



**NORTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Via TEAMS**

March 11, 2021

116 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699

WELCOME: Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:01 am with a quorum being present. This meeting was held via TEAMS (virtual meeting). The Chairman acknowledged and welcomed the Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff, and guests to the December meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was accepted by consent, with no objections. Action to adopt the agenda will be taken during the vote on all action items at the close of the meeting.

INVOCATION: Rev. Chief Michael Jacobs, Commission Member, Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe, recited the invocation.

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

ROLL CALL: Chairman Burnett noted that when the name is announced the members will need to state their name and affirmation as “present”.

Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Absent
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	Carolyn West	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	Vacant	Vacant
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnette, 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	Rebecca LaClaire	Present
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Tony Hayes	Present

ROLL CALL (*Continued*)



Sappony	Dorothy Yates	Present
Triangle Native American Society	Danny Bell	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Chief Michael Jacobs	Present

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Department of Administration (DOA), Mark Edwards, Acting Secretary		
Designee: Betty Marrow-Taylor, Deputy Secretary		Present
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Machel Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Marqueta Welton, Chief of Staff		Present
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Dr. Dionne Delli-Gatti, Secretary		
Designee: John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary		Present
Representative: Sheila Holman, NCDEQ		
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary		
Designee: Melanie Bush, Chief Administrative		Present
Department of Labor, Josh Dobson, Commissioner		
Designee: Julie Ryan		Present
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, John Mintz - Non-Voting Member		Present

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO	Kaloni Walton - Non-Voting Member	Absent
NCNAYO	Dylan Hammonds (Co-Chair) - Non-Voting Member	Absent
NC NACOHE	Joshua L Richardson - Non-Voting Member	Present

STAFF PRESENT

Gregory Richardson, Executive Director
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program & Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program
Pamela Brewington, Program Director, Low Income Energy Assistance Program
Steven (Steve) Maynor, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
Candace Lowry, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Sue Faircloth, Field Staff, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, Program Director, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program
Beth Roach, Program Director, Tribal Resilience Program

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: List is on file with the Commission.

ETHICS STATEMENT: The Executive Director, read the Ethics Statement on behalf of the Chairman Burnett. He urged Commission Members to declare any conflicts of interest, or the appearances of



conflicts of interest, that may exist in relation to any business matters before the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. No conflicts were disclosed.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2020, MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the December 4, 2020, meeting were presented as a consent item (no objection) by the membership. It was tabled for action at the end of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

NEW PUBLIC MEETING RULES – PER NC GENERAL STATUTES: Ms. Catherine Rivera, Boards and Commissions Coordinator, NC Department of Administration gave a summary of the rules and requirement of the Virtual Public Meeting as follows:

- **Communication:** Commission members that do not have their camera on must identify themselves before speaking, voting, roll call, etc., so that the Public know who is speaking and can follow along.
- **Voting:** All votes shall be conducted by roll call only. Participation is required in all motions and amendments.
- **Social Media:** Chats, instant messages, text all these forms of communications between Board members/ Commission members during the meeting is deemed **as public record**.
- **Recording Meeting Minutes:** Minutes should reflect the meeting **was conducted remotely** and should include members who were in attendance.
- **Public Record:** **All written communication between members of the public body during the remote meeting are deemed public record.**
- **Quorum:** **All members must be present for the full duration of the meeting** until the end of the meeting. If a member loses connection or leaves the remote meeting, they cannot be counted in the quorum.
- **General Rule:** If the camera is on, it needs to be at eye level. If you are not speaking, microphone needs to be muted. Unmuted mic can cause feedback problems with the audio and recording. If you need to speak unmute the microphone, after speaking mute microphone.

No handout was provided.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Sue Faircloth in Honor of her retirement from the NC Commission of Indian Affairs:

This item was moved to later.

GUEST SPEAKER:

COVID-19 Pandemic Update:

Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary, NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) presented the following:

- **Introduction of New Designee:** Ms. Melanie Bush, Assistant Secretary, Operations in Medicaid, replacing Mr. David Locklear who recently retired. Ms. Bush will be the new designee for NC DHHS.
- **Acknowledged and thanked Deputy Secretary Ben Money** for his incredible leadership during the COVID-19 crisis. His focus was to ensure that every community in NC was supported, including the American Indian Community.



