



**NORTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
June 3, 2016**

*N. C. Association of Educators Building  
700 S. Salisbury Street  
Raleigh NC 27601*

**WELCOME:** Vice Chairwoman Shirley Freeman, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. with a quorum being present. Mrs. Freeman chaired the opening of the meeting due to death of Chairwoman Ruth Revels. She acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, State Officials, and staff.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Commissioner Furnie Lambert made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried.

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Sam Lambert remembered late Chairwoman Ruth Revels who passed away on March 14, 2016. He also requested that Commission members and community members that are currently very sick be remembered during the opening prayer. Commissioner Sam Lambert recited the invocation prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Furnie Lambert led the membership and guests in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS**

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Absent
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Absent
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	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	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	Jennifer Revels-Baxter	Present
Guilford Native American Association	Julia Phipps	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Charles (Pete) Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present
Lumbee	Daniel Jones	Present
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Present



## **ROLL CALL**

### *MEMBERS (Continued)*

Meherrin	Constance Mitchell	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D. Baucom	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Jessie Jacobs	Present
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Sharn Jeffries	Absent
Sappony	Dorothy Crowe	Present
Triangle Native American Society	Lana Dial	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Shirley Freeman	Present

## **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

NCNAYO	Cheyenne Williams	Absent
NCNAYO	Takoda Locklear	Absent
NCNACOHE	Toni Henderson	Absent

## **STATE OFFICIALS**

Department of Administration, Kathryn Johnston, Secretary	Absent
Designee: JudyKay Jefferson, Deputy Secretary	Absent
Employment Security Commission, John E. Skvaria, III	
Designee: John Lowery	Absent
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, Steven Claggett	Present
Department of Environment & Natural Resources, Donald R. van der Vaart	Absent
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Rick Brajer, Secretary	
Designee: Sherry Bradsher	Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner	
Designee: Tina Morris Anderson	Present

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Greg Richardson, Executive Director  
David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program  
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program &  
    Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program  
Elk Richardson, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program  
Cindi Harris, Counselor, Educational Talent Search Program  
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary

## **OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

## **OTHERS PRESENT:** List on file with the Commission

**INTRODUCTION:** Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director of the Commission of Indian Affairs, remembered late Mrs. Ruth Revels and noted that the chair she occupied was draped with black fabric in honor and remembrance as our leader and Chairwoman of the Commission of Indian Affairs. He indicated that she was appointed as Chairwoman by the Honorable Governor Pat McCrory in September





2013. He directed the attention of the Commission to a framed photograph of Mrs. Ruth Revels, displayed at the front of the meeting room and a copy of a poem she wrote titled “I Am Old Main”, which remained on display throughout the meeting.

Mr. Greg Richardson acknowledged members from the Governor’s office, Mr. Charles Duckett and Mrs. Valerie Johnson. He introduced Ms. Emily Zecker, Intern from North Carolina State University, who is working with the Coharie Tribe on the river initiative and Ms. Savannah Baber, Intern from Wake Forest University, who is working on the homeless project this summer for the Commission. He also noted that Ms. Baber is also Miss Indian North Carolina.

**ETHICS STATEMENT:** Mr. Richardson informed the Commission that Ms. Baber would read the Ethics Statement. Ms. Savannah Baber read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Vice Chairwoman Freeman. She charged the Commission Members to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest that may exist in relation to any business before the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. No conflicts were noted.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes of the Commission meeting held on March 10, 2016 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead and seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM COMMISSION VICE CHAIR:**

Vice Chairwoman Freeman acknowledged the guest and visitors present at the meeting and welcomed them.

**HONORING CEREMONY:** Mr. Greg Richardson read the “Memorial Resolution” in honor of the late Mrs. Annie Ruth Locklear Revels, Chairwoman. Mr. Richardson recommended that the Resolution be adopted by the Commission. A motion to adopt and approve the Memorial Resolution was made by Commissioner Larece Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Furnie Lambert. Motion carried.

Vice Chairwoman Freeman placed a white banner on the late Chairwoman Ruth Revels chair and observed a moment of silence in her memory.

The Memorial Resolution is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

**SPECIAL SWEARING IN CEREMONY:**

Mr. Greg Richardson introduced the Honorable Associate Justice Barbara Jackson. The Honorable Associate Justice Barbara Jackson administered the swearing-in ceremony. She complemented the honoring ceremony of the late Mrs. Revels and expressed her condolences to the family and the Commission.

The following Commission members were sworn-into office under the “Oath of Honor” promising to serve the people of North Carolina:

- Furnie Lambert, Chairman of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs (completing the term of the late Mrs. Ruth Annie Revels).
- Jennifer Revels-Baxter, Guilford Native American Association (completing the term of office for the late Ruth Annie Revels)
- Lenora Locklear, Coharie Indian Tribe (completing the term of office for Mrs. Charlene Jacobs)





**Photo session/ Recognition of new and returning members:** Commission members took group pictures.

Vice Chairwoman Freeman and Mr. Greg Richardson thanked Associate Justice Barbara Jackson. Vice Chairwoman Freeman congratulated Chairman Lambert and the two new Commission members on their commitment to serve the people of North Carolina.

Following the swearing in Ceremony the seating of a New Chairman proceeded.

Mr. Charles Duckett, with the Governor's Office presented the "Certificate of Appointment" to Mr. Furnie Lambert, as Chairman of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs on behalf of the Governor. The appointment becomes effective immediately.

It was noted that Commission members consists of Tribal representatives (recommended by their tribes) and Urban representatives (recommended by urban communities) and that the Chairperson is appointed by the Governor and other members are appointed by the General Assembly. The Commission was established in 1971. A new Chairperson was appointed due to the untimely death of Mrs. Ruth Revels.

