



NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2017

(Sponsored by – Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina)

Boys and Girls Club
Located Adjacent to the Tribal Administration Building
6984 NC Highway 711
Pembroke, NC 28372

WELCOME: Furnie Lambert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with a quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff and guests. Chairman Lambert thanked Chairman Harvey Godwin, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and Dr. Rose Marie Townsend for hosting the meeting. He also thanked Mrs. Faline Locklear Dial, former member of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs for providing lunch for the Commission meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion to approve the agenda was not made, but was accepted by the membership and the meeting proceeded with the agenda as presented.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Sam Lambert recited the invitational prayer. Commission members and community members that are currently ill and recently deceased were remembered during the opening prayer.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS: The Lumbee Warriors Association presented the colors.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: Lyndsey Oxendine, Miss Lumbee, 2016-2017, led the membership and guests in the pledge of allegiance.

HONOR SONG: The Lumbee Tribe Cultural Team presented the honor song.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS

Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Present
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Roy Maynor	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Marvel Welch	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	Jennifer Revels-Baxter	Absent



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	Sharn Jeffries	Absent
Sappony	Dorothy Crowe	Present
Triangle Native American Society	Lana Dial	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Shirley Freeman	Present

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present

Department of Administration (DOA), Machel Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary		
Designee: Bryan Brannon, Chief Financial Officer, DOA		Present
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Anthony Copeland, Secretary		
Designee: Will Collins		Present
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Michael Regan, Secretary		
Designee: John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary		Present
Representative: Sarah Rice, NCDEQ Compliance Officer & Title VI Coordinator		Present
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary		
Designee: David Locklear, Section chief, Division of Social Services, Economic and Family Services, NCDHHS		Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner		
Designee: Jennifer Haigwood		Absent
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, Steven Claggett		Absent

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO	Makayla Richardson	Absent
NCNAYO	Waya Locklear	Absent
NCNACOHE	Toni Henderson	Absent

STAFF PRESENT

- Gregory Richardson, Executive Director
- David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Peggy Ammons, Program Director, Community Development Program
& Low Income Energy Assistance Program
- Elk Richardson, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program



Lori McClain, Program Director, Domestic Violence-Victim Crime Services
Annie Francis, Program Director, Indian Child Welfare Program
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: List on file with the Commission.

ETHICS STATEMENT: Mr. Greg Richardson thanked Chairman Harvey Godwin and Dr. Rosa Marie Lowry for hosting the meeting. 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. No conflicts were noted.

APPROVAL OF March 9, 2017, MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the Commission meeting were sent to the Commission members prior to the Commission meeting. **Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey made a motion to amend the minutes on Page 11, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to read as Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Locklear. Motion carried.**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

WELCOMING REMARKS AND OVERVIEW OF TRIBAL PROGRAMS:

Chairman Harvey Godwin, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the tribal programs. He also gave an update on the progress of the Hurricane Matthew relief program. Chairman Godwin thanked Governor Roy Cooper for the resolution in support of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. He also thanked Senator Burr for sending a letter to Washington, DC, in support of the Lumbee Tribe. Finally, Chairman Godwin, requested that the NC Commission of Indian Affairs also support the tribe's efforts to gain federal recognition by way of a resolution.

The Commission authorized the preparation of the resolution in support of the Federal Recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion that the NC Commission of Indian Affairs prepare a resolution of support for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey. Motion carried, however, Commissioner Sam Lambert, representing the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, did not vote in favor of the Resolution.

Chairman Furnie Lambert pointed out that this is the first time in his tenure that a resolution in support of the federal recognition for a tribe has ever been brought forward to the Commission. He noted that the Commission should be proud of this accomplishment.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD: Ms. Laura S. McClettie, US Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau, presented the award. A certificate of appreciation was Presented to Mr. Greg Richardson for his support and work performed to support the 2020 Census in North Carolina and in the nation. Mr. Richardson accepted the award on behalf of the Commission membership, the North Carolina tribes and



Organizations. He expressed the importance of getting a complete and an accurate count of American Indians in North Carolina during the 2020 Census.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

Senator Danny E. Britt, NC Senate, 13th District, Columbus and Robeson Counties presented the following:

- Senator Britt informed that Representative Charles Graham and Representative Brenden Jones were both up late at a budget session last night to approve the Governor’s Budget. He noted that Representative Graham will be in late, his presentation was moved to later in the agenda. It was noted that Representative Jones who was scheduled to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict will be delivering a commencement speech to graduates this morning.
- Senator Britt gave a brief overview on the following:
 - Funding on the Native American Cultural Center was discussed. It was noted that \$100,000 in funding was approved for improvements at the Tribe’s Indian Culture Center.
 - He noted that he supports Federal Recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
 - He supports the NC American Indian Hunting and Fishing License legislation
 - He supports funding for the University of North Carolina, Pembroke. He expressed that this is an historic American Indian Institution where students get a quality education.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members expressed concerns about bills being introduced in the General Assembly to recognize Indian tribes when there is legislation already that guides that process through the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. They referenced SB 179 which was introduced to recognize the “Chowanoke Indian Tribe”, without any consultation with the NC Commission of Indian Affairs.
- Commission members noted that all tribes in the state should also be federally recognized and receive the same type of support (Support from the Governor).
- Commission members discussed a highway improvement issues in Columbus County, which involved an interchange at Lake Waccamaw, and is located, right near East Columbus High School. The Waccamaw-Siouan Tribal representative express opposition to the construction of an interchange as that location.
- Chairman Lambert on behalf of the Commission thanked Senator Danny Britt for attending the Commission meeting.