- Secretary Cohen thanked the American Indian Community Leaders for their continued cooperation and support during the pandemic. Expressed how important the American Indian culture is to the state of North Carolina.
- Noted that North Carolina has the largest American Indian (AI) population east of the Mississippi river. It is a growing population.
- Expressed appreciation of the American Indian culture, complex issues of the tribal people and on-going resilience.
- Discussed in brief the on-going response and recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Informed that total number of hospitalizations is going down, due to the collaboration with the state. American Indians are key part of this success (everything from education to contact tracing and protective equipment). Hired American Indian Contact tracers. A system was set-up where contact tracers came into the tribal communities and it made a direct impact. Testing is important component.
- Discussed Tribal data by zip codes, vaccines, and its importance. American Indians getting vaccinated.
- Discussed allocation of vaccines to tribes.
- Discussed all types of vaccines. Informed all vaccines are safe and effective for all North Carolinians.
- Expressed building trust and collaboration with the American Indians moving forward.

Comments from Commission:

- Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, thanked Secretary Cohen for creating opportunities for American Indians to become employment within the NC Department of Health and Human Services.
- Secretary Cohen re-emphasized the 3-W's and getting the vaccines.
- Questions regarding vaccines for the Charlotte area was asked. Secretary Cohen noted that vaccines were limited to begin with. She explained that DHHS focus was to start with the health care workers, people who are in long term care, those who are medically frail and vulnerable, those who are 65 and older, front line essential workers (sectors of workers who cannot stay at home and are at higher risk of exposure).
- The next group up are those with medical condition (people with diabetes, heart disease, obesity smoking and other related diseases, that might put them at higher risk for COVID).
- March 24, 2021, for educators (teachers and public-school systems employees).
- It was noted that vaccines will be widely available to everyone.
- Secretary Cohen announced that more than 3M doses of vaccines were administered in the state of North Carolina.
- Commission member asked question on funding for substance abuse (opioid crisis, alcoholic, etc.), mental health due to suicide, etc. Secretary Cohen expressed that Mr. Armstrong will be able to address this matter at another Commission meeting. She confirmed that funding is available. Ms. Melanie Bush will be able to assist with navigation for the funding.
- Secretary Cohen noted that mental health is an important topic and will be happy to address at another meeting. She expressed that NC DHHS will be happy to partner with the American Indian communities on mental health efforts.



- Mr. Greg Richardson thanked Secretary Cohen for the work and support provided to the American Indian Community. He informed her that he will follow-up with Mr. Armstrong and Ms. Melanie Bush regarding funding for substance abuse and mental health.

No Handout was provided.

Federal and Indian Affairs Committee, NC General Assembly:

This item was moved to later. Rep. Graham is not in attendance at the moment.

Governor's Address to Commission Membership:

50th Anniversary Discussion:

Chairman Burnett discussed in brief the 50th Anniversary celebrations. He requested members to share their ideas and forward them to Mr. Greg Richardson.

No Handout was provided.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, discussed in brief the highlights from the Executive Director's report as follows:

- 50th Anniversary Celebration: Commission of Indian Affairs first started in 1971. More details of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations to follow in the coming days, with input from the Commission members.
- Indian Housing Funding: Discussed COVID-19 Emergency Rent Assistance funding to NC Tribes by the US Department of the Treasury.
- Recruitment and Funding: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program helped in recruiting American Indian Contact Tracers, Small Business Administration Funding.
- Locating Testing Sites; health centers, data tracked by zip code. American Indian scholarship
- State Recognition Letter of Intent for the New River Catawba Indian.
- Indian Unity Conference: Governor Cooper will give a welcome address at the Indian Unity Conference this afternoon at 2 pm.
- Program Director Quarterly Briefing - Included in the Board packet.
- The Executive Director's Report - Included in the Board packet.
- The Executive Director Report was accepted as consent item, no objection and action to adopt the Executive Director Report will be taken when action items are voted on at the end of the meeting.

