



# NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2016

*(Held in conjunction with the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual NC Indian Unity Conference)*

Hilton/North Raleigh Midtown

Grand Ball Room III

3415 Wake Forest Road

Raleigh NC 27609

**WELCOME:** Chairwoman Ruth Revels, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with a quorum being present. She acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, State Officials, and staff.

Chairwoman Revels announced the conference theme “Walking in Two Worlds and Preserving American Indian Heritage”. She noted that a complimentary copy of the NC Indian Unity Conference booklet was distributed to all who attended the commission meeting. She expressed that it was important to think about the theme and what it takes today to preserve the American Indian Heritage.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** There was a consensus among the members present to approve the draft agenda.

**INVOCATION:** A moment of silence was observed in memory of the recently deceased in each of the tribal communities in recent months. Commission members and community members that are currently very sick were 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	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Present
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

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**ROLL CALL**

*MEMBERS (Continued)*

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	Absent
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Present
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	Present
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	Present
NCNAYO	Takoda Locklear	Present
NCNACOHE	Toni Henderson	Absent

**STATE OFFICIALS**

Department of Administration, Bill Daughtridge, Jr., Secretary	Present
Designee: Bill Bryan, Deputy Secretary	Present
Employment Security Commission, John E. Skvaria, III	
Designee: Dale Folwell	
Department of Cultural Resources, Steven Claggett	Absent
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
- Stephen Maynor, Program Director for Community Development Program & Low Income Energy Assistant Program
- Elk Richardson, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
- Lori McClain, Program Director, Domestic Violence and Prevention Program
- Sue Faircloth, Case Manager, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
- Cindi Harris, Counselor, Educational Talent Search Program



## **ROLL CALL**

### *STAFF (Continued)*

Carolyn Crocker, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program

Colmorene Wilson, Community Development Program &  
Low Income Energy Assistant Program

Peggy Ammons, Community Development Program & Low Income Energy Assistant Program

Nancy Richardson, Low Income Energy Assistant Program

Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary

## **OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. William (Bill) Peaslee, General Counsel, NC Department of Administration

Ms. Rhonda Todd, Legislative Liaison (DOA)

Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

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

**ETHICS STATEMENT:** Mr. Greg Richardson read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Chairwoman Revels. He charged the Commission Members to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest that may exist for agenda items being considered by the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. None were noted.

Mr. Greg Richardson informed the Commission that there would be some members who would need to recuse themselves from voting during the appointment recommendations of the NC Indian Housing Authority.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes of the Commission meeting held on December 4, 2015, were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead and seconded by Commissioner Furnie Lambert. Motion carried.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM COMMISSION CHAIR**

Chairwoman Revels acknowledged the guest and visitors present at the meeting and welcomed them. Mrs. Revels welcomed the two new representatives from North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO), Ms. Cheyenne Williams and Mr. Takoda Locklear. Chairwoman Revels recognized Chief/Dr. Ogletree Richardson and noted that Dr. Ogletree is the first woman to hold the position of Chief of the Haliwa Saponi Tribe and the third woman to hold the position of Chief of an Indian Tribe in the state of North Carolina.

Mr. Greg Richardson and Chairwoman Revels acknowledged and recognized Ms. Kathryn Johnston, the new Secretary for the NC Department of Administration. Mr. Richardson announced that former Secretary Bill Daughtridge, Jr., has been appointed by the Governor Pat McCrory to the States Industrial Commission and thanked him for his work and support of the commission during his tenure as Secretary of the NC Department of Administration. Chairwoman Revels thanked Secretary Johnston for attending the meeting and noted that the Commission was looking forward to working with her and urged Secretary Johnston to continue to support the work of the Commission.



Commissioner Gladys Hunt, President of the United Tribes of North Carolina and a Commission member, thanked the Commission for scheduling the quarterly meeting in conjunction with the annual NC Indian Unity Conference again this year. She requested that the Commission continue to have the quarterly meeting in conjunction with the conference as it has throughout the history of the NC Indian Unity Conference, a period of 41 years!