VIDEO PRESENTATION – ACTIVIST STAND-SOUTH DAKOTA PIPELINE:

Ms. Jo Jo Brooks Shifflet, presented a video regarding the recent activist stand at the South Dakota Pipeline. Commission members and audience viewed the video. Ms. Shifflet narrated some of the scenes. She informed the Commission that she brought back the last standing flag from Standing Rock, brought it back to the Lumbee Tribe, NC and her goal is to have it displayed as a distance location in the community. Chairman Lambert thanked Ms. Shifflet for her presentation.

No handout was provided.

JOB CORP OPPORTUNITIES:

Ms. Dorothy V. Sidberry, Outreach Coordinator/ Job Developer presented the following:



- Job Corps started in 1964. They have four centers in North Carolina and a total of one hundred twenty-six centers across the nation.
- Job Corps is a tuition-free training program that connects eligible young men and women with the skills and educational opportunities they need to establish careers.
- Programs are residential and non-residential (open to ages 16 through 24).
- Training programs are hands-on and take between 8-15 months to complete.
- Job Corps requires hard work, focus, commitment and motivation. At the end of the training students receive industry-recognized credentials.
- Eighty percent of Job Corps graduates enter the workforce, join the military, or go on to higher education or an apprenticeship program.
- Ms. Sidberry discussed the four basic steps at Job Corps for students to achieve their career paths: (Step 1) A high school diploma and basic training; (Step 2) Advance training and hands-on experience in the workforce; (Step 3) Some College (Community College/ Associate Degree); (Step 4) A 4-Year College Bachelor's degree, training courses, additional credentials and workforce experience
- It was noted that Job Corp has contracted the program out to various centers such as NC Works Career Center. It was expressed that it is a federally funded program, tuition free. Ms. Sidberry informed that the orientation is conducted every week.
- Ms. Sidberry requested that the Commission share the Job Corps information with their tribal communities.

Brochure was distributed, it will be an official part of the minutes.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Suggestions were made that Job Corps could collaborate with the American Indian Workforce programs that are administered in North Carolina.
- Mr. Greg Richardson requested Job Corps to incorporate non-college bound students with the federally funded program (which is tuition free). On behalf of the Commission, he thanked Ms. Sidberry for her presentation.

ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE:

Mr. Bruce McKay, Senior Energy Policy Director, Dominion Energy, Ms. Leslie Hartz, Vice President of Dominion Energy, presented a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Molly Plantz, and Ms. Sheri Tyler of Dominion Energy were members of the project team. The following was presented:

- The proposed 600-mile underground Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) is an interstate natural gas transmission pipeline that would serve multiple public utilities and their growing energy needs in West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina.
- It was noted that the Atlantic, a company formed by four major, regionally based energy companies; Dominion Energy, Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas and Southern Company Gas, would develop, construct and operate ACP.
- Sixty five percent of the customers were from North Carolina. The purpose was to provide energy source to all the customers.
- The anticipated investment for the Atlantic Coastal Pipeline (ACP) is approximately \$5.5 Billion.
- Direct Economic Benefits were discussed. It was noted that there will be an economic impact with regards to job potential. The ACP will bring substantial and lasting economic benefits to communities across West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina. ACP has estimated that pipeline



construction will support 17,000 jobs, \$2.7 billion in economic activity and \$4.2 million in annual local tax revenue.

- Approximately 4,400 workers will be employed. It was stated that construction will start this year. Approximately 50% of the workforce (construction, craft and trade workers) will be hired locally.
- It was expressed that Robeson County will have economic benefits.
- Cultural Resources Review Process: It was indicated that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will lead the agency for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) regarding consultation for Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP).
- Archeological surveys were discussed. Burial sites, unmarked burial sites during construction process were discussed. It was noted that the Commission of Indian Affairs and Tribes will be notified.
- It was noted that 80% of the energy will be used for electricity and reduce coal. The pipeline is being built to transport natural gas. Non-carbon energy was discussed.

Brochure on “Employment, Subcontracting, Supplier and Vendor Opportunity” was distributed, it will be an official part of the minutes. The printout of the PowerPoint presentation was not distributed.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

The following questions were asked:

- Question was asked since eighty percent of the gas would be used to generate electricity, should the environmental impact statement consider alternatives to electricity generation?
- How many American Indians are employed by Dominion Energy?
- Question were asked about Indian burial remains and how they would be handled if remains are discovered.
- Why NC tribes were not included during the federal consultation process?
- Dr. Ryan Emanuel, Lumbee, Professor at the North Carolina State University (NCSU) together with Commissioner Jeff Anstead asked clarifying questions on behalf of the Environmental Justice Committee. The questions are listed in the handout that was distributed.
 - Commissioner Jeff Anstead on behalf on the Commission noted that the Commission is not taking a position for or against the Pipeline project. He expressed that the presentation received was for information purpose only.
- Mr. Greg Richardson indicated that the Indian communities need jobs and discussed employment opportunities for local tribes. He added that North Carolina has a lot of skilled workers that could be hired to work on the pipeline. Mr. Richardson reiterated that Dominion Energy and Atlantic Coast Pipeline need to give North Carolina workers (people in Robeson County and other tribes) a priority for employment with this project.
- Mr. Richardson informed that each of the tribes is affiliated with the State’s Workforce Development Board. He expressed that the Commission of Indian Affairs has a staff member on that board. It was noted that Dominion Energy and ACP need to contact the State Workforce Development programs to recruit potential employees and business American Indian businesses, especially the contractors. This will ensure that the local people will have fair shot at employment and business opportunities.
- Mr. Richardson thanked Mr. Bruce McKay and his team for their presentation.