Vice Chairwoman Freeman welcomed Chairman Lambert to his seat and noted that it was an honor to have him as the Chairman of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

Chairman Lambert expressed that he has accepted his new role. He informed the Commission that it was an honor to be appointed as Chairman and would do his very best to serve the Commission and the people of North Carolina.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, presented the division report. He welcomed Chairman Lambert and noted that Chairman Lambert was very involved with the Veterans Advocacy and the Lumbee tribe. He also noted that Chairman Lambert was the Chair of the Veterans Committee and the Indian Land Trust Committees. He indicated that Chairman Lambert comes with a great wealth of knowledge and experience. He has a good understanding of the Commission, programs administered by the Commission and the Indian communities throughout the state of North Carolina.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Appointment of Mr. Dale Deese as the District Court Judge by Governor Pat McCrory:** Mr. Deese, a longtime Pembroke Attorney, was sworn in Friday, June 3, 2016 as a District Court Judge for Robeson County, filling the vacant seat left by Judge John Carter's retirement. He noted that for the past 23 years, Mr. Deese served as the Senior Managing Attorney in the Pembroke Office of Legal Aid of North Carolina. He indicated that the State of North Carolina is making progress in appointing Native American Indians in key positions. He encouraged Commission Members and Tribal Organizations to extend their congratulations to Mr. Deese.
- **Meeting with the New Chairman:** Mr. Greg Richardson expressed that he will be meeting with Chairman Lambert to brief him on Commission activities and also help him transition into his new role.





- **Expansion Budget Request:** The Commission has submitted an expansion budget request this quarter for a Cultural Tourism Initiative. This funding will support and promote the American Indian cultural tourism in North Carolina. It was noted that the funding request was not accepted into the expansion budget for 2016-2017 fiscal year.
- **Upkeep and Maintenance at Town Creek Indian Mound:** It was noted that Mr. Steve Claggett, Advisor, Department of Cultural Resources, will provide information during the Committee Reports updates later on the agenda.
- **Eastern Band of Cherokee, Tribal Council Meeting:** Mr. Greg Richardson informed that he was invited to attend the Council Meeting to meet with Chief Patrick Lambert to present a report on behalf of the Commission. He suggested similar meetings be held with other tribes throughout the year.
- **Customer Service during the month of May:** Secretary Johnston has designated the month of May as Customer Service Month. It was noted that the highlights of the Commission Customer Service Activities have been reported to the Public Information Officer. The Commission has received a certificate for good customer service.
- **Indigenous Peoples Proclamation:** It was noted that the Commission has adopted an Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation during the March 10<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. The proclamation has been forwarded to the Governor's office for review and approval of "Indigenous Peoples Day in October". Mr. Richardson noted that this was the last action item that Chairwoman Ruth Revels acted on during her tenure as Chair of the Commission. He also noted that no action had been taken on the proclamation.
- **Sampson County, Clinton Office:** The NC Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Division (OSHD) conducted an inspection following a complaint they received. Details of the inspection are listed on the Executive Director's report. A site inspection had been conducted to address this matter.
- **Goodwill Community Foundation – School Supplies Project:** School supply kits will be provided to American Indian students in Halifax, Warren and Sampson Counties. It was noted that due to the limited funds, the Coharie and the Haliwa Saponi tribes will receive the school kits this quarter. The school kits are being delivered to the schools in the counties listed above.
- **Maryland Commission of Indian Affairs:** Mr. Greg Richardson received an invitation to participate in a panel discussion at the event on May 4, 2016. He provided an overview of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, the state recognition procedures, benefits of state recognition, and other related information.
- **Ethics Office Inquiry:** It was noted that the Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) forms need to be complied by all Commission members. He urged the new Commission Members to complete the long version and the existing Commission members to complete the short version. The forms are self explanatory. The due date to submit was April 15<sup>th</sup> and failure to comply will result in a \$250 fine.
- **Rules and Review** – This is an action item and will be discussed later on the agenda.
- **Education Talent Search (ETS) Program Grant:** It was noted that the ETS program grant cycle is ends August 31<sup>st</sup>. A new grant proposal has been submitted to the US Department of Education. Ms. Carly Kennedy, Department of Administration (DOA) Grant Writer, will write the new grant with input from staff. This item is listed on the agenda and will be discussed later.
- **Section 8 Housing Program Annual Audit:** The program has received an audit report from the State Auditors office. The report did not contain any findings for the year ending June 30, 2015. The report has been submitted to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office as required.





- **Personnel Updates:**
  - Mrs. Mickey Locklear, Director for the Education Talent Search (ETS) Program remains on leave until further notice.
  - Section 8 Housing Program – Interviews have been completed for the vacant position. The Human Resources Department is processing the paperwork required to hire the prospective employee. An offer of employment will be made after approval.
- **Staff Quarterly Reports:** The handouts are enclosed in the meeting packet. It was suggested that at the next Commission meeting the Program Directors will present an overview on their programs.
- **State Board of Education Appointment Recommendation from SACIE:** It was noted that the State Board of Education has approved the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) appointment recommendations that were presented to the Commission at the December 4, 2015 meeting. The following recommendations were approved:
  - Ms. Gwendoline D. Jones; Guilford Native American Association (Parent)
  - Ms. Shenova Davis; Haliwa Sapponi Tribe (Educator)
  - Dr. Connie Locklear, Title VII Director of Robeson County Schools; Lumbee Tribe (Educator)
  - Ms. Tiffany Pearson; Cumberland County Association of Indian People; Lumbee Tribe (Educator)
- **Upcoming Meetings and Activities:** These are listed in the handout. It was noted that the Annual Commission meeting is on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the North Raleigh Hilton. It will be held in conjunction with the 2020 US Census Tribal Outreach meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> at the North Raleigh Hilton. The logistics for these meetings are underway.