The handout "Executive Director Report" is attached and is an official part of the minutes (**Attachment A**)

Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Sue Faircloth in Honor of her retirement from the NC Commission

of Indian Affairs: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs presented the Certificate of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Sue Faircloth for her dedicated years of service in the state of North Carolina. The certificate is signed by Governor Roy Cooper.

Presentation of Lumbee Tribes Resolution:

Mr. Corbin Eddings, Vice Chairman, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina gave a brief presentation as follows:



- The community over the years has been dealing with flooding, Atlantic Coastal Pipeline, Liquefied gas facilities. Tribal council has been looking for guidance whether these are land issues
- Agricultural Natural Resources Committee was started in 2019.
- Tribal Counsel Mandate-2020 – Mr. Eddings read the mandate.
- He expressed that he hopes the Lumbee Tribe receives the support of the legislative action.

The handout “Tribal Consultation Mandate” is attached and is an official part of the minutes (**Attachment B**).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Rev. Burnett announced that only action items to be reported.

Adhoc Goals Committee – Ms. Wanda Burns Ramsey, Chair, thanked the Goals Committee members. She read the statement that the Goals Committee is charged in planning and implementing long range commitment. A handout on the Goals, Committee Operating Guidelines and Structure was provided in the Board packet. The following was discussed:

- The Goals Committee has determined that the Board participation is necessary to achieve the Commission mission.
- It was stated that the Goals Committee wants to be transparent in developing stronger Committees.
- A questionnaire was emailed to all the Committee chairs. The final draft was prepared in Jan 2021. It was emailed to all Committee chair for comments.
- Received a feedback. The Goals Committee met on Feb 17, 2021, created goals and committee guidelines and structures.
- It was indicated that there was discussion with regards to burden on support staff, to use adhoc committee members to serve and help advance the committees work, by virtues of their skills and expertise.
- Ms. Burns-Ramsey, Chair, read the Proposed Goals, Proposed Operating Guidelines, Proposed Operating Committee Structure from the handout.

The handout “Goals Committee Operating Guidelines and Structure” is attached and is an official part of the minutes (**Attachment C**).

Comments from Commission:

- Commission Member asked if mental health and substance abuse subcommittee is part of Health and Human Services Committee. Chair Burns-Ramsey responded “no”. Other members suggested it should be submitted on the priority agenda for the standing committee. Other members suggested that Health and Human Services Committee can address as part of their objectives. This could eliminate additional Committees to hold meetings. It was discussed that mental health cases will be on the rise post pandemic and will have greater value and urgency for young adults and elderly American Indians.
- Commission members asked clarification on what is wrong with the current Committee structure. Chair Burns Ramsey responded that the Goals Committee wants the Current Committees to be more successful. She noted that the Goals Committee also wanted to group some Committees together to not over burden staff.



- Commission members expressed that a few years ago the Commission did eliminate committees. It was noted that the new proposed Committee Structure could over burden Commission members and Commission staff. It was noted that these sub-committees will not be efficient and viable for members to attend. It may delay the approval process further.
- It was suggested if the title of sub-committee were to be eliminated altogether. Looking at the sub-titles objectively and keeping them as a priority list for the Health and Human Services Committee. Example: Each of the sub-committee (1) American Indian Housing (2) Veterans Affairs (3) American Indian Child Welfare (4) Mental Health and Substance Abuse. These could be part of the priorities for Health and Human Services with goals and timelines to achieve.
- It was noted that the Committees are the working force for the Board and the Commission of Indian Affairs. The Committees and Sub-Committees keep things relevant and move forward as a state agency. These working sub-committees are being consistent in the current time.
- Commission members expressed support to the sub-committees but had objections with how this approval is being conducted. It was stated that the recommendations need to be discussed further with all Board members, instead of seeking approval via text messages and emails.
- Chair Burns Ramsey indicated that the Committees were not eliminated but rather grouped together making them as sub-committees.

Adhoc Land Trust Committee - No Action Item. Mr. Furnie Lambert, Chair noted that his Committee has been working for over twelve years and does not think the Committee should be downgraded to a sub-committee. He expressed concerns if the committee is downgraded into a sub-committee, expressed that it will take more time before the land will be put into trust.