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**2015 INDIAN EDUCATION REPORT – STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION (SACIE):** Chief/Dr. Ogletree Richardson, Consultant State Board of Education, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the report as follows:

##### Establishment of State Advisory Council on Indian Education

- Legislative Requirement: 1988, the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted a policy to identify the Indian Education issues in grades K-12. In the same year the NC General Assembly enacted Article 13A that established the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE).
- SACIE Membership: The Board consists of 15-Member. Change in September 2015, the NC General Assembly approved an Act to modify the membership composition of SACIE.
- Role of SACIE: Serve in an advisory role to the SBE and identifies American Indian students' academic concerns and possible corrective actions. Prepare an annual report on American Indian (AI) performance outcomes and recommendations to improve the achievement of AI students in grades K-12.
- Public School Enrollment Data (Population Focus): 16,657 students, self-identified as American Indians/ Alaskan Native (AI/AN) students were enrolled in 18 school districts that received funding through the Title VII Indian Education Act (IEA) of 1972. The enrollment figures reflect enrollment data submitted by each district.
- Map identifying NC Tribes, Locations, and Title VII Grantees.
- Report focus: Academic performance; Cohort Graduation Rate; Dropout Rate; Factors Related to Academic Success; SAT performance.
- State-level Findings: A table showing comparisons of academic performance of American Indian students to that of White students in five academic areas. Also included are data on the four-year cohort graduation and dropout rates.
- Comprehensive Study of American Indian Student Achievement in grades 6-12: These findings are based on 2013-14 student data collected in school districts receiving Title VII funds.
- SAT performance: State score 992; Wake County score 1065 – AI score 1070; Graham County score 994; AI score 1009. Dr. Ogletree identified that American Indian student score were higher than the state and county score.
- Recommendation (I, II & III): The Council requests the NC Department of Public Instruction work closely with school districts and Title VII Indian Education Coordinators to implement the three recommendations.
- It was noted that the report presented at this meeting be shared with the Tribes and Organizations.

The handout provided and the PowerPoint presentation is an official part of the minutes.

#### **Questions from Commission Members:**

- Commission members asked comparisons of American Indian students with other non-American Indian students in Wake County.
- Dr. Ogletree clarified that the full report indicated each of the 19 School Districts.



- Chairwoman Revels indicated that according to the statute of SACIE this is a requirement that they make a public report to the American Indian communities and it is done through the Commission of Indian Affairs meeting.
- Dr. Ogletree invited Commission members and audience to attend the workshop following the Commission meeting, to receive additional information regarding the SACIE report and learn of the great work of SACIE. The workshop is titled as “A New Vision for Native Students: Building the Pathway” presented by Dr. Ogletree Richardson, Chief of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, Retired Educator, Liaison, and member of the State Advisory Council on Indian Education.
- A motion to approve to accept the report was made by Commissioner Charles Richardson and seconded by Commissioner Sam Lambert. Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, presented the division report. The following topics were discussed:

- **Unity Conference Brochures:** Mr. Richardson expressed that the information in the booklet included very valuable information, historic information and that it can be used as a good resource, for commission members, tribal leaders etc.
- **Acknowledgement:** Mr. Richardson acknowledged Secretary Kathryn Johnston, the new Secretary for the NC Department of Administration. Secretary Johnston expressed that she was honored to be appointed as Secretary to the Department of Administration. She was looking forward to working with the Commission of Indian Affairs.
- **Budget:** Mr. Richardson referenced the budget summary for the period ending January 31, 2016, that is included in the packet for review.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **NC COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS UPCOMING VACANCIES:**

##### **COMMISSION APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Mr. Richardson pointed to a handout in the meeting packet that included a listing of 2016 appointment recommendations which requires action on the part of the Commission during this meeting.

The following appointment recommendation were presented:

##### **(Statutory Appointments)**

**NC Indian Housing Authority (NCIHA) appointment recommendation:** One vacancy

Lumbee Tribe's ApPOINT Recommendations

First Choice: Charles A. Maynor

Second Choice: Alton Locklear

Term of Office; 2016-2017

- **Commissioner Elton R. Jacobs and Commissioner Gladys Hunt recused themselves from voting.**
- A motion was made to submit Mr. Charles A Maynor as the first choice for appointment and Mr. Alton Locklear as the second choice for appointment to the NC Indian Housing Authority. Motion carried.



## **Appointments by Tribes and Organizations**

NC Commission of Indian Affairs Members – Terms Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>.

It was indicated that Ms. Julia Phipps is currently completing DeVane Burnette's term. He resigned on September 4, 2015.

The following vacancies are upcoming on the Commission effective June 30th:

Shirley Freeman; Waccamaw Siouan Tribe; 2016-2019  
Isabell Freeman-Elliott; Coharie Tribe; 2016-2019  
Gladys Hunt; Cumberland County Association for Indian People Tribe; 2016-2019  
Julia Phipps; Guilford Native American Association Tribe; 2016-2019  
Jeffrey Anstead; Haliwa-Saponi Tribe; 2016-2019  
Furnie Lambert; Lumbee Tribe; 2016-2019  
Constance Mitchell; Meherrin Tribe; 2016-2019

- No motion required/appointments are made by the tribes and organizations, holding membership on the Commission. Letters will be sent to the tribes and organizations announcing these vacancies following the Commission meeting.