The handout of the Executive Director's Report is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

- Commission members asked clarifying question on the Education Talent Search program as to who is overseeing the program during Mrs. Mickey Locklear's absence.
- Mr. Richardson indicated that he is overseeing the program with the help of Ms. Cindi Harris, Counselor, Education Talent Search Program.
- Ms. Cindi Harris informed the Commission of the NC Indian Youth Unity Conference, June 14-17, 2016 at the NC State University. She indicated that as of this date the program has received 200 plus registrations which includes students and chaperons. The workshops locations are confirmed. The program booklet is being finalized for printing.
- Commission members requested a summary of the presentations and workshops either before or after the conference.
- They requested clarification on the location of the workshops.
- Mrs. Cindi Harris noted that the workshops were in different buildings around the NC State Campus.
- The Pow Wow will be held on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harris Field building.
- Mr. Richardson indicated that the information would be mailed after the speakers were confirmed. He noted that the Registration is \$175 and encouraged Commission members to sponsor a student.
- Commissioner Larece Hunt offered to sponsor a student.





**UPDATE ON NEW GRANTS:** Ms. Carly Kennedy, Grant Writer, NC Department of Administration gave a brief update on the new grants as follows:

- **New ICWA Grant Proposal:** The grant proposal is due June 22, 2016, for the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Implementation Partnership Grant. It was indicated that this is a federal grant. The purpose of this grant is to support the creation of effective practice model partnerships between the state courts and the Indian communities, Court Improvement Program, state public child welfare agency, tribe, group of tribes, and/or tribal consortia, etc. to ensure that the ICWA is implemented properly within the state and the community.  
This grant will ensure American Indian children in North Carolina, members of North Carolina tribes and military bases that have American Indian children dealt with and treated appropriately. This is a five-year grant. The first year will be to address the issues, planning (to ensure all relevant parties are involved. Second through fifth year will be for the implementation of the project, such as: training, education, employees, judges, lawyers, child welfare care givers, finding foster care families. This will help the American Indian children appropriately as stated in the Indian Child Welfare Act.
- **Other grants:** It was noted that the following programs are in the development stages. The grants will help the Indian communities to address much needed diabetes and homelessness issues such as screening, education on healthy eating, healthy activities and healthy lifestyles.
  - Diabetes Prevention and Monitoring Program for Section 8 Housing Program and Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program
  - Homelessness Program to meet the needs in the Indian communities for Section 8 Housing Program
- **Next Steps:** Ms. Kennedy indicated that the first step is to develop the programs and then look for funding.
- **Study on Homelessness:** She noted that she along with the help of Ms. Baber, is conducting a research on homelessness within the Indian communities (rural and urban settings); what does homelessness look like and how can the needs be met, specifically within the Indian communities.
- **Summer Recruitment Program:** Ms. Kennedy is submitting a proposal for the University of Tennessee - Health Science Department. The grant proposal was submitted in May 2016, to the Robert Lee Johnston Foundation for a Summer Medical and Dental Education Program Inter-Professional Pilot. The summer program is for rising college sophomore and juniors who are interested in medicine, dentistry and nursing. One of the requirements is to recruit diversity students. Ms. Kennedy suggested that they recruit American Indian Students from North Carolina (specifically from the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program, the Education Talent Search (ETS) Program, and other students within the Indian communities). The results will be known by the end of June 2016.
- **Memory of Mrs. Ruth Revels:** Ms. Kennedy encouraged Commission members to write the memories of Mrs. Ruth Revels. She noted that their tributes can be shared with the future generation and with the people from outside the community.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

- It was announced that Story Corps is coming to a Library in Raleigh. Suggestions were made these stories of Mrs. Ruth Revels can be recorded and archived.





- It was requested that Commission members need to put their memories about Mrs. Ruth Revels in writing. It was expressed that future generations could read these positive attributes.
- Commission members requested Commissioner Lana Dial to coordinate this project.

**UPDATE ON THE RULES REVIEW REQUIREMENT AND PROCESS:** Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice presented a brief update as follows:

- It was noted that the process requires the NC Commission of Indian Affairs to review all of its active rules codified in the NC Administrative Code (“the Code”) every 10 years.
- This item was discussed in depth at the Commission meeting on March 10, 2016.
- Reference was made to Title 1, Chapter 15, Rules: 100 through 500 where the Commissions General Assembly Session Law 2013-413 (G.S. 150B-21.3A) “Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules” were located.
- It was stated that a motion was adopted at the previous meeting to keep Rule 100 and Rule 200 of the General Assembly Session Law.
  - Rule 100: Section 102 deals with the Executive Committee, and Section 105 deals with Meetings.
  - Rule 200: State Recognition Process
- Rules 300, 400 and 500: These rules were superseded by the administrative procedures act. It was noted that these rules were recommended to be deleted at the previous meeting.
- At the previous meeting a recommendation was made by Indian Affairs staff to post the Rules Review on the website for 60 days.
- Mr. Teague indicated that no comments were received.
- Mr. Teague recommended a final motion be made for the Rules Review Requirement and Process to keep Rules 100 and Rules 200 of the General Assembly Session Law. These fall under “necessary” category B. He also recommended deletions of Rules 300, 400, and 500 because it falls under the “unnecessary” category C.
- Mr. Richardson noted that the information is indicated in the meeting minutes of March 10, 2016. He informed the Commission that Mr. Bill Peaslee, General Counsel, NC Department of Administration suggested that due to the fact that the Commission of Indian Affairs did not receive any comments, the Commission need to make a final motion at this meeting.
- Mr. Teague noted that this action item needs to be presented before the Rules Commission before November 15, 2016.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

- Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion to approve the Rules Review Requirement and Process to keep sections 100 and 200; and to delete sections 300, 400 and 500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON NC INDIAN CULTURE CENTER, LEGAL MATTER:** Mr. Mark Teague presented the following update:

- The Cultural Resources attorney had indicated to Mr. Teague that they had filed a voluntary motion to dismiss the case in March 2016. He noted that the case is no longer active. He expressed that by filing a voluntary motion to dismiss the plaintiff the Indian Cultural Center Inc. has one year to file another law suit. Mr. Teague noted that their attorney did indicate that his clients would file another law suit. It was indicated that as of this date, they have ten months left.





