

NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown
In conjunction with the 39th NC Indian Unity Conference
3415 Wake Forest Road
Raleigh, NC
 (Adopted June 6, 2014)

Chairman Ruth Revels called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum present.
 Invocation: Commissioner Dorothy Crowe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Agenda was approved by consent and carried. Motion to approve the December minutes was made by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Commissioner Larece Hunt noted two corrections to be made: page one - spelling of the word preceding (first word in first paragraph) should be preceding (*see page 6 of the minutes) and page six - “Commission membership posed many questions”: bullet point two - change the word for to from. Another correction noted by Commissioner Larece Hunt was on the Legislative Committee list: Commissioner Charlene Jacobs’s first name was incorrectly spelled was listed Sharlene. Commissioner Furnie Lambert seconded. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee Lumbee	Faline Locklear-Dial	Absent
Coharie	Isabell Freeman Elliott	Absent
Coharie	Charlene Jacobs	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Roy Maynor	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	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	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 the 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: Bill Bryan		Present
Employment Security Commission, Sharon Decker, Secretary		
Designee: Dale Folwell		Absent
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr Aldona Wos, Secretary		
Designee: Sherry Bradsher		Absent
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner		
Designee: Tina Morris-Anderson		Absent
Department of Environment & Natural Resources, John Skvarla, Secretary		
Designee: Brad Ives		Present
Department of Cultural Resources, Susan Kluttz, Secretary		
Designee: Steve Claggett		Present

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STATE DESIGNEE

The Chairwoman welcomed a new ex-officio member, Mr. Stephen R Claggett, state archaeologist, who is representing the Office of State Archaeology (OSA), Department of Cultural Resources. We look forward to working with Mr. Claggett and the Chairwoman thanked to Susan Kluttz, Secretary of the NC Department of Cultural Resources, for designating Mr. Claggett to represent her office on the NC Commission of Indian Affairs as an adhoc member. Of the Commission.

STAFF

Greg Richardson, Executive Director	Present
Ruth F Maitz, Administrative Secretary	Present
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development	Absent
David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Program	Present
Elk Richardson, Program Director, Workforce Investment Act Program	Present
Mickey Locklear, Program Director, Educational Talent Search Program	Present

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

G Mark Teague, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice
Rhonda Todd, Legislative Liaison, Department of Administration
Dr Robin Cummings, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health & Human Services

OTHERS PRESENT-Attendance list on file with the Commission

ETHICS STATEMENT

Greg Richardson read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Chairwoman Revels

INFORMATIONAL EXCHANGE - TRIBAL REPORTS/UPDATES

Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe– The tribe has operated a child care program since 1991 on tribal grounds, which was started by the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. The tribe has had exchange students from New Zealand, China, just to name a few to learn about the tribe and culture. The Title 7 vision program is designed to stress the importance of education and to bring people back to the tribe to work as adults. The tribe’s Drum Circle is youth driven with programs for American Indian children and youth to provide leadership, drug/alcohol prevention, diabetes education and cultural retention. The Indian Housing Program or Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1996 have allocated funds to the tribe to provided safe and sanitary housing for tribal members. In 2012, the tribal officers were moved into a tribal administration building, which houses tribal staff, meeting space and office space for the Commission’s field office.

Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina – Commissioner Larece Hunt proudly reported his nephew, Major Christopher D Hunt, returned from Afghanistan in February 2014, receiving 4 medals during this tour. He is a former Marine One pilot flying for President Obama and President Bush. Major Hunt is in charge of all flights for Camp Lejeune.

Coharie Tribe – The tribe has purchased 2 properties to house Indian people. The tribe is in need of funding to renovate their tribal administration.

Sappony - Commissioner Dorothy Crowe announced that the tribe has purchased construction and finishing business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Greg Richardson, Executive Director presented his report, a copy was included in the meeting packet and is on file with the commission.

Commissioner Brett Locklear made a motion requesting Governor McCrory’s executive board present the Governor with a petition to have all North Carolina forms standardized, which will collect Indian specific information from all government agencies. Motion seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt and carried.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS’ QUARTERLY REPORTS

Economic Development and Workforce Investment Act reports were included in the March meeting packet and are on file at the Commission. No staff reports from Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and Education Talent Search were included in the packet.

STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

Mr Perry Newson, Director, NC State Ethics Commission, explained the purpose and reasons why the Ethics Commission exists and their duties. All NCCIA Commission members are required to complete a Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) prior to their election or appointment to the Commission. The SEI form can be completed manually or electronically online and must be completed by April 15th. Mr Newson urged all our members to use the Ethics Commission website: ethics.commission@doa.nc.gov or call them directly 919-715-2071 with any questions relating to the SEI form or process for filing. He indicated that there is a fine of \$250.00 which can be levied against Commission members if the form is not returned by April 15th of each year.

Greg Richardson asked a question regarding the restriction on gifts and if there are any waivers associated with gifts. He noted that certain gifts can be culturally appropriate and that failure to accept such a gift could become an issue. Mr. Newson indicated that he had never been asked this question and needed to check with his office to see how cultural gifts should be handled.

BUILDING AWARENESS OF N.C.'s AMERICAN INDIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Mr Kenneth B Howard, Director, North Carolina Museum of History, reported the Museum was created by the legislature to keep artifacts safe and enable the Museum to establish a permanent collection. Mr Howard proudly reported over 800K school children have been able to participate in museum events during the last fiscal year. Mr. Howard spoke on the years of collaborative work that has been done and continues with the Commission of Indian Affairs with the largest annual event, American Indian Heritage Month celebration, which is held in November. Planning will be starting soon for the 2014 Indian Heritage Month celebration.

Chairman Revels would like to have all the Governor's Executive Committee members informed and seek their support for American Indian Heritage Month. Chairman Revels would also like to see some American Indian art in the display cases in the Legislative Building.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION (SACIE)

SACIE was represented at the Commission Meeting by Ms. Kamiyo Lanning, Chairman, Dr Olivia Oxendine, State Board of Education and Dr Ogletree Richardson, SACIE's DPI liaison.

Ms Kamiyo Lanning, Chairman, SACIE, has high expectations for the coming years. Ms Lanning went over information in the Executive Summary "A New Vision for Native Students" passed out to Commission members. A more in-depth report is going to be handed out at the Unity Conference workshop "State Advisory Council on Indian Education 2013 Annual Report.

Ms. Lanning was happy to report over 900 school districts have changed their mascots.

Dr Olivia Oxendine, member of the State Board of Education, stated they are on track to do good things starting with a new 5 year strategic plan. The State Board of Education will be meeting at UNC-Pembroke from Mar 31-Apr 2 for planning sessions. Dr. Oxendine would like to have more improved balance between parents and educators; balance the SACIE council with more educators. Dr. Oxendine acknowledged American Indian students are not doing well in the areas of reading and mathematics; although this data seems dismal it needs to be shared.

Commissioner Larece Hunt brought up "No child left behind" and feels the statistics are showing that American Indian students are being "Left behind".

A copy SACIE's Executive Summary is on file with the Commission and can be viewed on the Department of Public Instruction website.

ENROLL AMERICA

Ms. Sorien Schmidt, State Director, Enroll America, a non-profit, non-partisan organization focusing on maximizing enrollment and retaining health coverage for all Americans. [HealthCare.Gov](#) is the Health Insurance Marketplace for North Carolina. The national Get Covered America campaign started in 2013 to make consumers aware of the new health insurance options available under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Enroll America is a diverse group of people from all walks of life, trying to reach all uninsured Americans with information, including how to apply for financial help, if needed, that fits their lifestyle. One enhancement – pre-existing conditions can no longer be denied for coverage. Only 18 days left to enroll in the open enrollment period.

Committee Reports:

2014 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Legislative items of interest were included in the Executive Director's Report addendum. No legislative items were submitted to the Legislative Committee for consideration during the 2014 Session of the NC general Assembly.

ADHOC LAND TRUST & VETERANS – The Committee did not meet this quarter.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – The Committee did not meet this quarter. However, Chairwoman Dorothy Crowe presented information regarding the following topics for informational purposes only.

- corporal punishment
- American Indian students are not allowed to celebrate their heritage in all school systems, i.e. American Indian Heritage Month and cultural presentations.

Commissioner Brett Locklear made a motion for NCCIA to send a recommendation to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to be forwarded to all North Carolina public schools, urging the schools to acknowledge American Indian Heritage Month, as well as the American Indian culture, with a copy to the State Board of Education. Seconded by Commissioner Charlene Jacobs and motion carried.

