



**NORTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2018**

(Held in conjunction with the 43rd Annual NC Indian Unity Conference)

Sheraton Greensboro Hotel
Koury Convention Center
3121 West Gate City Boulevard
Greensboro, NC 27407

WELCOME: Furnie Lambert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with a quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff and guests.

Chairman Lambert announced the 43rd Annual NC Indian Unity Conference theme “Sacred Places: Gifts of Our Land”.

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

INVOCATION: A moment of silence was observed in memory of Rev. Billy Graham. Commission members and community members that are currently ill and recently deceased were remembered during the opening prayer. Commissioner, Dorothy Yates recited the invocation prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Lambert led the membership and guests in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS

Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Present
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Roy Maynor	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Absent
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Marvel Welch	Present
Guilford Native American Association	Jennifer Revels-Baxter	Present
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnett, Sr.	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Charles (Pete) Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present

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ROLL CALL

MEMBERS (Continued)

Lumbee	Ricky Burnett	Present
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	Tony Hayes	Present
Sappony	Dorothy Stewart Yates	Present
Triangle Native American Society	Lana Dial	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Shirley Freeman	Present

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Department of Administration, Machelle Sanders, Secretary Designee: Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary		Present
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Anthony Copeland, Secretary Designee: George Sherrill, Chief of Staff		Present
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Michael Regan, Secretary Designee: John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary Representative: Sarah Rice		Present Present
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary Designee: Betty Kelly, Child Welfare		Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner Designee: Jennifer Haigwood		Absent
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, John Mintz, State Archaeologist		Present

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO, Zianne Mackenzie Richardson	Present
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STAFF PRESENT

- Gregory 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
- Peggy Ammons, Program Director, Community Development Program & Low-Income Energy Assistance Program
- Elk Richardson, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
- Carolyn Crocker, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
- Sue Faircloth, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
- Lori McClain, Program Director, Domestic Violence-Victim Crime Services
- Elizabeth Walker, Program Director, State Recognition Program
- Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary



OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Rep. Charles Graham, NC General Assembly, District 47, Robeson County
Rep. Amos Quick III, NC House of Representatives, District 58
Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice
Gena Renfrow, Public Information Officer, Department of Administration
Katie Stanley, Legislative Liaison, Department of Administration

OTHERS PRESENT: List on file with the Commission.

ETHICS STATEMENT: Mr. Richardson read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Chairman Lambert. He charged 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 December 1st MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the Commission meeting held on December 1, 2017, were presented. Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricky Burnett. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION I INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

Rep. Charles Graham, NC General Assembly, District 47, Robeson County:

Rep. Graham acknowledged and thanked Ms. Betty Kelly, Indian Child Welfare, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), for attending the meeting. He also acknowledged and thanked other state officials that were in attendance.

A brief updated on the NC General Assembly was discussed as follows:

- State Recognition Legislation and Funding: State appropriation funding of \$200,000 to assist State Recognition.
- Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Funding: Recurring appropriation of \$60,000. Rep. Graham noted that he was pleased with the effort throughout the state related to Indian Child Welfare.
- American Indian Driver's License Legislation and Funding
- Promote American Indian culture in the state of North Carolina. He referenced the American Indian Cultural event, November 2017, at the Museum of History.
- Promote agriculture and tourism in the state of North Carolina.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members requested that the State Recognition funding appropriations need to carry over to the next fiscal cycle.
- Commission member Charles Richardson expressed concerns that the temporary jobs need health insurance if the temporary jobs are three months and above.
- Commissioner Anstead noted that he would like to share a copy of the Resolution on the Atlantic Coastal Pipeline with Rep. Graham and was seeking his support.
- Commission members requested more media coverage on the American Indian contributions to the state.
- Chairman Lambert thanked Representative Graham for his presentation.

