

NC Commission of Indian Affairs
 Annual Meeting
 Embassy Suites Hotel, Raleigh, NC
 Sep 13, 2013
 (Adopted Dec 6, 2013)

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Shirley Freeman, Vice Chairperson, at 10:00 am.

Invocation was presented by Commissioner Roy Maynor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda: Commissioner Furnie Lambert, second Commissioner Marvel Welch and carried.

Motion to approve the June minutes: Commissioner Roy Maynor, second Commissioner Furnie Lambert and carried.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee Lumbee	Faline Locklear-Dial	Present
Coharie	Isabell Freeman Elliott	Absent
Coharie	Charlene Jacobs	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Roy Maynor	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Absent
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	G. DeVane Burnette, Sr.	Present
Haliwa-Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present
Haliwa-Saponi	Charles Richardson	Absent
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Absent
Lumbee	Daniel Jones	Absent
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Present
Meherrin	Chassidy Hall	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D Baucom	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Jessie Jacobs	Absent
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	Present
Designee: Bill Bryan	Present
Employment Security Commission, Sharon Decker, Secretary	
Designee: Dale Folwell	Present
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr Aldona Wos, Secretary	
Designee: Sherry Bradsher	Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner	
Designee: Tina Morris-Anderson	Present
Department of Environment & Natural Resources, John Skvarla, Secretary	
Designee: Natalie Birdwell 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	Absent
Elk Richardson, Director, Workforce Investment Act Program	Present
Mickey Locklear, Director, Educational Talent Search Program	Present
Consuela Richardson, Education Talent Search Program	Present

OTHERS STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

G Mark Teague, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice
Jarrod Lowery, Community Liaison, Governor's Office
Secretary Bill Daughtridge, Jr, Secretary, Department of Administration
Bill Bryan, Assistant Secretary, Department of Administration
Barbara Roper, Office Fiscal Management, Department of Administration
Rhonda Todd, Legislative Liaison, Department of Administration
Chris Mears, Public Information Officer, Department of Administration
Steve Claggett, Archaeologist, Department of Cultural Resources
Dr Robin Cummings, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health & Human Services
Norma Marti, Minority Outreach Public Health Consultant, Department of Health & Human Services
Vance Braxton, Director/Deputy Commissioner, NC Department of Insurance

OTHERS PRESENT-Attendance list on file with the Commission

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

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

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S QUARTERLY REPORTS

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

The Honorable Pat McCrory arrived at the meeting and was introduced by Mrs. Shirley Freeman, Vice Chairperson.

GOVERNOR McCRORY ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AND TRIBAL LEADERS.

- We need to learn what we have done right and build upon the successes.
- All generations need to support each other and work towards success.
- We need to increase jobs in areas with pockets of poverty , our unemployment rates are unacceptable and cited Robeson County as an example.
- We need to further education, vocational training, technical skills which are what employers are looking for.
- We need to address mental health issues, drug addiction, etc are everywhere, the word needs to get out across the state as to what services are available.
- We certainly need to educate the children about the American Indian culture, teach them the importance of their heritage, so we don't lose this rich history and culture.

Governor McCrory asked the commission membership what he can do for us.

Commissioner Freeman commented on the need to reward teachers for their hard work.

Commissioner Locklear commented higher education is more competitive, there are not a lot of services for students, on forms where "other" is listed a lot of times representatives of the American Indian communities are not invited to participate in workshops, seminars, etc

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Honorable Paul M Newby, NC Supreme Court Justice presided over the swearing in ceremony.

New Members Sworn Into Office:

- *G. DeVane Burnette, Sr., Representing Guilford Native American Association*
- *Daniel Locklear, President Pro Tem Appointee*

Note: New Member Gladys Hunt, Representing Cumberland County Association for Indian People, was not present and will be sworn in following the meeting.

Returning Members:

- *Jeffrey Anstead, Representing Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe*
- *Shirley Freeman, Representing Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe*
- *Chassidy V Hall, Representing Meherrin Indian Tribe*
- *Furnie Lambert, Representing Lumbee Indian Tribe*

Note: Returning Member *Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Representing Coharie Indian Tribe*, was not present and will be sworn in following the meeting.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRPERSON

Ruth Revels, who was appointed to serve as Chairman of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs by Governor Pat McCrory. Mrs. Revels is the second American Indian woman to serve as Chair of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, since the Commission was established in 1971.

