



**NORTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Via Telephone Conference**

September 4, 2020

116 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699

WELCOME: Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am with the quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff, and guests.

NEW RULES: Chairman Rev. Burnett addressed in brief the new rule regarding consent items as follows:

- (1) All action items presented will be addressed as consent items instead of motion during the meeting.
- (2) The new rules require a roll call for each motion or action item, therefore, a motion is required for each action item, however, the Commission will collectively address all motions at the end of the meeting at one time, with a roll call preceding that action, thus collectively adopting all motions made during the meeting, at the end of the meeting. It was also noted that a quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was accepted as consent item, no objection and action to adopt the agenda will be taken when action items are voted on at the end of the meeting.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Helen Cook, Cumberland County Association for Indian People, recited the opening prayer. Commission members, community members that were suffering with illnesses and the recent deceased were remembered during the opening prayer.

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

ROLL CALL: Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman, noted that when the name is announced the members need to respond by stating his/her name with the affirmation of "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	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Carolyn West	Present
Guilford Native American Association	Jennifer Revels-Baxter	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnette, Sr.	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present

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ROLL CALL *(Continued)*

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

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: Betty Marrow-Taylor, 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: Sheila Holman, NCDEQ		
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 - Non-Voting Member		Present

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO	Brayden N Locklear - Non-Voting Member	Absent
NCNAYO	Evynn Richardson (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
Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, Program Director, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program
Beth Roach, Program Director, Tribal Resilience Program



OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Honorable Matthew Scott, District Attorney, Robeson County District Attorney’s office for Judicial District 20, Robeson County, North Carolina
Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: List is on file with the Commission.

We received an email after the meeting from Mr. David Locklear, Deputy Director, Department of Health & Human Services notifying us that he missed the roll call and joined the meeting late. The copy of the email is on file with the Commission.

ETHICS STATEMENT: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, read the Ethics Statement on behalf of the Chairman Rev. Burnett. He urged Commission Members to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest that may exist in relation to any business matters before the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. No conflicts were noted.

PRESENTAION:

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

- Communication: All members must identify themselves before speaking, voting, roll call, etc.
- Voting: All votes shall be conducted by roll call only.
- 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.

No handout was provided.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2020, MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the June 5, 2020, meeting were presented. The minutes was presented as a consent item, no objection. The minutes were tabled for action at the end of the meeting.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY – NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS:

The Honorable Matthew Scott, District Attorney, Robeson County District Attorney’s Office for Judicial District 20, Robeson County, North Carolina presided over the swearing-in ceremony.

The following Commission members were sworn into office under the “Oath of Honor” promising to serve the people of North Carolina:

New Members:

- Carolyn West, Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribe (Replacing Marvel Welch)
- Rebecca LaClaire, Metrolina Native American Association, Inc. (Replacing Jesse Jacobs)



Returning Members:

- Dorothy Stewart Yates, Sappony Tribe
- Larece Hunt, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
- Tony Hayes, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation
- Elton Ray Jacobs, Waccamaw-Siouan Indian Tribe

Urban Indian Organizations Representatives:

- Jennifer Revels-Baxter, Guilford Native American (Was not present for the Swearing in Ceremony)

Legislative Member:

- Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Chairman Ricky Burnett and Mr. Greg Richardson thanked District Attorney Matthew Scott for presiding over the swearing-in ceremony.

Chairman Burnett noted that Ms. Jennifer Revels-Baxter was not in attendance during the swearing-in ceremony.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2020-2021

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chairman Ricky Burnett announced that there are two Commission officers position up for election during the Annual Meeting and they are: Vice Chair and Secretary/ Treasurer

Nomination of the Vice Chair: Chairman Burnett opened the floor for the nomination process.

- Commissioner W. D. Baucom made a motion to nominate Mr. Tony Hayes
- Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to nominate Mrs. Dorothy Yates

Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to close the nomination process and was seconded by Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey.

This is a consent item; thus, tabled for action at the end of the meeting. The voting will be conducted at that time.

Nomination of Secretary/ Treasurer: Chairman Burnett opened the floor for the nomination for Secretary/ Treasurer.

