



**NORTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2019**

(Held in conjunction with the 44th Annual NC Indian Unity Conference)

Hilton North Raleigh-Midtown
Grand Ballroom III
3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609

WELCOME: Furnie Lambert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with a quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff and guests.

Chairman Lambert announced the 44th Annual NC Indian Unity Conference theme “Strength from Within: Rekindling Tribal Traditions”.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Commissioner Larece Hunt recused himself from presenting the Recognition Committee report regarding all matters relating to the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina’s Petition for State Recognition. He requested that Ms. Elizabeth Walker to present the report on his behalf. A request was made to make minor correction on page 2 of the agenda, regarding the location of the Indian Child Welfare Gathering. It was requested that the location be changed “from Greensboro to Clinton, North Carolina”. It now reads as “Indian Child Welfare Gathering, Clinton, NC”. Commissioner Marvel Welch made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Anstead. Motion carried.

INVOCATION: Commissioner, Ricky Burnett recited the invocation prayer. Commission members and community members that are currently ill and recently deceased were remembered during the 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	Helen Cook	Present
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



ROLL CALL

MEMBERS (Continued)

Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnett, Sr.	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Charles (Pete) Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present
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	Danny Bell	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, Machel Sanders, Secretary		Present
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		Present
Representative: Sarah Rice		Present
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary		
Designee: David Locklear, Deputy Director		Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner		
Designee: Jennifer Haigwood		Present
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, John Mintz, State Archaeologist		Present

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO, Zianne Mackenzie Richardson	Present
NCNAYO, Brayden Nokosi Locklear (Co-Chair)	Present

STAFF PRESENT

Gregory Richardson, Executive Director
Bryan Brannon, Chief Financial Officer, NC Department of Administration
Donnell Adams, Human Resources Director
Jayce Williams, Artist Illustrator III
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary
David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program



Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program &
Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program
Nancy Richardson, LIEAP Program
Annie Francis, Program Director, Indian Child Welfare Program
Candace Lowry, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Carolyn Crocker, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Sue Faircloth, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Elizabeth Walker, Program Director, State Recognition Program
Anita Finger-Smith, Genealogist, Tribal Recognition Program

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Rep. Charles Graham, NC General Assembly, District 47, Robeson County
Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

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 any appearances of conflicts of interest that may impact any business before the NC Commission at this time, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. Commissioner Larece Hunt and Commissioner Ricky Burnett recused themselves regarding any action pertaining to the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina's Petition for State Recognition. Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs recused himself from matters related to the Education Committee.

APPROVAL OF December 7th MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the December 7, 2018, Commission meeting was presented. Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marvel Welch. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Special Presentation in Honor of the late Chief Wayne Brown, Meherrin Indian Tribe: Chairman Furnie Lambert, Secretary Machel Sanders, NC Department of Administration and Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, presented the "The State of North Carolina Flag" on behalf of Governor Roy Cooper to the Brown family. The flag was flown (half-mast) at the State Capitol Building on February 11, 2019. The flag was presented to Chief Wayne Brown's son, Pierre Brown, Commission member Connie Mitchell and others representing the family of Chief Wayne Brown. Chief Brown passed away February 7, 2019.

Photo Session: A group photo session was held following the presentation.

Special Presentation in Honor of the late Sandy English Elliott, husband of Commission member Mrs. Isabell Freeman-Elliott: Mr. Elliott was a Viet Nam Veteran, he passed away on February 12th, Commissioner Sam Lambert and Commissioner Marvel Welch presented Mrs. Elliott a Challenge Coin, a "Symbol of Service to Our Country". The Challenge Coin was presented on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Photo Session: A group photo session was held following the presentation.



A moment of silence was observed in memory of late Freeman-Elliott and Commissioner Gladys Hunt's grandchild, who also passed away since the last Commission meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following item was brought forward:

PRESENTATION I

Special Presentation and Legislative Update: Representative Charles Graham, NC House of Representative, presented a brief overview.