- Chairman Lambert reiterated what Commissioner Anstead said that “the Commission has not taken a stand for or against the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and that the commission meeting should not be interpreted as a tribal consultation meeting.

The handout (list of questions) from the Environmental Justice Committee is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, thanked Chairman Harvey Godwin and the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina for hosting the June Commission meeting. He also thanked former Commission member Faline Locklear-Dial and her husband Patrick for sponsoring the breakfast and lunch for the event. He thanked Senator Britt, Mr. Greg Cummings, Mayor of Pembroke and other dignitaries for attending the meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Budget Update:** The Governor’s Budget was presented to the NC General Assembly and that the budget included continuing funding for the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. It was noted that once the House budget is completed the House and Senate budgets will be submitted to the Conference Committee for final debate and approval.
- **NC General Assembly Items of Interest:** Mr. Richardson discussed the following American Indian related Bills:
 - House Bill 683 – Indian Child Welfare Agreement Form.
 - House Bill 586 – NC American Indian Hunting and Fishing Rights.
 - House Bill 720 – Funds for Indian Affairs Commission Staff. To provide funding in the amount of \$250,000 for SFY 2017-2018 and \$250,000 for SFY 2018-2019.
 - Senate Bill 638 – Funds to enhance Tribal Recognition. The state appropriations requested \$178,141 for SFY 2017-2018 and \$178,141 for SFY 2018-2019. Ref. Section 4 of the legislation State appropriations requested \$1,400,000 for SFY 2017-2018.
 - Senate Bill 179 – Recognize Chowanoke Tribe.

Details on the above NC General Assembly items are listed on the Executive Director’s report.

- **American Cancer Society Grant Application:** It was noted that the grant partnership agreement with American Cancer Society for Colorectal Cancer Screening was not achieved, since they were unable to execute a partnership with Robeson Healthcare, which would have served as the clinic for the project.
- **2017 Energy Conference:** The Energy Conference was held in Fayetteville, NC on April 20 by the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. The event was successful and well attended.
- **Indian Child Welfare Gathering:** The 2017 Indian Child Welfare Gathering was held at Western Carolina University on March 21, 2017. The purpose of the Gathering was to increase the awareness of Indian Child welfare issues and the need for more foster care families in Indian Communities. A major highlight at the event was the attendance of the First Lady Christy Cooper and Dr. David Belcher, Chancellor of Western Carolina University.
- **Staffing Update/ Appointments:** These are listed in the Executive Director’s Report.
- **Program Director Reports:** Are enclosed in the meeting packet.

The Executive Director indicated that more detailed information is included in the meeting packet and urged members to read it in its entirety following the meeting.



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

BUDGET UPDATE/NEW IRS REQUIREMENT FOR STIPENDS/PER DIEM: Mr. Bryan Brannon, Chief Fiscal Officer, NC Department of Administration (NC DOA), presented the following:

- It was noted that there will be a change in how per diem will be paid out to Commission members. The per diem is the \$15 payment members receive for attending Commission meetings.
- The new rule will require members to pay tax on this payment (this does not include payment for mileage/travel to the meeting). At the end of each fiscal year, members will receive a W2 form to complete. A copy of this form will be sent to the IRS verifying that how much per diem is paid to each Commission member. It was noted that this change is effective immediately.
- Mr. Brannon indicated that a separate entity (Temporary Solutions) in the Department of Administration will be handling all transactions associated with the per diem. Additional information will be sent to Commission members by Temporary Solutions.
- Mr. Brannon noted that Commission members can opt out of this process by refusing to accept the \$15 per diem payment. However, a waiver form must be signed and submitted to the DOA Fiscal Office. Copies were distributed at the meeting and additional copies can be obtained from the Executive Director's Office.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY COLLABORATION: Ms. Dorothea Brock, MPH, Health Systems Manager, Primary Care, South Atlantic Division, American Cancer Society, Inc., Kimberly Alexander-Bratcher (Health Systems Senior Manager, ACS), Nadine Barrett (Director, Office of Health Equity and Disparities, Duke Cancer Institute), presented the following:

- It was noted that the grant partnership agreement for colorectal cancer screening did not materialize.
- She gave brief details about the American Indian cancer study. North Carolina's data on American Indian Health Services etc. was discussed and she noted that the cancer rate is high among American Indians.
- She pointed out that they are introducing an initiative to screen at least eighty percent of American Indians by year 2018. Ms. Brock indicated this will help save lives. She expressed that she was happy to work with the NC Commission of Indian Affairs to help with the implementation of colorectal screening.
- It was indicated that if eighty percent of the population (age 50 and older) would be screened for colorectal cancer across the country, it would save 277,000 cases of colorectal cancer and 233,000 lives.
- The screening process was discussed. Early cases can begin as noncancerous polyps. These often have no symptoms but can be detected by screening. For this reason, doctors recommend screening for those at high risk or for ages 50 and above.
- Colorectal cancer symptoms and treatment depends on the size and location of the cancer. Common treatments include surgery to remove the cancer, chemotherapy and radiation therapy.
- Where, how, when, and the appropriate information on screening opportunities were discussed.
- Discussed increase awareness of cancer which also includes obesity, hyper-tension, diet and exercise.