Veterans Committee - No Action Item. Mr. Sam Lambert, Chair, gave a brief update on the plaques to be awarded to the Veterans at the virtual 2021 American Indian Unity Conference. Informed that a person will be designated to present the award. He thanked members for their contribution towards the plaque fund. Mr. Greg Richardson informed that the awards will be hand delivered to each of the communities. He expressed each of the tribes could present the award in person.

Cultural Resources Committee –Mr. Danny Bell, Chair, requested members to read the Cultural Resource meeting minutes. Brief discussion as follows: Tribal Consultation; Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); more in-depth conversation regarding past and current issues; requested a follow-up on Cultural Resources minutes that was distributed.

Employment and Training Committee - No Action Item

Environmental Justice Committee - No Action Item

Indian Child Welfare Committee - No Action Item. Mr. Greg Richardson presented on behalf of Ms. West, Chair, and informed that the ICW Committee met to discuss the 2021 Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Gathering.

Indian Education Committee – Ms. Dorothy Yates, Chairwoman, gave a brief update on the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) for 2021-2022. The recommendations for terms beginning July 1, 2021 are as follows:



- Amanda Frisard; Metrolina Native American Association; Parent; 2021-2023
- Brandi Jacobs; Triangle Native American Society; Educator; 2021-2023
- Kamiyo Lanning; Eastern Band of Cherokee; Parent; Pending
- Reah Jacobs; Waccamaw-Siouan; Educator; 2021-2023
- Tina Lance; Sappony; Parent; 2021-2023

Chairwoman Yates noted that SACIE has five parent and five educators to complete the ten-member board. It was noted that there is a good combination of members are from Indian organization and the tribes. The SACIE recommendations for 2021-2023, is tabled for action at the end of the meeting.

The handout “SACIE Recommendations for 2021-2022” is attached and is an official part of the minutes (**Attachment D**).

Indian Housing Committee - No Action Item

Legislative Committee – Mr. Tony Hayes, Chair, noted that the Legislative Committee meeting minutes were adopted at the February 10, 2021, Committee meeting. He discussed the following:

- He referred to the items on the handout provided in the Board packet “NC Commission Legislative Request-21”.
- Chair Hayes highlighted the following: Cultural Resources Committee to establish American Indian Heritage Commission within the NC Cultural Resources Committee.
- The Legislative Request is tabled for action at the end of the meeting.

NC Commission Legislative Request-2:

- HB 589, Solar Energy Bill
- Funding request for \$100,000, for State Recognition Program at the Commission of Indian Affairs
- Funding request for Assistant Director within the Commission of Indian Affairs
- Birth Certificate – Race to be indicated on the Birth Certificate (Legislation to require race on birth certificate in NC)
- Cultural Resources Committee to establish American Indian Heritage Commission within the NC Cultural Resources Committee.

No handout was provided.

Recognition Committee: Mr. Greg Richardson, presented on behalf of Mr. Larece Hunt, Chair, as follows: New letter of Intent received from the New River Catawba Group Taylorsville, North Carolina.

FLOWER FUND REPORT: Ms. Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary/ Treasurer, presented the following:

- Flower Fund: Balance is \$ 320.39. Flowers were sent to late Paul Brooks family.

No handout was provided.

GUEST SPEAKER (Continued)

Federal and Indian Affairs Committee, NC General Assembly: Rep. Charles Graham gave a brief update as follows.

- COVID Funding and appropriations.