- He highlighted the legislative process regarding this budget cycle as follows:
 - Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Budget: Funded by the North Carolina General Assembly, an appropriation of \$60,000, has been awarded for the past two cycles. Rep. Graham is supporting an appropriation for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - State Recognition: In the previous budget, \$250,000 was appropriated. He indicated that he would continue to support funding for this project, during the next fiscal year.
 - Networking: Encouraged members to talk to their local Legislative Member's and Senator's and urged them to support funding for Commission programs.
 - American Indian Caucus: Rep. Graham is lobbying members of the General Assembly to join the caucus. He indicated that participation was voluntary, but important for tribal communities.
 - Native American Agriculture Fund: Rep. Graham is a member of that trust fund. He is advocating funding for the local farmers which includes agriculture education for local youth (future generation of farmers), technical support to farmers and advocacy services.
 - Medicaid: He supports funding to expand Medicaid, this is an opportunity to provide Health Insurance throughout the state.
 - School Safety: The Governor has proposed to provide additional funding for Guidance Counselors, Psychologist and Resource Officers. He supports this effort.
 - Salary Increase: The Governor is proposing a 9.1% increase in salaries for teachers. He spoke in favor of this funding.
 - Economic Development – The Governor has proposed \$140M from the Governor's budget to target certain counties that are affected by recent flooding and other damage.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members asked clarifying questions about the Native American Agriculture Funding and the American Indian Caucus. Rep. Graham noted that the details will be posted on the legislative website.
- Commission members thanked Rep. Graham for the State Recognition funding.
- Commission members urged Rep. Graham to support legislation that will require race to be entered on the birth certificate. Rep. Graham stated that the recommendation to Legislation should come from the County Commissioner or Government Agency such as Indian Affairs to request an amendment to the birth certificate to include the race (i.e. American Indian). It was noted that he would work with the Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to draft the legislation.
- Commission members thanked Rep. Graham for supporting the Indian Child Welfare funding and the collaborative efforts of DHHS.
- Commission members requested support for the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School.



PRESENTATION II

HUB Office Opportunities for American Indians and 2020 US Census:

Machelle Sanders, Secretary, NC Department of Administration gave an overview on the HUB

Opportunities for American Indians, 2020 Census and Legislative items as follows:

- Secretary Sanders thanked members whose term end date is due June 30, 2019. She thanked them for their dedicated years of service. She acknowledged their contribution to the Commission and their communities.
- She offered her condolences to the family members of late Chief Wayne Brown.
- She also expressed her condolences to Commission members, Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott and Ms. Gladys Hunt who recently lost family members.
- It was stated that the Governor's budget has been released. It was noted that during the State of the Union, Governor Cooper called on Legislators to match North Carolina's determination to create job opportunities, build stronger communities and to allow our state to thrive and reach its full potential. Secretary Sanders vocalized the Governor's Mission "Every citizen/ every resident in North Carolina is better educated, healthier and has more money in their pocket so they can live an abundant and purposeful life."

Secretary Sanders discussed the following:

- Budget: She noted that every line item in the budget, is strategical aligned to turn the Governor's Vision into a reality.
- To increase Teacher Pay
- To provide Health Care
- Medicare expansion: Medicare expansion will help save and improve lives. This will strengthen families across the state of North Carolina.
- Climate Change: The Governor has issued an Executive Order. Climate change is also important to the environment. The budget does include funding for climate change and its efforts. The funding will help the Dept. of Environment Quality address this issue.
- Networking: Secretary Sanders urged members to speak to their local Legislative Member's in the General Assembly about their funding needs and priorities. She added that this is a bipartisan budget, as it affects all of North Carolina.
- Diversity: It was noted that diversity and inclusions are on the table.
- HUB opportunities for American Indians:
 - The Governor has issued an Executive Order #25, for Historically Utilized Businesses. The minority owned business is supported through the bidding process. The process helps the economy.
 - Discussed the disparity Study. She thanked the RFP (Request for Proposal) team.
 - Discussed HUB certification. This information is available on the HUB website.
 - Census 2020: Census is very important and is critical to this state. Every resident of this state must be counted.
 - Secretary Sanders is the Chairwoman of the 2020 Census Committee.
 - The purpose of the Committee is to assure that everyone is counted on April 1, 2020.
 - The Committee is raising awareness. Bring awareness to the forefront and encourage everyone to participate with the 2020 Census.
 - Census date rollout is April 1st, 2020.