- In conclusion, it was noted that this presentation was for information purposes and to increase awareness.
- She announced that Greg Richardson, Executive Director of the Commission would sign a pledge on behalf of the Commission (which includes the eight tribes and on behalf of all the American Indians in North Carolina).

No handout was provided.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Mr. Richardson noted that health is very important for all and was happy to sign the agreement to reach a goal of eighty percent screening for colorectal cancer by year 2018. He urged Commission members to reach out to community members to pass along this important information.
- **Commissioner Charles Richardson made a motion to approve the signing of the pledge to screen 80% of American Indians in North Carolina for colorectal cancer by year 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Anstead. Motion carried.**

UPDATE ON INDIAN CHILD WELFARE GRANT: Ms. Annie Frances, Director, Indian Child Welfare Program, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, presented the item as follows:

- The Executive Director presented a certificate of Appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strickland for completing the Foster Care Program and becoming a foster care family. Ms. Frances indicated that Mr. & Mrs. Strickland were the first foster family to have completed the training for North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs (NCCIA).
- Ms. Frances gave a brief update on the progress of the Indian Child Welfare Program. She noted that one family has completed the training and four families are currently in training.
- Ms. Frances acknowledged Commissioner Charles Richardson, Commissioner Isabell Freeman-Elliott and Ms. Lori McClain, Domestic Violence and Crime Victim Service Director for their assistance in the recruitment process (signing up parents for the Foster Care Parent Training).
- Indicated that the program has three main goals as follows: 1) To recruit and train 5-10 parents for Foster Care (state-wide) before June 30, 2017 deadline. 2) To improve retention of American Indian foster parents by developing culturally appropriate supports, recruit and retain. 3) To develop training for Department of Social Services (DSS) County staff to enhance their ability to provide culturally relevant services to American Indian children, including those from federal and state recognized tribes.
- Announced recruitment updates as follows: Thirty-four individuals expressed interest in foster care or adoption. Two from the Coharie tribe; Ten from Haliwa Saponi tribe; Fifteen from the Lumbee tribe; One from Sappony tribe; and Six from Waccamaw Siouan tribe.
- Discussed a brief overview of current and future activities of the ICW program.
- Requested members to complete the ICW program survey. What would you like a social worker/ foster parent to know about a child in your community (example Coharie child, Haliwa Saponi child, etc.)? It was noted that this survey (feedback from tribal communities) is for educational purpose only. It will help refine and enhance recruitment strategies and best practices (identified in the research).
- Mr. Greg Richardson introduced Mr. David Locklear, Section Chief, Division of Social Services, Economic and Family Services for the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC



DHHS). It was noted that Mr. Locklear is the designee for Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary, NC DHHS.

No handout was provided.

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 1:17 p.m. (working lunch).

REMARKS on UNC at Pembroke: Mr. Dan Kenney, Chief of Staff, University of North Carolina at Pembroke gave a brief overview as follows:

- UNC Pembroke Braves football team: Student athletic team dedicated 2000 hours and volunteered their time.
- Update on Chancellor Robin Cummings recent visit to the schools
- Noted that the University has one hundred and eleven courses
- Discussed the demographic of the school: It was noted that most of the students are from the Lumbee tribe and Robeson County who attend the University.
- Brief information on awards: (1) Dr. Cherry Beasley received the 2017 Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Beasley is responsible for a generation of outstanding UNCP nursing graduates. She has devoted her professional nursing career as a nursing provider, educator, and researcher. It was noted that the UNC Board of Governors presents the award each year to one faculty member from each of the 17 universities. Recipients receive a \$12,500 stipend and a bronze medallion. (2) Dr. Martin L. Brooks received an Honorary Doctorate Award from Dr. Robin Cummings. Dr. Brooks is considered one of the most influential physician and respected community leader in Robeson County. It was noted that Dr. Brooks has served the people for more than half a century. He has changed many lives through the power of medicine.
- Drama: "Strike at the Wind" musical drama on June 23-24, 2017, at the Givens Performing Arts Center on university campus. Auditions are being scheduled at the Boys and Girls Club. The University and the Tribes are partnering to replay the drama in September 2017.
- Lumbee Tribe Summit: Governor Cooper official support of recognition for the Lumbee tribe in NC. It will be held at the UNC at Pembroke.
- Partnering with Public Schools of Robeson County. High school graduations being held on campus
- Update on the Museum at the University. Ms. Nancy Fields, Lumbee Tribe, is the new Museum Director and Curator. Her expertise is in the areas of museum education, curatorial and administration.
- Update on the three Universities that have received support from the Legislation: Elizabeth City University, Western Carolina University and UNC at Pembroke. It was noted that for students in North Carolina, the financial opportunities for tuition in 2018 will be set at the rate of \$500. Mr. Kenney expressed that lives can be changed through education.
- General assembly is partnering with NC Connect Bond. The university has received \$23M for the project. It was noted that the goal was to build a \$36M Business Center on campus.
- In conclusion, Mr. Kenney informed that Ms. Kellie Hunt Blue, a resident of Pembroke, N.C., was appointed to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke Board of Trustees by the UNC Board of Governors. Mrs. Blue was re-elected Chair of the Board for the 2016-2017 academic



year. Mrs. Blue studied accounting at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She is the Finance Director of Robeson, N.C.