## **Administrative Appointments**

### **United Tribes of North Carolina appointment recommendation:**

- Greg Richardson; Haliwa-Saponi Tribe; CIA Executive Director
- Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to approve the appointment recommendations for Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, be appointed to United Tribes of North Carolina, board of directors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furnie Lambert and it passed unanimously.

### **Legal Aid of North Carolina appointment recommendation:**

Mr. Tony Clark; Robeson County; Lumbee Tribe  
Commissioner Sam Lambert made a motion to approve the appointment recommendation for Mr. Tony Clark, Legal Aid of NC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charlene Jacobs and it passed unanimously.

### **State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) 2016 Appointment Recommendations:**

- No action needed, as these appointments were made at the December 4, 2015 meeting. The recommendations were submitted to the State Board of Education prior to the Commission meeting.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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## Grant Updates:

- **American Indian Benefits Grant Program:** Ms. Carly Crim, DOA Grant Writer gave a brief overview. She noted that the grant was submitted to the National Council on Aging. The grant included funding of about \$100,000 with \$29,105 being added as matching funds from the Commission. However, on February 10<sup>th</sup> the Commission received a notice that the grant would be reduced by 50%. This would serve only some Indian communities. On February 16<sup>th</sup> a decision was made to withdraw the proposal due to the 50% reduction in funding. Ms. Crim informed the Commission that she would try and find other projects that would benefit the Indian community.
- **Renewal Grant for Education Talent Search (ETS):** This grant was submitted to the US Department of Education in Washington, DC for funding consideration. The program will seek funding to provide educational enrichment services in five counties: Columbus, Halifax, Hoke, Sampson and Warren. The program will provide counseling services for 635 students, in four middle schools, five high schools and one tribally based charter school and the amount of funding requested is \$304,232. Ms. Crim indicated that there was an increase from \$460 to \$480 per student. The grant is still under review at this time.
- **Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Grant:** Ms. Crim shared information regarding a project funded through the Governor's Crime Commission which is to build capacity within the American Indian communities to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. In order to obtain additional funding the Commission has partnered with the Council for Women. The Commission has applied to be a sub-grantee. Ms. Crim indicated that this will be an ongoing grant.
- **Research on additional funding:** Ms. Crim expressed that she is looking for additional funding that would benefit the American Indian community at large.

Chairwoman Revels thanked Ms. Crim for her support in writing the grants on behalf of the Commission.

## Executive Director's Report

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- **2020 US Census:** Mr. Greg Richardson informed that the Census Bureau has requested assistance in planning their Regional meeting in North Carolina. It was noted that the Regional meeting would be held on September 1<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the Commission's September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Topics of discussion would be (a) to provide information about the census; (b) the process for enumeration and (c) how best to reach the American Indian Communities during the census.
- **Croatan Indian:** The Commission has received a second request voicing concerns about their status as an Indian tribe. It was noted that the emails and other documents have been forwarded to Chairwoman Revels and copy to Mr. Bill Peaslee and Mr. Mark Teague for review.
- **Other Highlights:** These are listed in the handout.
  - NC Connect Bond Proposal on March 15<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Benefits of bond referendum for UNC, community colleges, parks and infrastructure of facilities, roads and highways was discussed.
- **Personnel Updates:** These are listed in the handout.
- **Staff Quarterly Reports:** The handouts were enclosed in the meeting packets.
- **Upcoming Meetings:** These are listed in the handout.



- **New Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program (DV/SA):** Ms. Lori McClain, Program Director introduced herself to the Commission. She gave a brief description of the program as follows:
  - DV/SA program grant is funded from the Department of Public Safety, Governor's Crime Commission through the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) in 2015. The funding allows for a DVSA program with five tribes statewide who have agreed to be part of the program. The program is being implemented and the tribes will be receiving training to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

### **Statement of Economic Interest Requirements**

It was noted that in order to avoid penalties, all Commission members must complete their Statement of Economic Interest by April 15 due date. In order to remain in compliance with the ethics rules, training requirements must also be met. It was indicated that there was a \$250 fine for noncompliance. A handout was provided with list of Commission members who were not in compliance at this time:

It was recommended that Commission members look up the following website for information and instruction:

<http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/sei/blankForm.aspx>

- Question was asked regarding the acronyms "NCF and LF" in the "SEI Received Date" column on the handout presented. Mr. Greg Richardson noted that he would email Commission members that information.