- It was noted that funding gets distributed according to the Census count. The census has more than a 100 federal programs, \$600 B is funded to the state. \$16 B is coming to North Carolina. To have access to \$16 B, it is important that everyone participate in the 2020 Census.
- 2020 Census Jobs: The details are available on the website (Census 2020.gov.nc).
- Census 2020 will be distributed through smart phones and US Postal mailing.
- Secretary Sanders urged everyone present to participate and requested that each one advocate to at least 15-20 other people.
- She thanked Mr. Gregory Richardson for his leadership and continued service. She shared that he was appointed to the Governor's Complete Count Commission and represents the American Indian community on that committee.
- In conclusion, Secretary Sanders thanked everyone for their hard work and for helping to make North Carolina a better state.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members thanked Secretary Sanders for her continued support to the Commission of Indian Affairs.
- Commission members requested additional resources for Indian Affairs. Secretary Sanders noted that there is additional funding allocated for Indian Affairs. She is welcoming ideas and is opened to suggestions to include or refocus on different programs.
- Commission member asked a question on self-identification as American Indian on the 2020 Census. How will it impact the American Indian Census Count? Secretary Sanders indicated that "American Indian" is listed on the Census form and people should not check "Mixed or Other" but should check mark their actual race. Mr. Greg Richardson confirmed that both "American Indian" and "Tribal Affiliation" are listed on the form.
- Suggestion was made to count the college students on campus because they are not at home during the Census Count.

PRESENTATION III

Greetings from the US Department of Interior/ Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA): Mr. William McKee, Jr. Superintendent, US Department of the Interior/ Bureau of Indian Affairs-Cherokee Agency presented the following:

- Mr. McKee stated that the BIA has been in existence since 1824.
- The US Dept of Interior/ Bureau of Indian Affairs-Cherokee provides federal support for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
- The agency ensures that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians trust is preserved. Mr. McKee expressed that the economic development and safety of its citizens is important.
- Mr. McKee indicated that this is the first time that he has attended a Commission meeting and urged the Commission to invite him back to future meetings. He noted that it is important to have good relations between the BIA and the Commission of Indian Affairs.

COMMISSION WORK SESSION

I-9 IRS Requirement for Commission Members: Mr. Bryan Branon, Chief Financial Officer, NC Department of Administration gave a brief introduction about the I-9 requirements and procedures as follows:



- Advised the Commission that the IRS has new requirement that all Commission members, Adhoc Members and Boards are now perceived as State Employees. Therefore, must complete the I-9 and NC State Employee Application forms. He expressed that noncompliance of this mandate could lead to fines/penalties from the IRS.
- Introduced Mr. Eddie Edwards and Mr. Mike Peele, from Temporary Solutions and announced that they would process the I-9 and NC State Employee Application forms and provide technical assistance during the meeting.
- Commission members present completed the state employee application and I-9 forms.
- Discussed stipend as follows:
 - Option I: Those who opt not to accept the \$15 (stipend) need to write the word “waived” on the direct deposit form, sign it and make sure that it is turned in during the meeting.
 - Option II: Those who decide to accept the \$15 need to complete the W-4 and Direct Deposit forms. Under this procedure, Commission members would receive the stipend and would be subject to certain IRS filing requirements.

Short break, meeting reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

REMARKS

PRESENTATION I

NC State Board of Elections-Tribal ID Requirements: Mr. Ted Fitzgerald, Chief learning, Officer, State Board of Elections gave a brief overview as follows:

- Discussed registration data and registration requirements. People in North Carolina must register to vote. The highlighted column in grey, these are listed as American Indians (AI) registered to vote. Handouts were distributed.
- Upcoming Board of Elections (2 Special Elections for Congress) were discussed.
- Discussed Voter ID requirements that is already in place for North Carolina.
- Informed that District 9, voting is in limbo at this time and a new election will be required.
- Indicated that Voter ID requirement is voluntary.
- Congressional District 3 will have voter ID requirements, unless something changes.
- Discussed Tribal ID Cards” Tribal members must have a photo ID and must have an expiration date. Deadline for tribes to submit their sample tribal ID cards to the Board of Elections is s March 13, 2019.
- County Board of Elections can provide an ID Card at no cost (free).
- Informed everyone who shows up to vote can vote.

