry informed the Commission about an upcoming memorial dinner commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the late Mr. Julian Pierce’s death. An initiative is being formed to develop a memorial honoring Mr. Pierce and support scholarships in his name at UNC-Pembroke, Robeson Community College, and NC Central University.

### **GET WELL WISHES FOR MRS RUTH REVELS**

A card was created and signed by all who were in attendance at the meeting to wish Mrs. Revels a speedy recovery.

### **FUTURE MEETING DATE**

September 13, 2013 *(Location To Be Announced)*

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

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Faline Locklear-Dial  
Secretary/Treasurer