**INFORMATION ITEM** (Not listed on the agenda):

Mr. Tim Michels, Energy Resources Group presented the following:

- Mr. Michels indicated that the United States has an energy budget that it is trying to fulfill. First step is “let’s save the energy”. He noted that his company has conducted several audits on energy. Results concluded that they could save about 25% of energy in any building with a four year or less pay back. He stated that it is economical. Second scenario, for a ten year pay back they could save 50% of energy.
- Next step is that Tribes represent entities that are institutional and are not driven by the profit motive, findings are that their company can make projects net zero with a fifteen year or less pay back depending on what the energy costs are locally.
- Enormous numbers of opportunity especially in rural American with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that will promote energy efficiency and renewal energy. He informed that there were lots of grants available in the State of North Carolina.
- The State of North Carolina, in 2009 a law was passed called PACE (Property Assess Clean Energy). This idea has not taken off but the idea is that one can finance based on property assessments up to 20 years of energy savings and/or energy renewal production at a 100% finance level.
- Mr. Michels concluded that the Commission is an entity of the State Government and could maneuver the energy savings grant to benefit the tribes. This funding could provide the tribes energy savings to be net zero. He expressed, imagine the benefit not to have any utility bills and be cost effective. It pays itself through energy savings and renewal energy.
- It was noted that renewal energy can also create a lot of jobs. The confined animal feeding operations in the state, NC is the second largest producer of pork in the United States. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is targeting animal feeding operations due to the environmental consequences. He indicated that the EPA wants to convert the waste stream into energy. This will reduce the impact on the environment, create energy and create jobs.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

- Commission members suggested that the company could conduct audits in churches, schools, daycare centers and tribal offices and provide recommendations in ways to conserve energy.
- Mr. Michels concurred with the idea that the energy cost needs to be come down. He concluded that there are a lot of case studies on this subject.
- Mr. Michels expressed that this could be a Workforce Tribal Opportunity to train the tribal people to conserve energy. Once trained and tribal energy is net zero, concept is to turn outwards and branch out to other communities. He stated that there are all kinds of services available that the Federal Government wants to receive in terms of renewal energy processing.
- He noted that 2/3 of the population with sewage, 25% are conserving energy and are moving with net zero with the water treatment plants. Mixed feed stalk is difficult, but single feed stalk is easier. He concluded that the opportunities are there.
- Commission members requested Mr. Tim Michels contact information. His email is as follows: [timlmichels@gmail.com](mailto:timlmichels@gmail.com).
- Commission members thanked Mr. Tim Michels for his presentation.
- Mr. Greg Richardson suggested that energy savings test could be conducted on the Indian Housing Projects. He suggested that utility analysis need to be conducted.

**OTHER ITEM NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**





The following was discussed:

- Commissioner Jeff Anstead pointed out that the Commission should have been consulted or informed regarding the House Bill 1030.
- He expressed that Indian Child Welfare had done an outstanding job regarding the Indian Child Adoption process where by the authorities contact the tribes and verify. They also identify the Indian parent/guardian so that the child can be placed within the Indian community.
- Commissioner Anstead noted that when items are on the House Bill everything needs to be included before it goes to the Legislative/ General Assembly. He encouraged good communication between the Commission and the Legislation.
- Mr. Richardson informed that the HB 1030 was introduced without the knowledge of the Commission, as well as the Indian Child Welfare Committee. The Bill calls for the Indian Child Welfare work to be performed at the Department of Health and Health & Human Services. The amount of funding is approximately \$60,000. It was noted that this bill overlaps the two MOA's (Memorandum of Agreement) that the Indian Child Welfare Committee introduced and were approved by the Commission during the 2015 Commission meetings. Mr. Richardson stated that there is a conflict of interest here and it needs to be addressed with Senator Graham.
- Ms. Sherry Bradsher, Designee for NC Department of Health and Human Services, indicated that the Governor's budget included funding for three staff people who would work statewide to enhance and expedite the foster care licensing process for all families across the state. **The line item was reduced by \$60, 000 to allocate this HB 1030.** Ms. Bradsher noted that during the bill review, the Committee spoke against the use of the \$60,000 because it had a statewide impact. Currently it is taking families approximately two months to obtain a license to welcome children into their homes. The families would like it be reduced to 3-4 weeks.
- Mr. Richardson expressed that the work is time consuming; the cases are high profile in nature and sometimes at the interstate level. Volunteers are sometimes requested to attend the court cases and indicated that this is why funding is needed at the Commission to address such issues.
- Commission members suggested that representatives from the Governor's office should make an effort to attend the meetings.
- Chairman Lambert informed that he would contact Senator Graham and would bring his comments back to the Commission at the next meeting.

*Chairman Lambert announced a short recess for lunch. Chairman Lambert requested Vice Chairwoman Freeman to bless the food for the Commission.*

*Lunch break, meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m. (working lunch).*

#### **OTHER ITEM NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**FLOWER FUND:** Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey requested members to pay their annual dues to the flower fund. Total annual payment \$24.00 from each Commission member. It was noted that the total flower fund balance is currently \$360, with outstanding invoices to be paid, the fund total will be decreased.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Chairman Lambert requested everyone present to introduce themselves. Commission members and guest introduced themselves, followed by staff introduction.