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

#### **ACTION ITEM:**

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**Rules Review Requirement and Process:** Mr. Bill Peaslee, General Counsel, NC Department of Administration presented the following item.

- General Assembly enacted Session Law 2013-413 which established G.S. 150B-21.3A, a "Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules."
- This statute requires the Rules Review Commission to establish a process and schedule for the agencies covered under this statute, to ensure compliance with the law.
- It was noted that as a government entity, the Commission is entitled by legislature to adopt the administrative rules.
- It is how the Commission will treat entities/individuals outside of the Commission.
- The process requires North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs (NCCIA) to review all of its active rules in the NC Administrative Code every 10 years.
- The first time, it has to be reviewed in five years.
- There are three legal categories: (a) Necessary with substantive public interest; (b) Necessary without substantive public interest; (c) Unnecessary
- Mr. Peaslee read the definition for the three categories listed above.





- It was noted that the NCCIA has administrative rules that must be reviewed at this time and a determination made to which of the above categories they fall into, in accordance with Session Law 2013-413.
- The NCCIA final rules determination must be presented to the Rules Review Commission by December 2016.
- The NCCIA initial determination of its rules must be posted for public comment for 60 days on the NC Department of Administration website.
- Rules Review Commission will review the comments and will make the final determination to which of the above categories the rules fall under by November 15, 2016.
- Staff recommendations for consideration during this meeting are as follows:
  - Rule 100 Section: Falls under category B (Necessary without substantive public interest)
  - Rule 200 Section – Falls under category B (Necessary without substantive public interest)
  - Rules 300-500 Section – Falls under category C (Unnecessary)
- Mr. Peaslee indicated that if the Commission does not accept the Rules Review or fail to abide by the timeline, then the Rules will be dispersed/ fade away. He added that this will leave the Commission in a precarious position.

The handout presented is an official part of the minutes.

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

- Commissioner Marvel Welch made a motion to approve the staff recommendations regarding the Rules Review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles (Pete) Richardson. Motion carried.
- Mr. Greg Richardson reiterated the timeline required for the rules Review Process as follows:
  - Staff recommendations will be posted on the website for 60 days
  - Comments made from the public – A recap will be submitted to the Commission members during the June meeting
  - Commission will need to make a final decision on rules during the September meeting
  - Mr. Richardson noted that the Commission must adhere to the statutory compliance of the law, which guide the Rules Review process.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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**NC Indian Culture Center, Legal Matter:** Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice gave an update on the law suit filed against the State by the NC Indian Cultural Center.

- In 2013 a violation of lease terms was issued.
- Nonprofit Indian Culture Center filed lawsuit against the Department of Administration & Commission of Indian Affairs. The case was dismissed in the federal court.
- They sued again, seeking a restraining order. A request for temporary restraining order was denied.
- Proceeded to terminate the lease according to the general assembly.
- The property was sold to the Lumbee Tribe.
- The property was reallocated to the Division of Parks and Recreation. It was noted that it is now part of the Lumbee River State Parks.
- NC Indian Cultural Center is seeking clarification in the “breach in contract and money damage”.



- In conclusion, Mr. Teague informed the Commission that last week a voluntary dismissal without prejudice was filed. He noted that it means they can re file this case.

**New Voter ID Legislation:** Mr. Ted Fitzgerald, Voter Outreach – Lead Outreach Specialist, NC Board of Elections presented the following report on the Tribal ID Cards approved for use in the 2016 election:

- In 2013 Voter Information Verification Act was passed.
- Changes were made to the law regarding the requirement for voter ID.
- In 2016, NC became the 33<sup>rd</sup> state in the nation that requires some form of identification.
- In the act, one form of identification would be accepted is the Tribal ID cards.
- Federal recognized tribes and state recognized tribes – The agency contacted state recognized tribes and noted they would work with them and offer guidance if they choose to use it during the elections.
- The distinction between the two is that the state recognized tribes would be approved by the State Board of Elections. The applications that are completed require identification issued by the Division of Motor Fleet.
- Tribal leaders were contacted, four Tribes accepted the offer and the others choose not to apply at this time but left their option open.
- The four tribes that were accepted are Coharie, Lumbee, Haliwa Saponi and Meherrin.
- Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Commission for allowing them to visit the Tribes and see the history and the culture.
- He noted that the remaining Tribes can still apply. He expressed that the agency will help them through the process. He indicated the Tribal ID cards can be approved in time for the Congressional Primary in June and the General Elections in November.
- Mr. Fitzgerald pointed out that only the General Assembly can change the requirement for the State to go through the application process.
- Each polling station has the brochures depicting the pictures of the different types of ID cards required to vote. Any one of them would be acceptable at the polling site. Website for more information: [www.voterid.nc.gov](http://www.voterid.nc.gov)
- The Tribal ID cards are valid for eight years from the date of issuance. All ID's need to have photographs.