No handout was provided.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Mr. Greg Richardson informed the Commission about a conversation he had with Dr. Robin Cummings regarding the partnership between the Commission of Indian Affairs and the University. The partnership could be a leadership initiative and involve each of the tribes and organization. The training initiatives will be on issues related to the North Carolina American Indian population. He also noted that this training will ensure future leaders in the state of North Carolina are in place to manage tribal and other American Indian related programs.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (This item was initially moved to later as previously stated).

Representative Charles Graham, NC House of Representatives, District 47, Robeson County, presented the following:

- Representative Graham informed that the House passed \$22.9 Billion Budget last night. He explained the process, the budget is sent back to the Senate, and then it goes back to the General Assembly for final approval.
- April 26, American Indian Day in General Assembly. Representation from the Tribes and Organizations from across the state was present. Rep. Graham provided food for attendees.
- It was noted that Mr. Greg Richardson and Ms. Annie Francis, Director of Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Program presented information on the progress of the ICW program throughout the state to the General Assembly. The update on the progress was very well received and Representative Graham expressed that he was very pleased with the presentation. He noted that the program last year has received an appropriated one-time fund of \$60,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to address the needs of American Indian children from federal and state recognized tribes in North Carolina.
- Discussed concerns regarding State Recognition to recognize Chowanoke Tribe (SB 179). He noted that there are a lot of questions about the state recognition process, that need to be addressed.
- Discussed funds for Indian Affairs Commission staff (HB 720). This is an act to appropriate \$250,000 grant for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and the sum of \$250,000 non- recurring funds for 2018-2019 fiscal year. The act becomes effective July 1, 2017. Representative Graham assured that it will be funded.
- Bill for American Indian (AI) Drivers License: Department of Motor Vehicle will now be able to indicate American Indian on the license, if the license holder request. It will be honored.
- HB 683, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to address Indian Child Welfare issues. DHHS shall work with Tribes on American Indian adoption. It was noted that DHHS is required to administer foster care of adoption assistance. They will be required to place American Indian children in culturally appropriate homes. It was expressed that this is an added responsibility for DHHS. The Bill currently in the Senate.
- Representative Graham was pleased to inform that Indian Child Welfare program will receive grant funding of \$120,000 for two years as follows: \$60,000 for 2017-2018 fiscal year and \$60,000 recurring funds for 2018-2019 fiscal year. This funding will ensure that the work will be continued. The funding was appropriated to the NCDHHS.



- Discussion on Tuscarora recognition. It was noted that members of the legislation are asking questions on the process to recognize a tribe. He expressed that the Recognition Committee needs to work hard to complete their review of the Tuscarora Petition. He stated that he has informed legislators that there is a process in place to recognize tribes that involve looking at historical, genealogical data, tribal roles etc. He indicated that there is support for additional staff to help with the recognition process. He concluded by expressing that the Tuscarora petition needs to be completed.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members expressed that in the past DMV staff asked race related questions when issuing the drivers license. Representative Graham noted that in the past there have been technical issues and referred to Oct. 19, 2015 incident. He informed all system wide DMV technicians, about the new procedures, related to the placing of American Indian on the driver's license.
- It was stated that the NC Minority Advisory Council meeting is slated for October 2017. Commission members can list items on the agenda that need to be discussed.
- Chairman Lambert thanked Representative Graham for his presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Lambert announced that only the action items be reported. The updates were discussed as follows:
American Indian Legislative Committee: No report was noted.

Adhoc Indian Land Trust & American Indian Veterans:

Indian Land Trust Update – Chairman Furnie Lambert announced that the Lumbee tribe has submitted a land trust agreement to the Commission. He will forward the agreement to Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney for processing and delivery to the Council of State. Chairman Lambert indicated that there will be an official ceremony held, when the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina's land is placed into trust.

American Indian Veterans - Committee Chairman Sam Lambert expressed thanks and appreciation to the Tribes and Organization for sending nominations to his committee, for recognition at the Unity Conference. The recognition ceremony was held during the NC Indian Unity Conference, which was held in Charlotte in March.

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

- State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE): The 2017 SACIE nominations have been approved. Appointments will be confirmed by the State Board of Education in July 1, 2017.
- American Indian (AI) Scholarships Fund: A total of forty (40) scholarships will be awarded to American Indian students on July 6, 2017. The Committee will be notifying the students following the awards. The American Indian Scholarship Fund is managed by the Triangle Community Foundation, located in Research Triangle Park, NC.
- North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO): The conference will be held at University of North Carolina (UNC), Pembroke, NC on June 20-23, 2017. We anticipate that 200 students will attend the conference. Additionally, a new adult Advisory Committee is coordinating the youth conference this year.