Mr. Richardson acknowledged Mr. John Lowery (new member) designee for NC Department of Commerce, and his brother Mr. Jarrod Lowery, Representative from the Governor's Office were both unable to attend due to prior commitment. He noted that they were attending the swearing in ceremony of Mr. Dale Deese, District Court Judge for Robeson County.

Chairman Lambert introduced himself to the audience. He gave a brief bio of himself. He is a two tour combat Marine Corps Veteran (1965-1966; 1969-1970). He retired from the Marine Corp in 1989. He is also a veteran of the Cuban Missal Crisis. He had a total of 28 years of service. His wife is a retired educator from the State of North Carolina.

Commission members thanked Chairman Lambert for his service.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Updates from each Committee Chair are as follows:

**American Indian Legislative Committee:** No report was noted.

**Adhoc American Indian Veterans Committee:** Chairman Furnie Lambert gave a brief report on Veterans compensation for High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) and Parkinson's disease. He noted that they are looking into Spina Bifida. The Secretary will make a decision for Hypertension and Parkinson's disease by August 1<sup>st</sup>. No handout was provided.

Mr. Richardson noted that a Veterans Memorial is scheduled to be constructed next to the American Indian Museum in Washington DC. He recommended that members donate money to this worthy cause. The opening date is slated on Veterans Day 2019. The approximate cost is between \$12 M-\$15M.

It was indicated that an underground Veteran's Exhibition Center will be included in the Memorial project in honor of the fallen Veteran's. Where letters and items sent in honor of the fallen Veterans will be displayed.

Veterans among the audience introduced themselves and were recognized for their service to the country.

Commissioner Lana Dial requested that Commission members need to submit a brief bio of them so other members could get to know them better.

It was noted that each Commission member could bring their bio at their own discretion to the next Commission meeting, September 2, 2016. Chairman Lambert noted that it was not mandatory.

**American Indian Education Committee:** Commissioner Dorothy Crowe, Chair presented this item.

- **Education Committee Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from the American Indian Education Committee meeting were distributed.
- **SACIE Reports:** It was stated that the Board of Education will not be making copies of the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Report. It can be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction website, under State Advisory Council, under reports. It was stated that as of this date the SACIE report was not posted.
- **2015 Indian Education Report Update:** It was noted that the information on the 2015 Indian Education Report that was presented by Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson at the March 10, 2016 meeting has not changed.





- **PBIS Update:** It was reported that Representative Leslie Lowry, Positive Behavior and Intervention Support (PBIS) Consultant, Exceptional Children's Department gave a presentation at their meeting. He stated that out of the 20,500 Public Schools students that are identified as exceptional children, 2,870 of those students are American Indian students (approximately 14%). Commissioner Crowe indicated that this is an extremely high number and would like to challenge the Talent Search Counselors, local leaders, Commission members and Title VII Directors to inform Native American parents that this is not the only avenue they have for support. It was noted that there are other avenues that are available. Commissioner Crowe did not list the options, but noted that local advocates need to support the parents and attend the meetings in order to serve and help them with the process.
- **Social Studies - Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) Department:** It was noted that a representative from C&I department presented information on textbook renewals at the SACIE meeting. She indicated that they are leaning towards not having a textbook and are seeking other avenues.

Commissioner Crowe informed that SACIE has contacted the Social Studies Department indicating that they need a American Indian Representation on the Textbook Committee. She suggested that American Indians could be on the planning stages to ensure American Indian (AI) history is stated in the curriculum instructions. She pointed out that the teachers are only required to teach American Indian history up to the 1850's in elementary school. She noted the present day AI history is not included in the curriculum. Commissioner Crowe commented that if the present day American Indian history it is not required to be taught, the teachers will not be compelled to teach.

She emphasized that SACIE has requested a representative be part of the Textbook Committee to ensure they are included in the planning and development stages, as the Social Studies Department looks at the curriculum and resources.

She informed that a brochure was circulated at the SACIE meeting. The brochure included the American Indian Tribes, Commissioner Crowe expressed that one of the tribes was not listed. She pointed out that the brochure was incorrect and needed to be corrected. For these reasons, she reiterated that it was imperative for a American Indian representative to be included on the Textbook Committee.

- **Online Development Course:** SACIE is writing a Professional Development online course which will use the resources that SACIE has listed on the website as "Other Resources". Credits can be offered; teachers can use it towards their certification to help them with their instructions.
- **Strategic Planning Goals:** NC has revised its education goals at the end of 2015. Commissioner Crowe noted that they have started to review and revise these NC goals to suit the American Indian education. It was noted that a copy of the completed report will be provided to Commission.
- **American Indian Scholarship Fund:** The deadline to submit was May 1, 2016. SACIE is hoping to have more American Indian candidates who have submitted completed applications. No announcement has been made.
- **Unity Conference - United Tribes Scholarships Update:** The candidates need to submit an acceptance letter from their selected college to United Tribes. Only then, they will be awarded the scholarship.
- **Talent Search:** Planning a National Conference for their students that will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 22-26, 2016. Ms. Cindi Harris will be coordinating this event.
- **NCNAYO Conference:** This event will be held at the NC State, June 14-16, 2016.





Commissioner Crowe concluded that SACIE was important in order to represent the Native Indian communities.

No handout was presented on the SACIE report.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

- Mr. Richardson recommended that publications related to American Indians data (such as: listings and maps that identify geographic location of state tribes, communities and population) that is circulated to the public on American Indians in North Carolina must be vetted. He indicated that this information needs to be presented to the American Indian Education Committee and the Commission of Indian Affairs before it is made public. He expressed that presently everything is posted on the internet and it leaves a digital footprint that cannot be deleted.