- Funding for schools to ensure teachers and students have a safe environment. Governor ensured that the teachers and Public School System staff all got vaccinated.
- Working on sub-committee and budget at the legislative building. The Senate will put together the budget, then it will proceed to the House.
- To establish an Indian Affairs Committee at the Legislature to address concerns and business matters. It will be called “Federal Relations Indian Affairs Committee”. Senator Graham will be the Chairman of the Committee. He noted that this will help process business matters or related issues and move things into law.
- It was stated that this will be an opportunity for tribes and Commission to bring forth business matters of concerns to the legislators through Federal Relations Indian Affairs Committee at the legislative building. Rep. Charles Graham expressed that he was happy to help.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members asked clarifying questions re process of legislative matters from the Federal Relations and Indian Affairs Legislative Committee.
- Rep. Graham noted that he spoke to the Speaker of the House to include tribal representation.
- Rep. Graham noted that the Federal Relations Indian Affairs Committee is a policy committee. It was indicated that the Committee can draw policies for the Indian Affairs Legislative Committee.
- Mr. Greg Richardson informed members and Mr. Graham that all Commission legislative items must be processed through the DOA Legislative Liaison.
- Rep Graham indicated that the budget request would be nice to have on a reoccurring basis.
- He concluded by expressing if there were any policy request to submit that as well.
- Questions were asked how money was appropriated for the state? Rep. Graham responded when he gets the information he will forward to the Director and Chair, Commission of Indian Affairs.
- Mr. Quinn Godwin, Governor Office reiterated on the vaccines for teachers and eligibility. He expressed that it was all based on data. Teachers received their vaccines as of February 24, 2021.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Motion on the consent items was conducted. Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director read the consent items on behalf of Chairman Rev. Burnett as follows:

- Adoption of Agenda, March 11, 2021
- Approval of December 4, 2020, Meeting Minutes
- Executive Director Report
- Goals Committee Report was adopted by Consensus – **Removed** from the Consent Item, to be voted separately.
- SACIE Recommendations for 2021-2022
- Legislative Report with 5-items for the Legislative Agenda for 2021
- Lumbee Resolution from Lumbee Tribe

Committees:

- Ms. Wanda Burns Ramsey, Chair, Goals Committee requested an amendment to the recommendation to include Substance Abuse and Mental Health under Health and Human Services To remove Housing and Land Trust as Sub-Committees, retain them as separate Committees.



- Commission member, Elton Ray Jacobs, objected to the amendment item recommended by the Goals Committee because it was done via text messages and emails.
- Commission member, Dorothy Yates, confirmed if mental health was included in the amendment. Ms. Burns Ramsey, Chair, confirmed by saying “substance abuse and mental health”.

Chairman Burnett announced that Goals Committee Report and Recommendation be removed from the Consent Items above and voted separately.

Vote-Roll Call:

Isabell Freeman-Elliott			Absent
Lenora Locklear	Yes		
Helen Cook	Yes		
Gladys Hunt			Absent
Sam Lambert			No response
Carolyn West			absent
Vacant – N/A			
DeVane Burnett, Sr.			No response
Jeffrey Anstead			No response
Charles Richardson	Yes		
Larece Hunt	Yes		
Furnie Lambert	Yes		
Ricky Burnett	Yes		
Constant Mitchell	Yes		
Rebecca LaClaire	Yes		
Walter D. Baucom	Yes		
Tony Hayes	Yes		
Dorothy Yates	Yes		
Danny Bell	Yes		
Elton R Jacobs	Yes		
Michael Jacobs			No Response



Daniel Locklear			No response
Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Yes		
Betty Marrow-Taylor	Yes		
Marqueta Welton			No Response
John Nicholson	Yes		
Melanie Bush	Yes		
Julie Ryan	Yes		

Total: 18-members voted “Yes”. Mr. Greg Richardson noted that a quorum was still in effect, based on the yes responses alone; therefore, these actions are official at this time.

Motion: Commissioner Tony Hayes made a motion to approve the consent items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Danny Bell. Motion carried.
All in favor “I”, with no objection, noted.

Chairman Burnett requested Ms. Wanda Burns Ramsey, Chair, Goals Committee, to **repeat** the amendment. The following was stated:

- Ms. Wanda Burns Ramsey, Chair, Goals Committee requested an amendment to the recommendation to include Substance Abuse and Mental Health as Sub-Committee under Health and Human Services. To remove Housing and Land Trust as Sub-Committees, retain them as separate Committees.

Motion: Commissioner Tony Hayes made a motion to approve the Goals Committee recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Connie Mitchell. Motion carried.

Mr. Greg Richardson along with Chairman Burnett requested members to state their names, yes or no, approved or not approved.