**Questions from Commission members:**

- Commission members asked clarifying questions.
- Mr. Fitzgerald indicated that any voter who showed up without an unacceptable photo ID card will be able to vote and will not be turned away.
- Mr. Greg Richardson informed the Commission that Tribes which did not apply for Tribal ID cards can request assistance from the Board of Elections, or contact Mr. Fitzgerald.

**Low Income Energy Assistance Program:** *This item was moved to later on the agenda.*

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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**Section 8 Housing Program Updates:** Mr. David Grigsby, Director, Section 8 Housing Program presented the following recommendations:



**Action Item #1:** The PHA will give emergency preference to the documented victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or sexual trafficking if there is a need for housing assistance.

- Commissioner Daniel Locklear made a motion to approve the amendment to the administrative plan as stated above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried.

**Action Item #2:** Move to approve the Commission entering into a Project Based Voucher Partnership with Sandy Ridge Apartments in Raeford. This will mean allocation 12 vouchers already allotted to Hoke County to this specific apartment complex. The handout included the Sandy Ridge Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2016. Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair of the American Indian Housing Committee requested the Commission to take action.

- Commissioner Marvel Welch made a motion to approve the Project Based Voucher Partnership with Sandy Ridge Apartments in Raeford. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charlene Jacobs. Motion carried.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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**QUARTERLY PROGRAM REPORTS:** The quarterly reports are included in the board packet. Commission members were urged to review these reports and to let the staff know if they have questions or need clarifications. No questions or concerns were noted.

The quarterly reports are attached and are an official part of the minutes.

Chairwoman Revels informed the Commission that Ms. Mickey Locklear, Director, Education Talent Search Program continues to be on leave and that the Executive Director will serve as the program director of this program until Mickey returns to work. The Executive Director also noted that Cindi Harris, Counselor for the Program will coordinate the program activities while Mickey is on leave and those duties also include the coordination of the 2016 Youth Unity Conference.

### **ACTION ITEM:**

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**American Indian Cultural Resources, NC Museum of History, Raleigh, NC:** Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead, Chair, read the draft Resolution calling for the designation of **Indigenous Peoples Day** in the State of North Carolina. The gist of the Resolution reads as **“The resolution urging the Governor to permanently designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in the State of North Carolina.”** Mr. Anstead read the entire draft Resolution and requested an action be taken at this meeting and present it to the Governor for adoption.

The handout (draft Resolution) presented is an official part of the minutes.

### **Comments from the Commission:**

- Commissioner Sam Lambert made a motion to adopt the draft resolution for the designation of Indigenous people to be presented to the Governor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey. Motion carried.
- Chairwoman Revels schedule a Subcommittee meeting to discuss how best to present the draft resolution to the Governor. The following Commission members and staff agreed to be included in the Subcommittee meeting: Mr. Greg Richardson, Jeff Anstead, Mark Teague, Sam Lambert,



Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Constance Mitchell, Cheyenne Williams and Takoda Locklear agreed to attend this meeting. Ms. Revels requested that they meet via teleconference.

- Mr. Earl Evans, Haliwa Saponi Tribe, (visitor) expressed that the Legislative Committee should review the Indigenous Peoples Day draft resolution. He referenced the G.S. §103-4, Section 811. No action was taken by the Commission relative to this recommendation.

*Chairwoman Revels announced a short recess for lunch. Chairwoman Revels requested Commissioner Gladys Hunt to bless the food for the Commission.*

*Lunch break, meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m. (working lunch).*

- Commissioner Charles (Pete) Richardson made a motion to approve the Executive Director's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried.
- Chairwoman Revels pointed out that the Executive Director's Report had many action items listed and noted it was appropriate to adopt.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Continued)**

**American Indian Legislative Committee:** Chairwoman Revels requested Commissioner Gladys Hunt to give an update on Commissioner Roy Maynor's health condition.