Mr. Richardson indicated that the Commission needs to inform the NC Department of Public Instruction (NC DPI) and the Chair of the State Board of Education stating that any public notification which relates to the geographic location of Indian communities and listing of tribes be vetted by the NC Commission of Indian Affairs before it is published. The reason being, these listings can change and other tribes could be recognized in the future. Data needs to be reviewed and updated constantly. He noted that NC DPI may not be aware of the changes; they need to confirm any publication regarding Native Indians through the Commission. State Recognition of Tribes comes through the Commission as indicated by the General Statute. Any state agencies should vet their information through the Commission of Indian Affairs before it gets published.

- Commissioner Crowe clarified that the presenter was notified of the resources available to refer to the Commission Website and SACIE website for accurate information.
- Vice Chairwoman Freeman expressed that the Commission needs to come up with a strategy to address the issue as to how to include the present day Native American history.
- Commissioner Crowe expressed her concerns that the Native American history is not included in the elementary schools' curriculum. She indicated that it needs to be included.
- It was noted that a protocol was not established indicating that other state agencies need to consult with the Commission of Indian Affairs before any publications can be printed, circulated or posted on their websites.
- Commissioner Sam Lambert made a motion to accept the recommendation that states "any publication related to American Indians that is disseminated to the public needs to be reviewed by the American Indian Education Committee and the Commission of Indian Affairs". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried.

#### **Further Discussion:**

- A suggestion was made that internal and external state agencies may need to be informed through an Executive Order by the Governor that mandates a consultation with the Commission of Indian Affairs.
- Another suggestion made was to draft a Memorandum of Agreement between all State Agencies to consult with the Commission of Indian Affairs before any publications can be printed, circulated or posted. The Commission can then authorize to approve, request amendment or deny the proposed publication.
- Mr. Greg Richardson recommended that the Commission request the Governor to adopt the Executive Order or Proclamation addressing the suggested comments referenced above. He





indicated that the Governor should address all State Agencies to consult with the Commission and Tribes regarding all matters related to American Indians Affairs.

- Mr. Greg Richardson reiterated that the Governor through the Executive Order should inform all State Agencies Secretaries and Departments to consult with the Commission of Indian Affairs on all matters related to American Indian Affairs. He informed the Commission that each time a new Governor is appointed the Executive Order needs to be revised. He referenced and gave analogy of the President's Executive Orders.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Chairman Lambert requested Mr. Richardson to repeat the recommendation.
- **Mr. Greg Richardson restated his recommendation as follows: The recommendation is that the Commission request Governor McCrory to issue an Executive Order requiring all State Agencies and Departments of State Governments to consult with the Commission of Indian Affairs on all matters related to the Indian Affairs.**
- Commissioner Sam Lambert made a motion to accept the above recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried.
- **Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey made an amendment to the motion to include "consultation need to be made within a reasonable time frame".**
- **There was a consensus to approve the friendly amendment. Commissioner Sam Lambert accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried.**

**American Indian Housing Committee:** Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair and Mr. David Grigsby, Director of Section 8 Housing Program presented the following:

Section 8 Project Based Voucher Program Updated on Housing Development Project, Raeford, NC:

- It was noted that the Committee did not meet during the month of May, 2016. Mr. Grigsby noted that the program was working on the project based voucher program as stated during the Commission meeting on March 10, 2016.
- Applications were received from Columbus, Granville, Person, Halifax and Warren Counties.

**Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Committee:** Ms. Sherry Bradsher, Designee for the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) and Co-Chair of the ICW Committee presented the following:

- Ms. Bradsher informed that Commissioner Welch was unable to attend this meeting.
- It was noted that the Indian Child Welfare Sub-Committee met on May 11, 2016. Seven members were present and that the minutes were on file with the Commission of Indian Affairs. She indicated that there were three items on the agenda as follows:
  - 1) Discussion regarding the plans for the Indian Child Welfare Gathering; the event is scheduled for November 3, 2016 at the Western Carolina University. It was noted that there would be a social the night before the gathering; the library is reserved for the social. The agenda for the ICW Gathering includes the Foster Care Program; Community Child Protection Teams; Child and Family Teams as its relates to open and active child protection cases; The flyer is with the Commission for final review and publication; DHHS will absorb all printing cost related to the gathering and the Commission of Indian Affairs has committed \$300 for the event. She informed that Commissioner Marvel Welch is looking into private donations and grant opportunities for this event.
  - 2) Local Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between this Commission and the Department of Health and Human Services and the goal was to begin to facilitate conversations in local communities around the Local Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). It was noted that on April 28<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Marvel Welch, Ms. Sherry Bradsher and Commissioner Jessie Jacobs were able to meet Chairman Godwin and





discuss their interest around the local MOA with the Counties where a proportionate number of the Lumbee Tribe live. She indicated the meeting was very successful. Ms. Bradsher followed up with Ms. Brenda Jackson, Director of Cumberland County. Ms. Jackson will facilitate to work with the Lumbee Tribe and have a MOA with those five Counties (Hoke, Cumberland, Scotland, Richmond and Robeson Counties). The Counties have all expressed interest to being part of the MOA. They are looking forward to securing a date in July for their meeting. Next step would be to help them with a template. In addition to this, two other state recognized tribes have expressed interest in committing to the same process. The Committee will work with them in the fall.

- 3) Grant Opportunities: Federal Grant that Ms. Carly Kennedy presented earlier with a five-year plan (one-year planning and four years of implementation) ensuring that the State of NC is complying with the law.
- The next ICW Sub-Committee teleconference meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

**State Recognition Committee Update – Tuscarora Petition for State Recognition:** Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chair presented this item.