Chairwoman Revels stated that she is very honored to have been selected by the Honorable Pat McCrory, to lead the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. She indicated that she is very comfortable in taking on this position; however she will need the support of the Commission membership and the Executive Director, to fully meet the challenges that lie ahead. Her goal is to for the Commission to continue to be the strongest and most effective Indian Commission in the United States.

Chairman Revels thanked everyone for the confidence everyone has expressed in her!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Roy Maynor recommended that Shirley Freeman continue in the position of Vice Chairman. The motion was made by Commissioner Lambert and seconded by Commissioner Anstead, to that effect and the motion was carried.

Commissioner Furnie Lambert recommended that Faline Locklear-Dial continue in the position of Secretary-Treasurer. The motion was made by Commissioner Anstead and seconded by Commissioner Welch to that effect and the motion was adopted.

COMMEMORATION RESOLUTION

Commissioner Anstead read the resolution honoring Faith Danielle Hedgepeth's life and presented copies to the family members. Arnold Richardson played the flute honoring Faith's life. Commissioner Revels wants support to get the case resolved. The following members of Faith Hedgepeth's family were present during the meeting to accept the Resolution: Parents Rowland and Connie Hedgepeth, Aunt Angela Richardson, Cousin, Consuela Richardson. The following tribal members were also present to witness the presentation: Earl Evans, Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Member, Al Richardson, Tribal Administrator-Haliwa-Saponi Indian tribe, Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, Elk Richardson, Workforce Program, NC Commission of Indian Affairs.

GUEST SPEAKERS REPRESENTING THE STATE

Dr Robin Cummings, Deputy Secretary, *Joanne Pierce*, Minority Health and Health Disparities and *Sherry Bradsher*, Deputy Secretary, represented the Department of Health and Human Services. Their messages to the commission

- We all need to work together, collaborate a partnership
- Human services/social services all work thru the local community social services programs.
- Vocational services will help to improve employment
- Mental and Public Health have a lot of challenges and are working with less
- Rural Health - the uninsured numbers are increasing. Health care professionals are being brought into these areas with a promise of a four year commitment the state will help repay their student loans
- NC Indian Health board is trying to recruit a group of American Indian doctors to North Carolina

Steve Claggett, State Archaeologist, extended greetings from Secretary Susan Kluttz, Office of State Archaeology (OSA)

- Presented the Office of State Archaeology's Annual Report.
- Advised the Commission that archaeological data is being updated, bringing the data in line with other local, state and federal agencies who share data.
- Indicated that enhancing public awareness is in process to recognize American Indian archaeological sites and sites that are listed on the National Register.
- OSA reviews permit applications and construction projects in NC, ensuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- Offered technical and professional assistance to the Commission and tribes who are interested in Archaeology.

Attorney Mark Teague, Assistant Attorney General, NC Department of Justice, provided an update regarding the status of the NC Indian Cultural Center.

- January 2011, Department of Administration (DOA) sent a default letter the Chairman of the NC Indian Cultural Center.
- Members of the General Assembly did a program and evaluation study of the Indian Cultural Center, resulting in HB60 and 186.
- A termination letter was sent to the Chairman of the Center in July 2013 and advised them to vacate the property within in 60 days. A law suit was filed against DOA and the State and it was dismissed in Federal Court. A law suit was filed 9/13, against DOA and the state, it suit was dismissed in Wake County Court.
- DOA is moving forward with the sale of the property in accordance with HB60 and 186.
- Parcels #2, #3 and #4 were reallocated.

Barbara Roper, Fiscal Management, Department of Administration. Barbara presented a budget report for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, which was included in the September packet.

Commissioner Locklear stated the reports were similar and did not address his original questions:

- How much was reverted back
- Is the commission expending the full budgeted amount

AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKA NATIVE TOURISM ASSOCIATION (AIANTA)

Mary Jane Ferguson, President, is a member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation. Ms Ferguson spoke about advancing Indian country tourism, creating infrastructure, providing technical assistance, training and educational resources to tribes and tribal organizations and their members. She is seeing to partner with the NC Commission of Indian Affairs to increase travel and tourism in an among Indian communities in North Carolina.