The handout “Registration Data” is attached and is an official part of the minutes. (Attachment A)

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission Members indicated that most tribal ID cards have an issue date, not an expiry date. It was noted that the law stipulates that the ID Card must have an expiry date. It was suggested that the tribes need to raise their concerns with their legislative representative.
- Clarifying question was asked on how Voter ID help with absentee ballots. It was noted that upcoming absentee ballots must require a photo identification. However, this matter has not been finalized.
- In conclusion, Mr. Fitzgerald informed members that they could contact him if they need further clarification on acceptable ID cards. He reiterated; this process needs to be completed prior to the



2020 elections. Deadline to submit sample tribal ID cards to the Board of Election is March 13, 2019.

PRESENTATION II

NC DOT Minority Owned Business Disparity Study: Commissioner Tony Hayes introduced Mrs. Joset Wright-Lacy, President, Waypoint Strategies. The following was presented:

- Indicated that the disparity study is conducted to help the minority owned business population in the state of North Carolina to get additional business opportunities.
- Discussed equal opportunity for woman, minority population including American Indians, other minority groups and major contractors for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT).
- Discussed a firm in Atlanta (Griffin & Strong, PC) will be conducting tribes regarding the study on behalf of North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT). After the study, a recommendation will be made to determine if additional programs need to be in place.
- Discussed data gathering being conducted through business communities. It was noted, if anyone is contacted by Griffin & Strong, they need to respond and agree to hold local meetings about the DOT study.
- Focus groups and individual interviews will be conducted during the month of March 2019.
- With the conclusion of data collection, there will be a public hearing and an initial report produced
- Public hearings will be held around the state including the American Indian communities in late May or early June 2019.
- Mrs. Wright-Lacy expressed that it is very important to the Director of Transportation and the Secretary that the report has the most accurate information about the state of business with the NC DOT.

No handout was provided.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs acknowledged and welcomed tribal chiefs, state officials, guest and staff. The following topics were discussed. The details are listed in the handout.

- Budget update.
- Legislative update discussed earlier.
- Robeson County Charter School Advocacy prospect.
- Upcoming Commission Vacancies, June 30, 2019-List included in the report.
- State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Meeting, will be submitted as action item, during the meeting today.
- Vital Records Issue-People are concerned that the race of their child is not being listed on birth certificates by the Office of Vital Records.
- American Indian District Attorney, Mr. Matthew Scott, swearing-in ceremony, Robeson County, January 3, 2019.
- Federal Shutdown Monitoring, the federal shutdown did not impact Commission operations.
- Staff Update: Ms. Candace Lowry, Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program and Ms. Kathy Harris, Housing Inspector, (Temp) Section 8 Housing Program.
- June 2019 Commission meeting will be held at Elon University.
- Staff Quarterly Reports enclosed in the Board packets.



- Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS) Program funding was discussed.
- Met with Haliwa Saponi Tribal Council, regarding the desperate need for housing stock in the community, this quarter. A shortage of rental units in Halifax and Warren Counties, is impacting the Section 8 program. Encouraged tribes to consider developing rental housing in the community.
- Introduced guests, Ms. Venus Evans, Commissioner, and Ms. Helen Danser, Chair, from the Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission. Mr. Richardson met them during the National Congress of American Indian's Annual Conference.
- The Executive 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 and is an official part of the minutes. (Attachment B)

COMMITTEE REPORT:

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR LYDIA LOCKLEAR: *(This item was moved forward from the agenda)*

Recognition Committee: Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chair, recognized Ms. Lydia Locklear for her dedicated service with the Recognition Committee Program. She has accepted a new position at the NC Supreme Court Justice and will provide staff support to Chief Justice Anita Earls.

FLOWER FUND REPORT: A handout was provided by Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs. The flower fund balance is \$566.45. The Veteran's Plaque Fund balance is \$160.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Chairman determined that due to time constraints, lunch will be served immediately after the adjournment of the Commission meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Action Items Only

Adhoc Indian Health Committee: No report.

Adhoc Land Trust Committee: No report.