- Commissioner Hunt noted that Commissioner Maynor fell and injured his arm and is not able to attend the meeting. Chairwoman Revels wished him well on behalf of the Commission and noted that they will keep him in their prayers.
- Mr. Greg Richardson noted that the legislative related request for the 2017 Legislative Agenda be directed to Mr. Maynor prior to the April Legislative Short Session.
- Ms. Rhonda Todd, Legislative Liaison (DOA) informed that the House Bill (HB) 523 – Drivers License Designation/American Indian, sponsored by Representative C. Graham, is on the agenda.
- Commission members asked clarifying question as to what is changed in the HB.
- Ms. Todd indicated that she would email the HB to the Commission.
- Mr. Richardson discussed that "race" is part of this Bill. The HB 523 states as "At the request of an applicant for a drivers license, a license issued to the applicant must contain the applicant's race, which shall be designated with the letters "AI" for an applicant who is American Indian."

The HB 523 is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

**Adhoc Indian Land Trust & American Indian Veterans Committee:** Commissioner Furnie Lambert, Chair gave a brief overview on the following:

- Compensation for retired veterans.
- Compensation for disabled veterans.
- Compensation for Combat Released Special Veterans (CRSV). Commissioner Lambert informed that the Veterans Affairs (VA) Disability is 100%. Retroactive payments will be made from year 2008.
- Combat Related Disability Payment (CRDP).
- Commission members requested Commissioner Lambert to send the information via email.
- Chairwoman Revels indicated that the information needs to go out to the Tribes and Organizations.



No handout was presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** *(Not listed on the agenda)*

Special Guest: Commissioner Bill Daughtridge

- Mr. Greg Richardson announced the arrival of Mr. Bill Daughtridge, Commissioner for the State Industrial Commission (Former Secretary of Department of Administration). He thanked Commissioner Bill Daughtridge for his support while he served as Secretary of the Department of Administration and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Commission and staff. He highlighted that Commissioner Daughtridge attended Commission meeting on a regular basis, attended Tribal events and meetings affiliated to the Commission of Indian Affairs.

**Comments from the Commission:**

- Chairwoman Revels acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Daughtridge and welcomed him to the meeting. She added that Commissioner Daughtridge would be speaking at the Indian Unity Conference (Opening Ceremony), following the Commission meeting.
- Commission members acknowledged and thanked Deputy Secretary Bill Bryan for his support as well.
- Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to send a Resolution of Support for Commissioner Bill Daughtridge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sam Lambert. Motion carried.

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

Discussion as follows:

- Commissioner Crowe noted that the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) report was submitted to the State Advisory Council last week. She expressed that it will be voted during the first week of April at the State Board of Education meeting. The report will then be posted on the website. Commission members can see the results and progress made by the American Indian Students in North Carolina.
- Education Act was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015. It states “Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)” in the past it was “No Child Left Behind”. She highlighted the change in the accountability process (Progress Report) in Elementary and Secondary Education for FY 2017-2020. It provides greater flexibility and decision making by school and the State. She noted the current one waiver expires August 1, 2016. Full implementation will begin July 1, 2017.
- Testing by grade level in subjects such as Math, Science, English and Art.
- Accountability process from the State with the Federal Government for FY 2017-2018 school year.
- Continue the School Improvement Plan. It needs to be approved by the School System, District and the State.
- Status on Teacher Quality: The requirement for highly qualified Teacher and Principal is eliminated.
- Status on Educator Evaluation: The federal requirement for educator evaluation has been eliminated. However, State must implement every plan to ensure economically disadvantage and minority students are not disproportionately served by ineffective or inexperienced teachers, principals and other educators.
- Change: Current Title VII program will now be moved to Title IV



- Commissioner Crowe encouraged Commission members to look up the “Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)” report.
- SACIE Plans for Strategic Development Goals: She noted that SACIE will modify their goals according the State’s Strategic Development Goals for the American Indian students.
- The five State Goals are as follows:
  - Every student in the NC Public School System graduates from high school prepares for work, higher education and citizenship.
  - Every student has a personalized education
  - Every student everyday has excellent educators
  - Every School District has up to date financial, business and technology systems to serve it students, parents and educators.
  - Every student is healthy, safe and responsible.
- Values, percentages and targets are incorporated in these goals. These are helpful for testing the students.
- SACIE will be reviewing the above goals for the American Indian students.
- SACIE developed a most useful resource page for teachers and parents:  
<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/americanindianed/>
- On-line classes and credits for teachers and students are listed on the resources page.
- Scholarships: High school students need to apply for scholarships. Commissioner Crowe encouraged Commission members to inform their Tribes and Organizations the need to promote applying for scholarships/ how to apply for scholarships within their communities.
- Fund information: American Indian Scholarship Fund is managed by the Triangle Community Foundation had more funds than applications last year. Applications need to be completed in full along with essay. Students need to submit their best work in order to receive \$1000 scholarship which can be renewed up to four years. The money comes from the American Indian License Plate fund. Deadline to apply is May 1st.
- SACIE representatives have been nominated by the Commission of Indian Affairs at the December meeting. These will be presented to the State Board of Education at their next meeting. Letters have not been sent out until the State Board of Education approves the nominations.
- Other Related Item: Recommended the American Indian Center at UNC-Chapel Hill. The center has a Cultural Outreach Ambassador Program; Ms. Karen Smith presents “What is your Culture?” It was noted that the program can be contacted to visit schools and community for a presentation.
- Upcoming Event: 2016 NCNAYO Indian Youth Unity Conference (37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference); June 14-17, 2016, NC State University, Raleigh, NC.