The following topics were discussed:

- Commissioner Hunt noted that the process is slow due to the volume of material that they receive for each petition. It was noted that The State and Federal Recognition takes time and even decades to process.
- Commissioner Hunt indicated that the Committee is working on the current petition for four years.
- Mr. Greg Richardson noted that the Recognition Committee along with Deputy Secretary Bill Bryan met with representatives from Senator Richard Burr's office to discuss the current petition. He expressed that he met with Senator Burr briefly at the Lumbee Summit.
- It was noted that the Committee explained why they are unable to speed up the process. In addition, the Department of Administration-Public Information Officer (DOA-PIO) received an NPR (National Public Radio) report. The same questions were raised. Mr. Richardson noted that staff spent a lot of time responding to these inquiries last month. He expressed that the procedures for Tuscarora Petition for State Recognition will take time.
- Mr. Elk Richardson, Director for Work Force Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program is in the process of drafting the talking points regarding this issue. Mr. Greg Richardson expressed that the talking points will be approved by Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney for NC Department of Justice, before disseminating to the Commission Members.
- Explanation on how the process works: Mr. Elk Richardson informed the Commission that he is working on the draft copy of the preliminary findings. He added that it will be a comprehensive study in a chronological order with a section on findings and deficiencies that respond to and address each of the criteria. He indicated that it will also have a section on the conclusion. These findings will go back to the working group for review and approval. The findings will then be presented to the full Recognition Committee. The Recognition Committee will then respond to the petitioner. The petitioner will have a 180 days to respond. They can then request an additional (second extension) of another 180 days. The rules do not allow for any additional extension of time. The Committee will act on it and at this point conduct a hearing and will bring the recommendation to the full Commission.
- Appropriation Bill "H.R....": Mr. Elk Richardson pointed out to a copy of "H.R. ...." And on the reverse side of the handout, in the middle of the page he pointed out to a section on "Tribal Recognition – Section 125". He noted that this is an appropriation bill and federal acknowledgement process from the Department of Interior, environment and related agencies for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2017, and for other purposes. The Bill has not been





assigned with a bill number in Congress. Mr. Elk Richardson noted that Tribes and Organizations could reach out to their Congress Members so they can contact members in Washington to find out more information.

The handouts presented “Recognition Committee teleconference meeting dated May 26, 2016,” and the draft Appropriation Bill are attached and are an official part of the minutes.

**American Indian Cultural Resources Committee:** Commissioner Jeff Anstead, Chair presented this item.

The following topics were discussed:

- **The Town Creek Indian Mound:** Funding, upkeep and maintenance were discussed at their meeting. Commissioner Anstead indicated \$200,000 has been appropriated and donated for the allocation of the Town Creek Indian Mound Project.
- **North Carolina Highway Historical Markers:** Applications are accepted twice a year. Annual budget \$40,000 each year. Each marker is estimated at \$1,700.
- **Cultural Tourism:** The Committee will work with the NC Council of Arts and the Department of Commerce on future plans of improvement.
- **Indigenous People’s Day:** The proclamation has been submitted to the Governor’s office. The Committee has not received a response or update on its status.
- **2016 NC American Indian Heritage Celebration:** The celebration is for fundraising and private donations. The 2016 goal is to raise \$50,000, to date they have received \$35,000. The event is scheduled for November 18-19, 2016.

The handout presented “Cultural Resources Committee teleconference meeting minutes dated May 11, 2016,” is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

- It was recommended that Chairman Lambert contact the Governor’s office regarding the status of the proclamation on the Indigenous People’s Day.
- Commissioner Constance Mitchell shared an inquiry on having a Memorial for American Indians or Celebration on Native American History in downtown. She suggested that it would be a good idea to promote the American Indian Culture at the Capitol. She concluded that the Commission needed to explore this inquiry.
- After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Anstead noted that he will explore the inquiry during the next Cultural Resources Committee meeting.
- Mr. Steve Claggett expressed that in prior Cultural Committee meetings they discussed that it was important to restore the environmental conditions of the Town Creek Indian Mound to when it was occupied by the Native Indian people.
- Mr. Claggett also informed the Commission that there is process in place to propose and establish monuments on state capitol grounds. He expressed that it also applies to all state properties. It was noted that the North Carolina Historical Commission by statute is responsible for all these proposals and approvals to install new or restore the existing monuments.
- Mr. Claggett informed the Commission that there is a statue of a Native American woman at the entrance of the History Museum. He noted that it was in a prominent place and is a nice representation of American Indian.
- Mr. Mark Teague informed the Commission of a group called State Capitol Planning Commission Committee required by statute. It consists of Legislators, the Governor, Cabinet Secretaries and Officials from the City of Raleigh. He noted that by statute they have to meet





several times a year, but they rarely meet. During Governor Perdue's administration a Freedom Monument project was approved in recognition of civil rights movement. Mr. Teague suggested that this Commission follow the same guidelines.

**American Indian Employment & Training Committee:** It was noted that the Committee Chair would be appointed during the September meeting.

**Environmental Justice Committee:** No report was noted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Request from Croatan Indians of Sampson County: Mr. Farrell L. Howard presented a brief overview of the Croatan history as follows:

- Mr. Howard shared at length the Manuel Emanuel family history and the John Jones family history and their lineage.
- Request that Croatan Indian of Sampson County be recognized as a tribe.
- Request two seats on the Commission of Indian Affairs.
- Request services for the Croatan Indian people.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

- Chairman Lambert and Mr. Greg Richardson thanked Mr. Howard for his presentation.
- Mr. Greg Richardson informed the procedures as follows: The Commission would listen to their request at the June Meeting. He informed the Commission that Mr. Howard's email message dated May 18, 2016, containing ten questions along with other attachments containing approximately 100 pages were forwarded to Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice. Mr. Richardson expressed that they were related to legal matters and that Mr. Teague would respond to their inquiry in due course.
- Commissioner Jacobs asked if the Commission provided the State Recognition documents to Mr. Howard. Mr. Greg Richardson confirmed that Mr. Howard was provided with all the documents pertaining to the State Recognition (States General Statutes and State Recognition Procedures). He expressed that Mr. Howard responded that they were already recognized and that they were not seeking recognition through the recognition procedures.