HEALTH CHECK/NC HEALTH CHOICE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Norma Marti, Minority Outreach Public Health Consultant Children & Youth, NC Department of Health & Human Services.

- Gave an overview of program available for children of low/moderate income families
- Provided an overview of Health Choice program benefits as of 10/1/13, maximum age limits between 0-19 and foster children maximum age 21.

SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION PROGRAM (SHIIP), MEDICARE AND NEW ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Vance Braxton, Director/Deputy Commissioner, NC Department of Insurance, gave us an overview of the duties of the NC Department of Insurance

- Help seniors with disabilities select supplemental insurance
- Gave an overview of prescription drug cost
- Gave an overview of the Medicare savings program

He urged tribal leaders to call the SHIIP Center between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 800-443-9354, for additional information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recognition – The Committee continues to review and work on the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina’s Petition for state recognition.

AdHoc Land Trust & Veterans – A Resolution was presented by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, calling for the Commission to place a parcel of land into trust. The parcel of land referenced in the Resolution is located in Red Springs, NC. A motion was made to adopt the Resolution by Commissioner Anstead and seconded by Commissioner Dial. Motion carried. There are many issues facing American Indian Veterans and many of them are not getting assistance in a timely manner.

AdHoc Legislation – The Commission membership was advised to send Commissioner Maynor, any recommendation for the 2014 Legislative Agenda by Nov 1, 2013.

Culture & Religion – An issue regarding a proclamation issued by the Governor’s Office in recognition of a Pow-Wow held in Kernersville was discussed. The Proclamation gave recognition to a “Native American weekend and Pow-wow”. That issue has been addressed with the Governor’s Office. Previous proclamations issued were also addressed. Jarrod Lowery, with the Governor’s Office should be contacted if such issues arise in the future. The Commission does not believe that the Governor’s Office should be issuing such proclamation with consulting with the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, to assure proper protocols are considered.

Economic Development & Employment – Job Link is getting a new grant. NC Works is on line.

Education – An Education Indian Summit “Literacy Matters” is being held Nov 16, 2013 at DPI. Guest speaker is Dr Ben Chavis, Lumbee Indian, well-known in education for his style and author of “Crazy Like A Fox”. Commissioner Welch will give the opening prayer in Cherokee and the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School children will be performing.

Indian Health – A Committee chair will need to be appointed.

Note: The Chairwoman led adiscussion was held regarding the effectiveness of some committees and the Chair questioned whether some committees should be combined. This issue will be discussed at a later date, after the new Chairwoman has had some time to address this issue.

Human Resources – no report.

Indian Child Welfare – Sherry Bradsher and Commissioner Welch will co-chair this committee. All meetings will be on odd months by teleconference and Mrs. Bradsher indicated that DHHS will take over these costs. The Committee will concentrate on a few items:

1. Foster parent recruitment

2. Increase the number of gatherings, have representatives of the federal government at the table. Educate tribal members how to become more engaged in the process of becoming an Indian foster parent.

Have the MAPP certification program which takes 6 weeks – 6 months to complete. Commissioner Locklear said MAPP was a cumbersome program and can be a 1 – 2 year journey.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Locklear stated NC State University will be holding the 1st Annual American Indian Faculty Forum Nov. 11-12, 2013.

COMMENT PERIOD

Mitchell Locklear spoke about the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina's heritage, history and their efforts to become state recognized. He advised the commission that it was not the intent of the Tuscarora Nation to secure state recognition to apply for funding.

FLOWER FUND

Previous balance: \$555.39

Deposit: \$18.00 (previous meeting)

Expenditures: \$0.00

Current balance: \$573.39

FUTURE MEETING DATE

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

March 13, 2014, North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC – held in conjunction with the NC Indian Unity Conference

June 2014 (*Location To Be Announced*)

September 2014 (*Location To Be Announced*)

December 2014 (*Location To Be Announced*)

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Faline Locklear-Dial
Secretary/Treasurer