- **Rising freshman and Rising Seniors:** Commissioner Crowe encouraged rising freshman and rising seniors (ages 14-18 years) to attend the Teen Violence Summit, August 20-21, 2017, at the Trinity Center, Salter Path, NC. It was noted that the Commission has a grant that will cover all summit expenses, except for travel to and from the Summit. The conference will be focused on the prevention on dating violence, domestic/family violence, sexual violence, and elder abuse. She noted that the parents must accompany the students to the conference. Currently, there are ninety-six (96) slots available. Commission members were encouraged to promote the Summit following the meeting.
- **Sappony 5K Trail Run:** The event will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the Sappony Trail Run, Explore Roxboro, NC. It was noted that all the proceeds will go to support the Sappony Trail Run Organization. Email: sapponytrailrun@gmail.com
Website: <https://Sapponytrailrun.org>

American Indian Housing Committee: Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair, requested Mr. David Grigsby, Director of Section 8 Housing Program to present the following:

- It was indicated that three Counties (Sampson, Granville and Person) do not have sufficient rental housing available to support the needs of the Section 8 program. He indicated that Columbus, Hoke, Halifax and Warren Counties need additional housing units as well. Due to the shortage of rental housing, Mr. Grigsby requested members to inform Section 8 Housing Program if they know of landlords who are interested in renting homes to Section 8 families. The program provides an opportunity for property owners to increase their income by contracting their rental housing units through the program.

Indian Child Welfare Committee: No report was noted.

State Recognition Committee: Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chairman, presented the following information:

- Update on the “Tuscarora Nation on North Carolina” petition.
- Discussed the 2017 Legislative activity relative to NC tribal recognition.
- Information for the above items are listed in the handout.

The handout of the State Recognition Committee meeting minutes dated May 31, 2017, is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

American Indian Cultural Resources Committee: Commissioner Jeff Anstead, Chair presented this item as follows:

- **22nd Annual Indian Heritage Month Celebration:** The event will be held on November 18, 2017, at the NC Museum of History, in Raleigh, NC.
- **Columbus Holiday Proclamation:** It was expressed that the Columbus Holiday Proclamation need to be changed to American Indian Heritage Day. He expressed concern that the original Columbus Holiday Proclamation was never released to the public nor was there an event held to commemorate the adoption of the Columbus Holiday Proclamation, by Governor McCrory.
- **Resolution on Indigenous Peoples Day:** Briefly discussed the Resolution on the Indigenous Peoples Day needs to be revised and presented to Governor Roy Cooper for consideration and adoption.



Environmental Justice Committee: This item was moved forward. Ms. Sara Rice, Compliance Officer and NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) Title VI Coordinator and Mr. Shawn McKee, Environmental Senior Specialist of Solid Waste Section presented the following.

1. Environmental Quality Updates:

- Discussed Halifax County landfill site history: See details on the handout presented.
- Flooding Issues: Discussed effects/ sewer spills due to Hurricane Matthew on the sewage systems in Robeson County. It was noted that most wastewater treatment facilities have backup power sources (generators) that help in situations like this, but they are not designed to handle that much of rain in a short amount of time. Robeson County has eight permitted sewer collection systems that are publicly owned. The County also has twelve publicly owned wastewater treatment plans. It was noted that after Hurricane Matthew, there were 24 reported sewer overflows caused by the storm. The facilities affected by the heavy rain and power outages were the Town of Red Springs, Town of Fairmont, Town of Pembroke, Town of St. Paul's, and the Town of Parkton. Mr. McKee discussed the wastewater treatment process. He noted that two plants (Town of St. Paul's and Town of Red Springs) both had sewer bypasses. The details are listed on the handout provided.
- Testing Methods: The details are listed on the handout provided.
- Current Conditions: It was noted that currently all systems are operating normally.
- PowerPoint Presentation: A handout on the Survey of Surface Water Quality Associated with Hurricane Matthew was discussed.
- Other handouts: Maps indicating the permitted Solid Waste Management Facilities in North Carolina of all the Tribal and Urban Communities; Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation; Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation; Sappony Tribe; Haliwa-Saponi Tribe; Meherrin Tribe; Coharie Tribe; Lumbee Tribe; and the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe were provided.

The handouts (maps, report and survey of surface water quality associated with Hurricane Matthew) from the NCDEQ are attached and is an official part of the minutes.

2. Public Comments regarding the Atlantic Coast Pipeline: Dr. Ryan Emanuel noted that the public comments will be submitted to the Environmental Regulatory Commission. The April 6, 2017 deadline was extended to July 31, 2017.

- Dr. Emanuel opened the floor and discussed the questions he asked during the previous presentation which resulted in a series of questions and answers from Commission members regarding the development of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members asked clarifying questions regarding cost of the utilities.
- Dr. Emanuel noted that it depends on Federal Regulators.
- It was noted that Dominion and Duke were part of the same Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project.
- Commission member requested Dr. Emanuel to meet with Meherrin Tribe to discuss the update on the pipeline process on behalf of the Committee.
- It was indicated that there were two pipelines running through residential and businesses near Prospect, NC. One pipeline is for Sunny Point at South Port. Question on why the pipeline was going through Prospect, NC?
- Question on why was the pipeline channeled through the Lumbee community? Where does the pipeline go from Lumbee community?



- Commissioner Jeff Anstead reiterated that the Commission is not taking any action for or against the pipeline.
- Chairman Lambert made a request to set up a meeting with the Federal Regulatory Commission and NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) on this subject. He noted that the recommendations would be brought back to the next Commission meeting in September 2017.
- **Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion that Commission of Indian Affairs organize and hold a meeting with NC Department of Quality Officials and with Federal Regulatory Commission officials to discuss issues associated with the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. It was noted that no second was needed because the motion came from the Committee Chair.**
- Commissioner Jeff Anstead indicated that he would lead the effort on coordinating the follow-up meeting. Chairman Lambert and other Commission members requested that they be included in the meeting. It was stated that Commission members would be notified regarding the specifics of the meeting.