No handout was presented.

**Comments from the Commission:**

- Chairwoman Revels pointed out that the presentation had a lot of valuable information but was hard to follow without a handout. She requested handouts be given prior to the presentation or emailed with the Board packet.
- Commissioner Crowe indicated that she would email the handout after the meeting.

**Indian Child Welfare Committee:** Commissioner Marvel Welch and Ms. Sherry Bradsher, Department of Health and Human Services, Co-Chairs, Indian Child Welfare Committee presented a brief update.



- Thanked the Commission for their support.
- Expressed March 8<sup>th</sup> was recognized as Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Requested members, staff and guest present to attend the workshop at the Unity Conference on March 11, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. “Understanding Child Protection Requirements-Foster Care” presented by Commissioner Marvel Welch, (Eastern Band of Cherokee) and Ms. Sherry Bradsher
- Upcoming Event: Indian Child Welfare Gathering with be held at the Western Carolina University on November 3, 2016.

**Comments from the Commission:**

- Chairwoman Revels congratulated Commissioner Welch and Ms. Bradsher for organizing events around the state and especially at UNC at Pembroke. She thanked them on behalf of the Commission.

**State Recognition Committee:** Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chair informed that Mr. Elk Richardson is compiling the information discussed at the work session on the Tuscarora Petition. Mr. Richardson explained the process as follows: The report would be presented to the work group. They will then revise or approve it. This then will be presented to the Recognition Committee. The Recognition Committee will present the findings to the petitioning group. After this stage, the report will be presented to the full Commission.

**American Indian Employment & Training & Economic Development Committee:** Chairwoman Revels reminded Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Chair of this Committee. She requested that Commissioner Burns-Ramsey attend the meeting. Chairwoman Revels suggested that Mr. Elk Richardson and Ms. Sue Faircloth contact Commissioner Burns-Ramsey to attend the meetings.

- Mr. Elk Richardson noted that the Committee has a workshop at the Indian Unity Conference “Overview of North Carolina’s Workforce Delivery System” presented by Mr. Danny Giddens, Director of Fields Operations, Division of Workforce Solutions, NC Department of Commerce, Raleigh, NC.  
Topics will include: The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) that replaced Workforce Investment Act.

**Environmental Justice Committee:** Commissioner Daniel Locklear, Chair presented this item. He discussed the following:

- The Committee has a workshop at the Indian Unity Conference tomorrow, March 11, 2016, “Environmental Justice for Indian Communities” presented by Dr. Ryan Emanuel, Associate Professor, NC State University and Dr. Louie Rivers, Assistant Professor, Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, NC State University, Raleigh, NC.  
Topics will include: Environmental Justice for NC Indians.

**Low Income Energy Assistance Program:** *Due to the time constraint this item was not discussed.*

- March 31, 2016 (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Energy Conference at the Cape Fear Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC.
- Although this is a free event, registration is required by March 19, 2016.
- Handouts (flyer and registration cards) were distributed.

**Items/Announcements from Commission Members:**




- April 15, 16 & 17, 2016 - Haliwa-Saponi Tribe 51<sup>st</sup> Pow Wow, Hollister, NC
- May 6-8, 2016 – Lumbee Pow Wow at the Indian Cultural Center, Maxton, NC.
- June 18, 2016 – Sappony Tribe 5K Run, Mayo Park, Roxboro, NC
- June 19, 2016 – Sappony Youth Camp
- March 19, 2016 – Waccamaw Siouan Mini Pow Wow at Lake Waccamaw in support of the Boys and Girls Club to help raise money for the home.
- September 9-10 – 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Coharie Indian Cultural Pow Wow at the Coharie Tribal Grounds, Clinton, NC. Commissioner Jacobs extended the invitation to all including the State Officials.
- September 16-18, 2016 – 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow and Cultural Festival, Guilford Native American Association at the Greensboro County Park.
- September 30-October 2, 2016 – Meherrin Nation Pow Wow, Ahoskie, NC.
- November 19, 2016 – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration, Museum of History, Raleigh, NC.
- Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey thanked everyone for their support during the loss of her brother.