Representative Amos Quick, III, NC House of Representatives, District 58, Greensboro, NC: Rep. Quick gave a brief presentation. He thanked United Tribes and the Commission for hosting the 43rd



Annual NC Indian Unity Conference in Greensboro. He expressed that working together for better North Carolina was important and appreciates the American Indian contribution in the state of North Carolina.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members thanked Representative Quick for his support to the American Indian community.

No handouts were provided.

Acknowledgement: Mr. Greg Richardson acknowledged guests in the audience Rep. Graham and Rep. Quick and thanked them for attending the meeting. He recognized Chief/Dr. Ogletree Richardson of the Haliwa Saponi Tribe and thanked her for attending the meeting.

Presentations – Certificate of Recognition Awards for Outgoing Members:

- Recognition of Sharn Jeffries, Past Commission Member: Mr. Greg Richardson thanked Commissioner Jeffries for his dedicated years of service to the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. It was noted that Commissioner Jeffries served on the Board since 1992.
- Recognition of Steve Claggett, Chief State Archaeologist: Mr. Richardson thanked Mr. Claggett for his dedicated service as an Adhoc member to the Commission of Indian Affairs Board. It was noted that Mr. Claggett recently retired from Department of Cultural Resources.

Photo Session/ Recognition of Outgoing Commission Members: In memory of their dedicated service, Commission members took group photos with Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Claggett.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION II

State Advisory Council on Indian Education, Dr. Connie Locklear, Chair, State Advisory Council, Director, Robeson County Indian Education Program:

Report on Student Test Data was presented as follows:

- Discussed the Professional Development module on American Indian Culture in North Carolina.
- Highlights from the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) reports were discussed:
 - State-level findings (page 5) – The table compares academic performance of American Indian students to that of White students in five academic areas (Reading; Math; Math I; English II; Biology)
 - ACT, Page 8
 - State Findings, Page 9 – EOG Reading and Math
 - High School End Of Course Tests, Page 10
 - High School Cohort Graduation and Annual Dropout Rates, Page 11
 - Advanced Placement (AP) Testing; Page 12
 - SAT Testing; Page 13
 - NC Average ACT Scores; Page 13

The handout was provided (A *draft* copy of the SACIE report was distributed). The PowerPoint presentation is attached and is an official part of the minutes. (Attachment A)

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:



- Commission members expressed concerns about the statistics on Page 5 (percentage between American Indian students and White Students). Commissioner Larece Hunt noted that the student achievement rate as posted is concerning.
- It was noted that a lot of the American Indian students are not listed as American Indian students, hence percentages may not be accurate.
- Ms. Locklear pointed out to the recommendation listed on Item 2 on page 5 (SACIE strongly recommends school system to utilize this report when they develop the School Improvement plans.
- Commissioner Yates requested that parents need to be urged to register their children as American Indian in school and to become more engaged in the education of their children.
- Commission members thanked Dr. Locklear and Commission Yates for their presentation.
- Suggestion was made to have a summit on American Indian education in North Carolina, in the near future.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Executive Director, acknowledged and welcomed tribal chiefs, state officials, guest and staff. He discussed minor changes in the 2018, NC Indian Unity Conference agenda. Mr. Richardson announced that Deputy Christy Agner will be the keynote speaker for one of the General Assemblies and would represent Secretary Machel Sanders. He announced that the program for the 2018 NC Indian Unity Conference will be displayed on the hotel monitors for information purposes.

The following topics were discussed. The details are listed in the handout.

- Budget Update.
- Proposed Federal Budget Cuts
- Travel requirements for members of the Commission and Committees
- Findings and Deficiencies – Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina
- Commission Vacancies and Appointments
- Proposed Strategic Planning and Retreat for Commission members and program managers.
- Indian Child Welfare Gathering to be held April 5, 2018 in Greensboro, NC
- Veteran awards-2018 NC Indian Unity Conference
- Visitors from China
- Staffing Update
- Staff Quarterly Program Reports

The Director indicated that his report is included in the meeting packet for reference and urged members to read it in its entirety following the meeting. The handout of the Executive Director's Report is attached. (Attachment B)

NC COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS UPCOMING VACANCIES (2018): A handout indicating the list of 2018 appointment recommendations with term dates was provided. (Attachment C)

North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc-Court Case: Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice reported a brief update on the Indian Cultural Center court-case.