American Indian Employment & Training: This item was moved. No report was noted.

FLOWER FUND REPORT: A handout was provided by Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs. The flower fund balance was \$ 334.31.

The handout presented is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- “Strike at the Wind” Drama is coming to UNCP -Tickets – Cost \$25
- Storm Damage - Sampson County, Coharie Tribal area experienced the straight-line winds and property damage. It was noted that there was damage to mobile homes and other properties. Red Cross was assisting. Request was made for community to help with regards to clean-up.
- Lumbee Warriors Association is hosting the 14th Annual Military Ball at Port a Plaza on Saturday, July 1, 2017. Cost \$75. Proceeds will go to sons and daughters of Veterans towards the scholarship fund. This year it will be three (\$1,000) scholarships. Tickets are available contact Chairman Lambert.
- Chairman Harvey Godwin, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, thanked the Mayor, State Officials, Presenters, staff and guest for attending the meeting.


MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chairman Lambert announced that Ms. Rosa Winfrey was very sick. A moment of silence was observed in her honor.

FUTURE MEETING DATES & EVENTS: 2017 Meetings were listed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

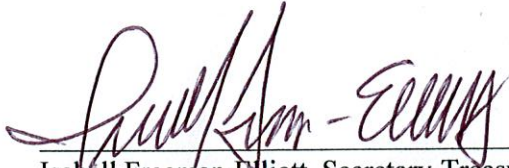
With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Elton R. Jacobs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2017, Raleigh, NC. Location to be announced.




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

 9-1-17
Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on September 1, 2017.


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



N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

Sponsored by -Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Boys and Girls Club

(Behind the Tribal Administration Building)

6984 NC Highway 711, Pembroke, NC

(910) 521-7861

June 2, 2017

AGENDA

(DRAFT)

10:00 am	Meeting Convenes
Welcome, Call to Order & Adoption of Agenda	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Invocation	Sam Lambert, Commission Member
Presentation of the Colors	Lumbee Warriors Association
National Anthem	Lyndsey Oxendine, Miss Lumbee - 2016-2017
Honor Song	Lumbee Tribe Cultural Team
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Secretary
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of March 9, 2017, Meeting Minutes	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Special Presentations	
Welcoming Remarks and Overview of Tribal Programs	Harvey Godwin, Chairman, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
Presentation of Award	Laura S. McClettie, US Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau
Legislative Updates	Rep. Charles Graham, NC House of Representatives, District 47, Robeson County Rep. Brenden H. Jones, NC House of Representatives, NC General Assembly, District 46, Bladen, Columbus, and Robeson Counties Sen. Danny E. Britt, NC Senate, 13 th District, Columbus and Robeson Counties
Video Presentation - Activist Stand-South Dakota Pipeline	Jo Jo Brooks Shifflett, Narrator
Job Corp Opportunities	Dorothy V. Sidberry, Outreach Coordinator/Job Developer
Atlantic Coast Pipeline	Bruce C. McKay, Senior Energy Policy Director, Dominion Energy

Executive Director Report (Included in meeting packet)	Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Budget Update/New IRS Requirement for Stipends/Per Diem	Bryan Brannon, Fiscal Officer, Department of Administration
American Cancer Society Collaboration	Dorothea Brock, MPH Health Systems Manager, Primary Care South Atlantic Division American Cancer Society, Inc.
Update on Indian Child Welfare Grant	Annie Frances, Director, Indian Child Welfare Program, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Staff Quarterly Program Reports	Included in Commission Packet
12:15 pm	Working Lunch
Remarks	Dan Kenney, Chief of Staff, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
1:15 pm	Committee Reports
American Indian Legislative Updates	Roy Maynor, Chair
Adhoc Indian Land Trust & American Indian Veterans	Furnie Lambert, Chair
American Indian Education - Indian Youth Unity Conference, June 21-23, 2017, University of NC at Pembroke	Dorothy Crowe, Chair
American Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair
Indian Child Welfare- Update	Marvel Welch, Chair Annie Frances, Program Director
State Recognition Update	Larece Hunt, Chair
American Indian Cultural Resources -22nd Annual Indian Heritage Month Celebration, November 18, 2017, NC Museum of History,	Jeff Anstead, Chair
American Indian Employment & Training	W. D. Baucom, Chair
Environmental Justice-Update -Sara Rice, Compliance Officer and NCDEQ Title VI Coordinator NC Dept. of Environmental Quality - Public Comments - Regarding the Atlantic Coast Pipeline- April 6, 2017	Jeff Anstead, Chair
2:45 pm	New Business

Items/Announcements from Commission Members	Furnie Lambert
3:00 pm	Adjournment
2017 Commission Meetings	September 1 – Raleigh, North Carolina December 1 – Raleigh, North Carolina
2018 Commission Meeting Schedule	March, 2018-Greensboro, NC June, 2018-Raleigh, NC

NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Quarterly Meeting

Executive Director's Report

Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Boys and Girls Club

Pembroke, North Carolina

June 2, 2017

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank Chairman Harvey Godwin and the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina for sponsoring our June Commission meeting. Additionally, I want to thank former Commission Member Faline Locklear-Dial and her husband Patrick for sponsoring our lunch today!