**Chairwoman Ruth Revels addressed the Commission:**

- Mrs. Revels announced that the conference Pow Wow has been moved to Saturday at 1:00 p.m. (schedule is listed in the booklet).
- She noted that the United Tribes Scholarships & Recognition of Sponsors will take place on Saturday.
- Scholarships are \$500 each. She noted that 33 students applied and 13 students were selected. She welcomed more sponsors to increase the funding for the scholarships.
- She highly recommended and requested that the Commission, staff and audience present should plan to attend the General Assembly Sessions, Workshops, Reception, Pageant, Gospel Singing, Awards and Recognition Banquet and all the other events listed in the booklet.
- Chairwoman Revels thanked all who attended the meeting. She thanked everyone for their support.


**Adjournment:**

With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Larece Hunt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2016 (location to be announced).

  
Wanda Burns Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer  
NC Commission of Indian Affairs  
(Sign & Date)

  
Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary  
(Sign & Date)

*These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on June 3, 2016.*

  
Wanda Burns Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer  
NC Commission of Indian Affairs  
(Sign & Date)





**N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**  
**QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**  
 (Held in conjunction with the 41<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Indian Unity Conference)  
**Hilton/North Raleigh Midtown**  
 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh NC 27609  
 919-872-2323  
 March 10, 2016

**AGENDA (DRAFT)**

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Meeting Begins</b>
Welcome, Call to Order & Adoption of Agenda	Ruth Revels, Chairperson
Invocation	Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Secretary
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of December 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes	Ruth Revels, Chairperson
<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Special Presentations</b>
2015 Indian Education Report – State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE)	Kamiyo Lanning, Chair State Advisory Council on Indian Education  Chief/Dr. Ogletree Richardson, Consultant State Board of Education
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Reports &amp; Updates</b>
Executive Director Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Update</li> <li>• 2016 Statement of Economic Interest Requirements</li> <li>• New Domestic Violence and Prevention Program- Lori McClain, Program Director</li> <li>• Grant Activities this Quarter – Carly Crim, Grant Writer, NC Department of Administration</li> </ul>	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Rules Review Requirement and Process	Bill Peaslee, General Counsel NC Department of Administration
NC Indian Culture Center, Legal Matter	Mark Teague, Attorney NC Department of Justice
New Voter ID Legislation – Update	Mr. Ted Fitzgerald, Voter Outreach-Lead Outreach Specialist NC Board of Elections
Low Income Energy Assistance Program 2015 Energy Conference & FY 2016-17 Grant Application and Plan	Stephen Maynor, Director, Community Development Program

Section 8 Housing Program Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications for Assistance</li> <li>• Project Based Voucher Program - Housing Development Project, Raeford, NC</li> </ul>	David Grigsby, Director Section 8 Housing Program
Staff Quarterly Program Reports	See Board Packet
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Working Lunch</b>
Commission Appointment Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC Indian Housing Authority</li> <li>• State Advisory Council on Indian Education (Approved at December Meeting)</li> <li>• United Tribes of North Carolina</li> <li>• Legal Aid of North Carolina</li> </ul>	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
<b>12:45 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, June 14-17, 2016, NC State University, Raleigh, NC</li> </ul>	Dorothy Crowe, Chair
American Indian Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Based Voucher Program, Housing Development Project, Raeford, NC</li> </ul>	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair/David Grigsby, Section 8 Director
Indian Child Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 3, 2016, Indian Child Welfare Gathering, Western Carolina University</li> </ul>	Marvel Welch and Sherry Bradsher, Co-Chairs
State Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuscarora Petition Update</li> </ul>	Larece Hunt, Chair
American Indian Cultural Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Heritage Month Celebration, NC Museum of History, Raleigh, NC</li> <li>• Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution</li> </ul>	Jeff Anstead, Chair
American Indian Employment & Training	Ruth Revels, Chair
Environmental Justice	Daniel Locklear, Chair
<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>New Business</b>
Items/Announcements from Commission Members	Ruth Revels, Chair
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
2016 Commission Meetings	June 3 – Location TBD September 2 – Location TBD December 2 – Location TBD