Vote-Roll Call:

Members	Yes	No	Remarks
Isabell Freeman-Elliott			Absent
Lenora Locklear	Yes		Approved
Helen Cook	Yes		Approved
Gladys Hunt			Absent
Sam Lambert	Yes		Approved
Carolyn West			absent



Vacant – N/A			
DeVane Burnett, Sr.			No response
Jeffrey Anstead			No response
Charles Richardson	Yes		Approved
Larece Hunt	Yes		Approved
Furnie Lambert	Yes		Approved
Ricky Burnett	Yes		Approved
Constant Mitchell	Yes		Approved
Rebecca LaClaire	Yes		Approved
Walter D. Baucom	Yes		Approved
Tony Hayes	Yes		Approved
Dorothy Yates	Yes		Approved
Danny Bell	Yes		Approved
Elton R Jacobs		No	Disapprove
Michael Jacobs			No Response
Daniel Locklear			No response
Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Yes		Approved
SPR. DUMAS	Yes	No	Remarks
Betty Marrow-Taylor	Yes		Approved
Marqueta Welton			No Response
John Nicholson	Yes		Approved
Melanie Bush	Yes		Approved
Julie Ryan	Yes		Approved

Total: 18-members voted “Yes”. Mr. Greg Richardson noted that a quorum was still in effect; therefore, these actions are official at this time.

Mr. Greg Richardson announced that there is a link to the Indian Unity Conference, just to click-in, no registration is charged to listen to workshops.

ADJOURNMENT:



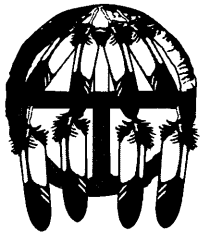
With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Charles Richardson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furnie Lambert. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting will be held virtual via TEAMS.

Wanda Burns-Ramsey 9/16/2021
Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs

Daphne Pinto 6-4-21
Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on June 4, 2021.

Wanda Burns-Ramsey 9/16/2021
Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)



N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

March 11, 2021
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

DRAFT AGENDA – Not the Adopted Agenda

Opening Session	10:00am
Call to Order & Adopt Agenda	Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Invocation	Rev. Chief Michael Jacobs, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
New Meeting Rules, Per NC General Statutes	Catherine Rivera, Boards and Commissions Coordinator, NC Department of Administration
Approval of December 4, 2020 Minutes	Ricky Burnett
Presentation - Order of the Long Leaf Pine To Sue Faircloth in Honor of her retirement from the NC Commission of Indian Affairs	
	Greg Richardson
Guest Speakers:	
COVID-19 Pandemic Update	Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary, NC Department of Health and Human Services
Federal and Indian Affairs Committee, NC General Assembly	Rep. Charles Graham, Committee Co-Chairman, NC House of Representatives, District 47, NC General Assembly
XXGovernor's Address to Commission Membership	The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor State of North Carolina
Business Items:	
50th Anniversary Discussion	
	Ricky Burnett
Executive Director Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director's Report Quarterly Program Reports (copies included in packet) 	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Presentation of Lumbee Tribes Resolution	
	Corbin Eddings, Vice Chairman, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
Committee Reports – Only Reports with Action Items will be addressed.	
Goals Committee Work Session	
	Wanda Burns Ramsey, Chair

Adhoc Land Trust	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Veterans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcement of 2021 Veteran Awards - 2021 Indian Unity Conference 	Sam Lambert, Chair
Cultural Resources	Danny Bell, Chair
Employment & Training	W D Baucom, Chair
Environmental Justice	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair
Indian Child Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 Indian Child Welfare Gathering – Discussion 	Carolyn West, Chair
Indian Education 2021 SACIE Appointment Recommendation	Dorothy Yates, Chair
Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair
Legislative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplemental 2021 Legislative Agenda 	Tony Hayes, Chair
Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Letter of Intent Received from the New River Catawba Group Taylorsville, North Carolina 	Larece Hunt, Chair
Other Business Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flower Fund Report 	Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary/Treasurer
Items from Commission Members	(2 Minutes Max.)

2021 Meeting Dates	
June 4, Meeting – Platform to be Announced. September 3, 2021 – Platform to be Announced. December 3, 2021 – Platform to be Announced. March 2022 – Held in conjunction with the NC Indian Unity Conference	
Adjournment	12:00pm