No handout was provided.



Program Reports: The handouts of the quarterly reports from the Program Managers were included in the meeting packet for informational purposes. (Attachment D)

FLOWER FUND REPORT: A handout was provided by Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs. The flower fund balance is \$409.15.

The handout presented is attached and is an official part of the minutes. (Attachment E)

Chairman Lambert announced a short recess for lunch. Chairman Lambert requested Commissioner Ricky Burnett to bless the food for the Commission.

Lunch break, meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m. (working lunch).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Lambert announced that only the action items to be reported is from the **Recognition Committee**.

Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chair acknowledged and thanked the Executive Director and the Recognition staff members for their work and efforts to complete recognition work.

The following was discussed:

Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina – Findings & Deficiencies – Petition for State Recognition

- Recognition Committee meeting minutes dated January 25, 2018.
- Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina – Findings & Deficiencies – Petition for State Recognition, the details are listed in the letter dated January 26, 2018. The letter along with the findings and deficiencies were included in the handout.

Recognition Committee Action Items:

- Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chair, recommended that any unused state funds be carried forward into the next fiscal year, so that the Commission would have funds to complete the recognition process, for pending petitions for state recognition. Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion to approve the request. Chairman Lambert noted that no second was required since it was coming from the Committee. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chair, made a recommendation, that additional funding be requested effective July 1, 2018. Chairman Lambert noted that no second was required since it was coming from the Committee. The motion was unanimously approved. It was noted that Commission of Indian Affairs should proceed to request for additional funding through Department of Administration to the General Assembly.

Recognition Committee Information Items:

Nuluti Equani Ehi, Petition for State Recognition, East Bend, NC: Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Director, State Recognition Program noted that the Nuluti Equani Ehi documents submitted for state recognition consideration is inadequate and does not meet the eligibility requirements for the petitioning process. A letter was sent to the Petitioner, dated February 28, 2018, informing them of that determination. A copy was distributed to the Commission members during the meeting.



Canaanite African American Native Nation (CAANAA), Charlotte, NC: Ms. Walker noted that the CAANAA submitted documents were inadequate and does not meet the eligibility requirements for the petition process. A letter dated February 28, 2018, was sent to the Canaanite African American Native Nation tribe and was distributed to the Commission members during the meeting.

In conclusion, Commissioner Hunt noted that the Recognition Committee has processed three petitions since January 2018. **Commission members requested that the recognized tribes be notified regarding the status of these petitions**

The handouts distributed are an official document. Since these documents are too large, it will be kept on file at the Commission office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Continued)

Adhoc Indian Health Committee: No report was noted.

Adhoc Land Trust Committee: No report was noted.

Cultural Resources Committee: No report was noted.

Employment & Training Committee: No report was noted.

Environmental Justice Committee: Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead, Chair, presented the following:

- Atlantic Coast Pipeline (Draft) Resolution –included in the meeting packet.
- It was noted that the resolution was to stop the process of the Atlantic Coastal Pipeline (ACP) until proper analysis, decisions and impacts to the American Indian tribes and citizens of North Carolina.
- Commissioner Anstead noted that the draft Resolution is requesting that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rescind its Record of Decision until regulators have accurately and thoroughly considered the impacts of the project on American Indians through a meaningful consultation with tribes and through preparation and evaluation of an appropriate Cultural Impact Assessment.
- Dr. Ryan Emanuel, Associate Professor, Dept. of Forestry and Environmental Resources at the NC State University, noted that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is reviewing the environmental impacts of this project. They are issuing an Environmental Impact Statement. This consists of all the details on the findings of this project. It lists the inaccuracies about the demographic analysis and cultural input from tribes. Dr. Emanuel indicated that the consultation with the tribes was important.
- Commission member requested clarification – has the permit has been approved? If yes, is the Commission looking at a new strategy?
- It was noted that ACP has one major permit that needs to be approved.
- Commission members noted that the Lumbee Tribe of NC has the same kind of Resolution.
- Commission members expressed that all tribes need to be on board and work together as one entity, prepare one petition and all need to sign one document.
- It was stated that the Commission need to back the tribes. All Tribes need to be together.
- Commissioner Anstead indicated that at the December 1st meeting a decision was made to obtain Tribal input. **He informed that he did not get any input from the Tribes.**



- Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion to adopt the Draft Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution.
- Vice Chairwoman Shirley Freeman noted that she moved that the Commission accepts the Draft Resolution.
- Chairman Lambert indicated that motion coming from the Committee required no second. He requested that Commissioner Anstead reiterate his motion.
- Commissioner Jeff Anstead, Chair of the Environment Justice Committee made a motion to adopt the Draft Resolution dated March 1, 2018. He stated that the Commission of Indian Affairs approves the said Resolution”.
- Chairman Lambert asked members to raise their hands if they were in favor..... 10
- Chairman Lambert asked members to raise their hands if they opposed4
- Chairman Lambert asked members who abstained to raise their hands5
- Members disagreed and some changed their minds
- The Chairman called for a re-count on the motion:
 - Total Commission Members (Tribes and Organization) 23
 - Absent members 2
 - Present members 21
 - Members in Favor of the ACP Resolution 12
 - Members who Opposed the ACP Resolution 2
 - Members who abstained the ACP Resolution 6
 - Member who did not vote 1
- Chairman Lambert noted that twelve members, a simple majority present, were in favor, therefore motion carried.

Another item discussed is as follows:

- Dr. Ryan Emanuel discussed private security and security concerns regarding the pipelines in North Carolina. He informed that there were issues with the report on the Dakota Access Pipeline and Standing Rock. He expressed that private securities were involved with the pipeline here in North Carolina. He indicated that tribal leaders need to be included in the discussion with regards to private security firms.

The handout DRAFT Atlantic Coast Pipeline is attached and is an official part of the minutes.
(Attachment F)

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Continued)

Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Committee: Commissioner Marvel Welch, Chair, presented the item as follows:

- Indian Child Welfare Gathering, Greensboro, NC, April 5, 2018. Participants need to sign up to register.
- It was noted that Deputy Secretary Peter West, Department of Health and Human Services will serve on the Indian Child Welfare Committee.

Other Business:

- Commissioner Marvel Welch presented a Resolution in recognition, honor and support the Cherokee High School football team, the Cherokee Braves, and their winning of the statewide NCHSAA 1-A Football Championship title.
- Vice Chairwoman Shirley Freeman made a motion to adopt the Cherokee High School Football Team Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt. Motion carried.



- Commission member requested that the draft resolution needs to be submitted to the Board ahead of time, prior to being submitted as an action item. It was stated that a handout of the resolution needs to be distributed at the meeting so Commission members could see the resolution prior to being adopted.

Indian Education Committee: No report was noted. Commissioner Dorothy Yates, Chair, announced that high school students need to apply for the American Indian Scholarship. The deadline for the application is May 1, 2018.

Indian Housing Committee: No report was noted. Mr. David Grigsby, Program Manager for Section 8 Housing presented the following:

- A brief update on Veterans Assisted Supportive Housing (VASH) Program, is the federal government's main initiative for eliminating Veteran homelessness (Eligible participants receive referrals from the Veterans Affairs). The Veteran Affairs is responsible for providing and monitoring whatever supportive services the Veteran needs to achieve housing independence. The Public Housing Assessment (PHA) is responsible for providing the housing subsidy (Housing Choice Vouchers). It was noted that the Commission has applied for the VASH program. He informed that Section 8 Housing Program was nominated by the Veterans Affairs to receive five (5) VASH Vouchers.

Legislative (2018 Legislative Agenda) Committee: No report was noted. Commissioner Lana Dial noted that items for the 2019 Legislative agenda need to be submitted early, to be presented at the December 2018, Commission meeting.