Cultural Resources Committee: It was noted that due to a lack of quorum, a teleconference meeting could not be held. Commissioner Jeff Anstead, Chair, recommended that if a member misses two consecutive meetings they need to be removed from the Committee. No action taken.

- Dr. David gave a brief report on the initiatives (a) NC Fisheries Archaeology Program; (b) Haliwa Saponi Community, to rejuvenate Magazine Spring, Halifax County, which is a colonial and prehistoric site; (c) North Carolina Office of State Archaeology (NC OSA) in association with the Division of State Historic Site and Properties is hosting a Archaeology Lecture at the Archives Building downtown Raleigh on March 28, 2019, 11:00 am. Dr. Rachel Briggs, Teaching Associate Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill will give a talk on titled "How Women Created the Mississippi and Changed the World". He discussed "She Changed the World" a statewide



program, celebrating one hundred years of women suffrage. Dr. David encouraged everyone to attend.

- Mr. John Mintz, State Archaeologist, Cultural Resources Advisor, invited the Commission to attend the workshop Session III titled “Using Archaeology to Learn from North Carolina’s Ancient People” which will be held March 8, 2019, at the NC Indian Unity Conference.
- Mountain Valley Pipeline: Open house is scheduled March 14, 2019. Details are on the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology (NC OSA) website.

No handout was provided.

Employment & Training Committee: No report.

Environmental Justice Committee: Commissioner Jeff Anstead, Chair, informed the Commission the difficulty his Committee is having to get a quorum for the meeting. However, he introduced Ms. Sarah Rice, NC Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) to provide a brief update as follows:

- Mapping Tool, Geographic Information System, regarding permitting locations and other demographics. Details will be posted on the NC DEQ website with the survey, which is open to the public. Deadline (need the feedback) for the Data Mapping Tool is April 1, 2019. This survey is helpful for permit applications.
- Ms. Rice invited Commission members to attend the Workshop Session III titled “Community Collaboration to Advise the Government” on March 8, 2019, at the NC Indian Unity Conference. This session will explain how North Carolinians are entitled to equal treatment under the law and equal access to the councils of government. North Carolinians have a say in the development and implementation of laws pertaining to our shared environment.

No handout was provided.

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

- Commissioner Marvel introduced a Proclamation 2019 “Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in the State of North Carolina”. The Committee is requesting the Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of the State of North Carolina to proclaim May 5, 2019, as the national day to raise awareness, about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. The Proclamation was presented to the Commission for consideration. The handout of the proclamation was distributed. Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to accept the proclamation 2019 “Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in the State of North Carolina” as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried.
- Indian Child Welfare Gathering: The Gathering will be held in, Clinton, NC on, April 4, 2019 at the Sampson County Agricultural Exposition Center. The agenda is posted on-line, and participants must register in advance. She also announced that the First Lady Kristen Cooper will be the keynote speaker. Commissioner Marvel, recognized Ms. Annie Francis, Program Manager, Indian Child Welfare Program, for her dedicated work towards the welfare of the American Indian children in North Carolina.

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



Indian Education Committee: Commissioner Dorothy Yates, Chair, presented the item as follows:

- State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE): It was announced that Joy Rector resigned. The Waccamaw Siouan tribe nominated Reah Jacobs, Educator, as replacement. Commissioner Yates made a recommendation to approve the nomination of Reah Jacobs. Chairman Lambert noted that this recommendation was from the Committee and needed no second.
- Chairman Lambert requested to repeat the nomination. Commissioner Yates repeated the recommendation “Request Reah Jacobs (Nominee) to replace Joy Rector (Resigned) on the State Advisory Council on Indian Education Board (SACIE)”. Commissioner Larece Hunt noted that since this nomination was approved by the Committee, he accepts the nomination of Reah Jacobs by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Anstead. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Yates noted that the SACIE spreadsheet for 2019-2020 handout that was distributed is complete and approved. This report will be submitted to the NC Board of Education for approval.
- Discussed the Education Committee Meeting Minutes, dated February 26, 2019. The handout was distributed. Mrs. Yates noted that a letter will be mailed to request general data information from the UNC University System on American Indian (AI) Students enrolled.
- Informed the Commission that the SACIE investigates the welfare of students from K-12 grade, but the Education Committee can investigate the welfare of the college students as well.
- Commissioner Yates requested that the recommendation to mail the letter to UNC University System, regarding the data information on AI students be approved. The motion was approved through a consensus.