The purpose of this report is to give Commission members an overview of our work and activities for the quarter ending June 30, 2017.

A. Budget Update

This quarter, the Governor's Budget was presented to the NC General Assembly and that budget included continuing funding for the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. At this time, the Senate budget has been completed and the House budget should be released prior to the Commission meeting. Once the House budget is completed the House and Senate budgets will be submitted to the Conference Committee for final debate and approval.

B. Expansion Budget Request

During the last quarter, we developed an expansion budget in the amount of \$49,000 and submitted it to the Deputy Secretary for review. The proposed expansion budget would provide funding to employ additional resources to assist with the review and analysis of petitions for State Recognition. However, the expansion budget was not approved by Office of State Budget and Management.

C. NC General Assembly Items of Interest

The General Assembly is still in session and is expected to wind up its work by June 30. The following American Indian Related Bills were introduced this quarter:

- **House Bill 683 -Indian Child Welfare Agreement Form-Introduced by Rep. Charles Graham**

An Act to require the Division of Social Services to establish agreements with State Recognized Tribes on behalf of Indian Children under their authority and involving matter of Foster Care, Adoption Assistance, and Kinship Guardianship Assistance.

Status: 4/27/17 - **Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate**

- **House Bill 586 – Title: NC American Indian Hunting and Fishing Rights – Introduced by Rep. Charles Graham**
An act to provide an exemption for Hunting, Trapping and Fishing license requirements for North Carolina Indians.

Status: 4/26/17- Referred to Committee on Wildlife Resources

- **House Bill 720 – Title: Funds for Indian Affairs Commission Staff – Introduced by Rep. Michael Wray and Howard Hunter**
An Act to appropriate funds to provide staff for the Indian Commission in the amount of \$250,000 for SFY 2017-2018 and \$250,000 for SFY 2018-2019. The funds shall be used to create two full-time equivalent Paralegal I positions; one full-time equivalent Administrative Officer I position and two full-time equivalent research specialist positions for a Genealogist/Research Specialist

Status: 04/11/2017 – Referred to Committee on Appropriations

- **Senate Bill 638 – Title: Funds to Enhance Tribal Recognition - Introduced by Senator Smith-Ingram**
An Act to enhance the process by which the NC Commission of Indian Affairs reviews petitions and makes decisions on whether an Indian group should receive recognition as a state tribe and to appropriate funds.
 - Ref. Section 3 of the legislation
 - State Appropriations Requested - \$178,141 for SFY 2017-2018 and \$178,141 for SFY 2018-2019.
 - Ref. Section 4 of the legislation
 - State Appropriations Requested - \$1,400.000 for SFY 2017-2018

Status: 04/05/2017-Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

- **Senate Bill 179 – Title: Recognize Chowanoke Tribe**
An Act to restore official recognition to the Chowanoke Nation as an Indian Tribe and to provided them with representation on the State Advisory Council on Indian Education and on the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. This bill would add **two** seats on the Commission for the Chowanoke Indians.

No additional state appropriations would be appropriated to support this action.

Status: 03/07/17 – Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

D. American Cancer Society Grant Application

During this quarter, work on the grant had to be suspended because we were not able to achieve a partnership agreement with a local clinic to perform Colorectal Cancer Screening, required by

the grant. However, we will continue to work with the American Cancer Society to pursue other grant opportunities.

E. 2017 Energy Conference

The energy conference was held at the Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center in Fayetteville, on April 20th. The conference was well attended by 75-100 people from tribal communities served by the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program as well as agency personnel who work in collaboration with the Commission's Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

G. Indian Child Welfare Gathering

The 2017 Indian Child Welfare Gathering was held March 21st at the Western Carolina University. Guest attendees included: Dr. David Belcher, Chancellor of Western Carolina University and First Lady Christy Cooper both gave welcoming remarks. The Gathering was attended by approximately 100 people from across the state. **Haley A-tse-i Smith, with the Eastern Band of Cherokee and Desirea Jacobs, Haliwa-Saponi** gave testimony during a general assembly regarding their childhood experience as a foster care participant. Students from the Cumberland County Indian Education Program also attended to learn about Indian Child welfare issues.

F. Staffing Update

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program:

- Mrs. Karen Joseph has been employed as a full-time housing inspector and will cover Halifax and Warren Counties.
 - Two housing inspector positions remain vacant. However, the following employees are working in these positions on a temporary basis:
 - o Mr. Brad Martin, Housing Inspector; Person and Granville Counties
 - o Mrs. Leta Patrick, Housing Inspector, Sampson and Columbus Counties
- *These positions will be filled during the next quarter.

Indian Child Welfare Program:

- Ms. Annie Frances, Director of this program-This positions is slated to end June 30, 2017.

G. Other Highlights:

- I. Staff Quarterly Reports: Enclosed in the meeting packet
- II. Upcoming Commission Meetings and Activities:
 - NCNAYO Youth Unity Conference, June 20th -23rd – University of North Carolina at Pembroke
 - Commission's Teen Violence Summit, August, 20th Salter Path, NC
 - Quarterly Commission Meeting, September 1st -Location to be announced
 - Senior Citizens Coalition Conference, November 3rd Ramada Plaza, Fayetteville, NC
 - 2017 Indian Heritage Month Celebration, November 18th, NC Museum of History, Raleigh, NC

- Quarterly Commission Meeting, December 1, Raleigh, NC