Veterans Committee - Veterans Recognition NC Indian Unity Conference Banquet: Commissioner Sam Lambert, Chair, thanked the Commission for their contributions towards the Veterans Plaque Fund. Commissioner Sam Lambert announced that the Veterans will be awarded at the Banquet, March 2, 2018.

Tribal Announcements from Commission Members: Commission members made note of the upcoming events.

- Chairman Lambert noted that the Lumbee Warriors Association in Lumber River has a \$30,000 scholarship at the University of North Carolina, Pembroke (UNCP). It was noted that the first \$10,000 has been donated to the University. He informed that in four years (2022) Veterans would see the results of the scholarship program. This scholarship is for American Indian children whose parents are Veterans or their grandparents are Veterans.

2018 Calendar of Events: The handout of the Commission's 2018 Event Calendar was distributed in the Board packet. The event calendar is posted on the Commission of Indian Affairs website.
<https://ncadmin.nc.gov/about-doa/divisions/commission-of-indian-affairs>

Future Meeting Dates and Events: The 2018 meetings were listed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:



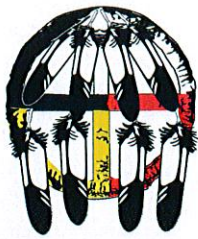
With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Larece Hunt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricky Burnett. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2018, Location to be determined.

Isabell Freeman-Elliott, 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 July 11, 2018.

Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)



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DRAFT AGENDA

Revised

Opening Session	10:00am – 10:20am
Welcome, call to order & adopt the Agenda	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Invocation	Dorothy Stewart Yates, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of December 1, 2017, Conference Call Meeting Minutes	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Special Presentations	10:20am – 10:30am
Remarks	Representative Charles Graham, NC General Assembly, District 47, Robeson County
Presentations - Recognition of Steve Claggett, State Archaeologist - Recognition of Sharn Jeffries, Past Commission Member	Greg Richardson
State Advisory Council on Indian Education -Report on Student Test Data	Dr. Connie Locklear, Chair, State Advisory Council, Director, Robeson County Indian Education Program
Executive Director Report	10:30am – 11:45am
• Highlights from the Report	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
• North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc-Court Case	Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice
• Program Reports (Copies included in meeting packet)	
Flower Fund Report	Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary/Treasurer

Committee Reports – Action Items Only	11:45am – Noon
Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina - Findings & Deficiencies - Petition for State Recognition Nuluti Equani Ehi, Petition for State Recognition, East Bend, NC Canaanite African American Native Nation (CAANAA), Charlotte, NC 	Larece Hunt, Chair
Adhoc Indian Health	Charles Richardson, Chair
Adhoc Land Trust	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Cultural Resources	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair
Employment & Training	W.D. Baucom, Chair
Working Lunch	Noon – 12:30pm
Committee Reports (Continued) – Action Items Only Please	12:30pm – 1:00pm
Environmental Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Resolution for Atlantic Coast Pipeline 	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair
Indian Child Welfare Indian Child Welfare Gathering, Greensboro, NC, April 5, 2018	Marvel Welch, Chair
Indian Education	Dorothy Stewart Yates, Chair
Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Vice-Chair
Legislative (2018 Legislative Agenda)	Lana Dial, Chair
Veterans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Recognition NC Indian Unity Conference Banquet 	Sam Lambert, Chair
Announcements from Commission Members	(2 Minutes Only)
Future Meeting Dates & Events	Location
Meeting dates for 2018 June 1, 2018 – Commission Meeting, LTBD September 7, 2018 - Commission Meeting, LTBD December 7, 2018 - Commission Meeting, LTBD	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Adjournment	1:00pm Indian Unity Conference Convenes 2:00pm
March 1-3, 2018 – 43rd Annual NC Indian Unity Conference – 2:00pm	Sheraton Greensboro Hotel, Koury Convention, Greensboro, NC

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