-State Advisory Council Appointments - Commissioner Dorothy Crowe will contact each person whose currently serves on SACIE and eligible to serve a second term to see if they are willing to serve for another term. The committee will poll by email or hold a teleconference with these persons to confirm whether they are willing to serve another term on SACIE. Her committee will make a recommendation to fill the upcoming vacancy. That seat is currently held by Mrs. Angela Lynch.

-DPI Communications - Commissioner Dorothy Crowe expressed concerns about the communications between DPI and the Commission. She indicated that better communication is need with regards to the scheduling of meetings and when the Annual Report is going to be delivered to the State Board of Education.

Commissioner Brett Locklear made several points –

- Establish an advisory group to have direct contact to the State Board Chairman.
- We need to encourage Chairman Kamiyo Lanning to have direct contact on our behalf with the Board Chairman.
- A question Commissioner Locklear raised, “Does the Chairman understand concerns of American Indian parents for their school age child(ren)?
- The NCCIA should have a conversation with the State Board Chairman without the presence of DPI influences.

Commissioner Dorothy Crowe reported Title VII grants were set up to provide the highest quality education and to address the culturally related academic needs of Indian children. Title VII grants are regulated by the Federal government, the state has no jurisdiction on how Title VII funds are spent. The Federal government is placing more restrictions on how Title VII monies are spent rather than an even balance between education and cultural needs.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

The commission membership adopted two changes regarding the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

- The establishment of a size limit for Project Based Housing Development Project.

- Preference for applicants in the western part of Halifax County, defined as living in zip codes 27823, 27844 and 27850. Halifax County residents from other zip codes are better served by the Roanoke Rapids Housing Authority.

The Greensboro office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will need to approve these changes. Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs made the motion to approve the above two items and Commissioner Brett Locklear seconded. Motion carried.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE – No report. The Committee was schedule to meet March 18, 2014.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE -

The contract with Anita Finger-Smith, Consultant and Genealogist was approved by DOA. The contract will provide an opportunity for the Recognition Committee to receive outside expertise relative to the genealogy included in the Tuscarora Petition for state recognition. Ms. Finger-Smith will begin her work on the petition and will give weekly progress reports to NCCIA commission staff, meet by conference call weekly throughout the contract.

Recognition Legislation being considered by the NC General Assembly. Chairman Larece Hunt questioned why would a petitioner go through Commission's recognition process if they could go through the legislature, superseding the statutory procedures of NCCIA Chapter 15, Section .0200 – Legal Recognition of American Indian Groups and receive state recognition. Chairman Hunt admitted he was confused by the conflicting laws proposed in the legislation. Chairman Jeff Anstead questioned if there is a solution to the process. Commissioner Daniel Locklear made a motion that this item should be brought before the Legislative Committee, Commissioner Jeff Anstead seconded. Motion carried. Our legislative liaison, Ms Rhonda Todd, will give us direction on comments and make appointments with legislators.

RESTRUCTURE COMMITTEES -

Chairwoman Revels indicated that there is a need to restructure or make changes to the committees. Specifically to change the names of some committees etc. she indicated that some of the committees are not meeting.

Greg Richardson suggested that there are some new areas that the commission should address such as a process of addressing cleaner road ways in our communities, a program to pick up trash and identify hazard was sites in or near our communities. Therefore, we should think about how we can look for ways to address these issues and work with tribes to do so. He referred to a program administered by DOT's, whereas communities work with DOT to pick up trash along roads and DOT will provide the bags and pick up the trash.

Chairwoman Revels encouraged Commission members to review the recommended committee structure and provide her with feedback by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Commissioner Brett Locklear announced there will be a NC State Graduate Symposium, at the McKimmon Center, March 26, 2014.
- Commissioner Jeff Anstead invited everyone to the Haliwa-Saponi Pow-Wow, April 18-20, 2014
- Commissioner Dorothy Crowe invited everyone to participate in the Sappony Tribe 5K run, June 14, 2014

- Commissioner Jesse Jacobs is in collaboration with the FBI, members from this group would like to meet with each tribe and organization to present programs relating to the needs of American Indians.

FLOWER FUND REPORT

Previous balance: \$689.39

Deposit: \$60.00 (previous meeting)

Expenditures: \$120.00 (gifts presented at December meeting)

Current balance: \$629.39

FUTURE MEETING DATE

June 6, 2014, UNC Pembroke

September 2014 (*Location to Be Announced-Looking for a Sponsor*)

December 2014 (*Location to Be Announced – Looking for a sponsor*)

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Faline Locklear-Dial, Secretary/Treasurer