#### **ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Commission members shared the following information:

- Commission member expressed concerns on the State Traffic Law Citations and the "Race" indicated on the Driver's License. It was noted that the Drivers License should state "American Indian". Examples were provided of errors made on the Drivers License and the inconvenience of correcting it. Commission members expressed concerns and noted that this issue needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Chairman Lambert indicated that he would contact Mr. Jarrod Lowery, Governor's Office Community - Outreach Department, regarding the "Race" on the Drivers License.
- Other items such as tuition and scholarship fund in Universities for American Indian students were discussed. Mr. Greg Richardson suggested that this item be discussed in the presence of Dr. Robin Cummings at a later date.
- Lumbee Homecoming scheduled on June 25, 2016.
- Old Lake Road, intersection and safety issues were discussed.





- Waccamaw Siouan training session was a success.
- Passing of Gervis Oxedine passed away on May 1, 2016, he was 72 years old. Justice Paul Newby, NC Supreme Court, presented The Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Mr. Oxedine. This citation is reserved for individuals who serve the people of North Carolina in the most distinguished manner.
- Commissioner Jennifer Revels thanked members for their support and was looking forward to working with everyone and serving the community at large.
- Registration form for the Sappony 5K trail run or one-mile fun walk, Roxboro, NC, on June 18, 2016.
- Metrolina Native American Association has moved their office to Queens University in Charlotte, NC. Mr. Greg Richardson requested an official notification be sent to the Commission of Indian Affairs Office to update the directory.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Ray Jacobs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2016, at the Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina.

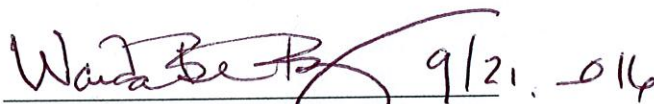
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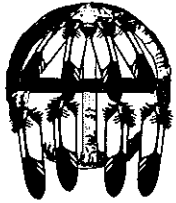
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*These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on September 2, 2016.*

 9/21/2016

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NC Commission of Indian Affairs  
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**N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**  
**QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**N. C. Association of Educators Building**  
 700 S. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601  
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June 3, 2016

**AGENDA**

<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Opening of Meeting</b>
Welcome, Call to Order & Adoption of Agenda	Shirley Freeman, Vice Chairperson
Invocation	Sam Lambert, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Secretary
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of March 10, 2016 Minutes	Shirley Freeman
<b>Ruth Annie Revels, Chairperson</b> <b>NC Commission of Indian Affairs</b> <b>September 2013-March 2016</b>	<b>Honoring Ceremony</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Special Swearing In Ceremony</b>
<b>The Honorable Associate Justice Barbara A.</b> <b>Jackson, Presiding</b>	<b>Furnie Lambert, Chairman of NC Commission</b> <b>of Indian Affairs</b> (Completing term of the late Ruth Revels)
<b>New Commission Members</b>	<b>Jennifer Revels-Baxter, Guilford Native</b> <b>American Association</b> (Completing term of office for the Late Ruth Annie Revels)  <b>Lenora Locklear, Coharie Indian Tribe</b> (Completing the term of Mrs. Charlene Jacobs)
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Reports &amp; Updates</b>
Executive Director Report (Included in meeting packet)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on New Grants - Carly Kennedy, Grant Writer, NC Department of Administration</li> </ul>	Greg Richardson  Carly Kennedy, Grant Writer NC Department of Administration
Update - Rules Review Requirement and Process	



	Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice
Update - NC Indian Culture Center, Legal Matter	Mark Teague, Attorney
Staff Quarterly Program Reports	See Board Packet
<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Working Lunch</b>
<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>
American Indian Legislative Updates	Roy Maynor, Chair
Adhoc Indian Land Trust & American Indian Veterans	Furnie Lambert, Chair
American Indian Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian Youth Unity Conference, June14-17, 2016, NC State University, Raleigh, NC</li> </ul>	Dorothy Crowe, Chair
American Indian Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 8 Project Based Voucher Program Update -Housing Development Project, Raeford, NC</li> </ul>	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair/David Grigsby, Section 8 Director
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Indian Child Welfare- Update</li> <li>-MOA Update</li> <li>-Update - November 3, 2016, Indian Child Welfare Gathering, Western Carolina University</li> </ul>	Marvel Welch and Sherry Bradsher, Co-Chairs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Recognition Update</li> <li>-Tuscarora Petition for State Recognition</li> </ul>	Larece Hunt, Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Indian Cultural Resources</li> <li>-21<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Heritage Month Celebration, November 2016, NC Museum of History, Raleigh, NC</li> <li>-Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution-Update</li> </ul>	Jeff Anstead, Chair
American Indian Employment & Training	New Chair Needed
Environmental Justice-Update	Daniel Locklear, Chair
<b>2:45 pm</b>	<b>New Business</b>
Request - Croatan Indians of Sampson County	Mr. Farrell L. Howard, Presenter
Items/Announcements from Commission Members	Shirley Freeman
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
2016 Commission Meetings	September 2 – Raleigh, North Carolina December 2 – Location TBD
2017 Commission Meeting Schedule	March 9, 2017-Charlotte, NC June 2, 2017-Raleigh, NC