The handouts (SACIE Report and Committee Meeting Minutes of Feb. 26, 2019) presented are attached and are an official part of the minutes. (Attachment E & F)

Other Business:

State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) – Annual Report on Indian Education (Overview):
Dr. Connie Locklear, Chair, SACIE, presented this item as follows:

- Discussed the SACIE Annual Report in brief. The handout (short introductory version) was distributed.
- Discussed the State Level Findings; NC SACIE Annual Report Feedback Questionnaire; Responses and Percentages.
- The NC SACIE Annual Report once approved by the NC School Board in April 2019, will be posted on the SACIE website. It was noted that the report presented at the Commission meeting was an overview and not the full complete report.
- Commissioner Yates indicated that the legislation mandates that time needs to be given to the State Board of Education each year. She requested that in the future, the Commission needs to make it a priority to ensure that the full report is presented to the Commission.
- Chairman Lambert requested Commissioner Yates to submit the consensus to Mr. Greg Richardson.

The handout SACIE Annual Report on Indian Education (Overview) presented is attached and is an official part of the minutes. (Attachment G).

Indian Housing Committee: No report.



Legislative (2019 Legislative Agenda) Committee: No report.

Recognition Committee: Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chair, recused himself and requested that Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Program Director, State Recognition Program present the report.

- Discussed in brief the preliminary findings and deficiencies associated with the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina petition for State Recognition. She referred to the Confederation of Tuscarora Bands of Robeson County. It was noted that the Recognition Committee was informed on the Rules (Outline of Petition Review Process); Data on the Genealogical Review and Analysis of the Response to the NC Commission of Indian Affairs; Recognition Committee Preliminary Findings and Deficiencies.
- It was noted that the recommendation will be brought back to the Commission later as required by the recognition procedures.
- Discussed documents submitted from other groups such as: Roanoke-Hatteras Indian Tribe; Cherokee Indians of Hoke and Surrounding Counties.
- Discussed potential petition from the following group: Catawba Indian Nation

Veterans Committee - Veterans Recognition at the NC Indian Unity Conference Banquet: Commissioner Sam Lambert, Chair, thanked the Commission for their contributions towards the Veterans Plaques. Commissioner Sam Lambert announced that the Veterans will be awarded at the Banquet on March 8, 2019.

Other Business:

- Commissioner Sam discussed the Bill that was brought before the house to form a Board to report directly to the Secretary of Defense. He requested members to urge their Congressmen to support the Bill.
- Discussed the approval of the Viet Nam Blue Water Navy, they have been approved for benefits.
- Announced that Ford Motor Company will provide vehicles to Veteran organizations (to transport Veterans to the hospital). It was noted that if anyone needs more details to contact Commissioner Sam Lambert.
- Commission members requested information to be submitted via email for distribution to their communities.

No handout was provided.

FOLLOWING ITEM IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Danielle M Bolton, North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores gave a brief overview on the following:

- The Aquarium received permits for two bald eagles. She expressed that the eagles play a very significant role in the American Indian culture.
- The first eagle was received from Cape Fear Raptor Center (an organization that volunteers to care for and rehabilitate injured animals). The eagle was electrocuted and required an amputation of part of both wings making her incapable of flight.
- It was noted that one eagle is a juvenile and the other is an adult. The Aquarium is working hard to build a new habitat along the boardwalk. The intent is to open this habitat in May 2019.



- Ms. Bolton informed that the Aquarium would like to honor the tribes of North Carolina by naming the eagles and possibly the habitat with names that have tribal significance.
- Ms. Bolton expressed that the Aquarium will post the names they receive from each of the tribes on their website and give the public an opportunity to vote.

No handout was provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tribal Announcements from Commission Members: Commission members announced their upcoming events.

Lunch break, Chairman Lambert requested Commissioner Ricky Burnett to bless the food for the Commission.

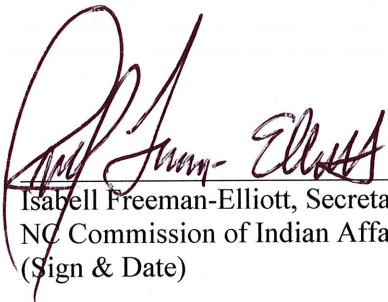
2019 Calendar of Events: The handout of the Commission's 2019 Event Calendar was distributed in the Board packet. The event calendar is posted on the Commission of Indian Affairs website.

<https://ncadmin.nc.gov/about-doa/divisions/commission-of-indian-affairs>

Future Meeting Dates and Events: The 2019 meetings were listed on the agenda.


ADJOURNMENT:

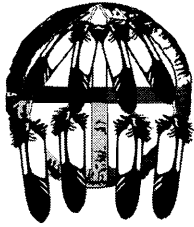
With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Ricky Burnett. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2019, at Elon University.


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

 6-7-19
Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on June 7, 2019.


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



N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
QUARTERLY MEETING

Hilton North Raleigh - Midtown

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3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609

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DRAFT AGENDA

Opening Session	10:00am – 10:20am
Welcome, call to order & adopt the Agenda	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Invocation	Rickey Burnett, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of December 7, 2018, Meeting Minutes	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Special Presentations	10:20am – 10:40am
Special Presentations in Honor of the late Chief Wayne Brown	Chairman Lambert and Executive Director
Announcements: Legislative Items HUB Office Opportunities for American Indians 2020 US Census	Machelle Sanders, Secretary, NC Department of Administration
Greetings from the US Department of Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs	William McKee, Jr. Superintendent, US Department of The Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs-Cherokee Agency
Special Presentation and Legislative Update	Representative Charles Graham, NC House of Representative
Commission Work Session	10:40am – 11:00am
I-9 IRS Requirement for Commission Members Bring your Social Security Card or Passport and NC Driver's License	Bryan Branon, Chief Fiscal Officer, NC Department of Administration
I-9 IRS Requirements, Federal Requirements	Eddie Edwards, Mike Peele, Teresa Everett Human Resources Technicians, Temporary Solutions, Office of Human Resources
Remarks	11:00am - 11:20am
NC State Board of Elections-Tribal ID Requirements	Ted Fitzgerald, Chief Learning Officer, State Board of Elections

NCDOT Minority-Owned Business Disparity Study	Mrs. Joset Wright-Lacy, NC Department of Transportation
Executive Director Report	11:20am – 11:45am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights from the Report Program Director Reports (Copies included in meeting packet) 	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Flower Fund Report	Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary/Treasurer
Committee Reports – Action Items Only	11:45 am – Noon
Adhoc Indian Health	Charles Richardson, Chair
Adhoc Land Trust	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Cultural Resources Update from Chief State Archaeologist	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair John Mintz, Chief Archaeologist NC Department of Cultural Resources
Employment & Training	W.D. Baucom, Chair
Special Recognition for Lydia Locklear	Larece Hunt, Chair, State Recognition Committee
Working Lunch	Noon – 12:30pm
Committee Reports (Continued) – Action Items Only	12:30pm – 1:00pm
Environmental Justice	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair
Indian Child Welfare Indian Child Welfare Gathering, Greensboro, NC, April 4, 2019	Marvel Welch, Chair
Indian Education State Advisory Council on Indian Education Appointment State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) - Annual Report on Indian Education (Overview)	Dorothy Yates, Chair Dr. Connie Locklear, Chair, SACIE
Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Vice-Chair
Legislative (2019 Legislative Agenda)	Marvel Welch, Chair
Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina (Now the Confederation of Tuscarora Bands of Robeson County) Cherokee Indians of Robeson and Surrounding Counties Roanoke Hatteras Indians of Dare County 	Larece Hunt, 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
<u>Upcoming Commission Meetings - 2019</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 7 - Commission Meeting, Elon University, Elon, North Carolina 	Furnie Lambert, Chair

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 6 - Commission Meeting, LTBD December 6 - Commission Meeting, LTBD 	
Adjournment	1:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 7-9, 2019 – 44th Annual NC Indian Unity Conference Convenes – 2:00pm 	Hilton North Raleigh/ Midtown Hotel