- Commissioner Dorothy Yates nominated Wanda Burns-Ramsey for Secretary/ Treasurer and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Larece Hunt.
- Ms. Wanda Burns-Ramsey's nomination was accepted by acclamation per the recommendation of Commissioner Larece Hunt and Commissioner Sam Lambert.

This is a consent item; it is tabled for action at the end of the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER:

The Honorable Dr. Robin Cummings, Chancellor, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

(UNCP): Chancellor Cummings gave a brief introduction on the UNCP, challenges during the pandemic, and other related topics. The following was discussed:

- **UNCP Campus:** Discussed the highlights of the campus and demographics of the university.



- **Academic Goals:** UNC Pembroke, academic year started early on August 5, 2020, to finish the fall semester before Thanksgiving. The university will resume back in January 2021.
- **On-line Learning:** Surveyed students, most expressed face-to-face learning/ classroom teaching. Chancellor Cummings noted that many students experience challenges with on-line learning. Due to slow or inadequate internet access, classroom teaching is the best option.
- **Student Enrollment:** Discussed the student enrollment record, student count and student transfer. Discussed data as follows: Enrollment count is 8,262 students. Transfer students from community colleges and other universities. The decline in freshman students is due to the pandemic. Currently, the university has enrolled 901 students in the freshman class. Normally it approximately 1150 students.
- **Construction:** New School of Business building will be completed in summer of 2021. Cost for the new building is \$38M. Classes will begin in fall of 2021.
- **Renovation:** The other building (West Hall Building), the renovation will be completed in Spring of 2021. The university was able to secure \$15M towards the renovation. Technology, distance learning will be in this building. There will be 3-modern classrooms that will seat approximately 75 students. Currently, the university does not have large classrooms.
- **Budget:** Discussed Budget challenges as follows: (1) Unexpected expense related to the pandemic. The university spent \$2M preparing the campus for COVID-19. (2) Budget constraints in the athletic programs. (3) 2.5% cut in every department
- **COVID-19 and Contact Tracing:** Discussed the statistics of the COVID-19 cases within the university. No students so far required hospitalization. If a student is diagnosed with the virus or has symptoms of the virus, the university conducts contact tracing and practices the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. The A-symptomatic student(s) are self-quarantined to prevent the widespread of the disease.
- **COVID-19 Testing:** 2-day testing was conducted with the students, faculty, and staff. They had a 4.26% rate, which is considered good, indicating that the university is on top of the current situation in keeping everyone safe and healthy. The university sent an email that parties and gathering will not be tolerated. Wearing a face mask was mandatory. Social distancing of 6ft or more was not an option. Chancellor Cummings noted that he was proud of the student body for adhering to the rules and regulations of UNCP.
- **Native American Requirement for Students:** UNCP has been designated as North Carolina Historic American Indian University. UNCP is the only state supported 4-year university in the United States that was started by American Indians specifically to educate American Indians. It started as a Native American Indian School, it was integrated in the 1950's, the root and history is deep. There is a lot of conversation lately that any students who attend the university must have some exposure to American Indian (AI) culture, AI literature, and AI history. The UNCP has conducted a study for the past 2-years. The study indicated that other universities of Historically Black Communities (HBC) have similar requirements for their Historic Black Universities (HBU).
- **Proposed Resolution:** Recommended a proposed resolution to be considered by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs (NCCIA). Dr. Cummings recommended that the Commission of Indian Affairs consider a resolution for UNCP to support the idea for any student who wish to attend the UNCP must have some exposure during the four year term to American Indian (AI) culture, AI literature, and AI history. He expressed the resolution is at short notice and is due in two weeks. The wording and draft resolution will be emailed to Mr. Greg



Richardson. He informed that Chairman Godwin of the Lumbee Tribe will be sending a resolution next week.

- **Nursing of Health Science Department at UNCP:** Dr. Todd Telemeco, Dean of UNC-Pembroke, and Dr. Cherry Maynor Beasley, UNCP Professor and Dean presented a brief update. They discussed a few highlights on the Department of Nursing of Health Science. Due to the pandemic, the Nursing of Health Science received \$2M for mobile medical health units to serve the communities in their neighborhood. The mobile units will be used for testing purposes, COVID-19 screening, health education, Workforce Development Education, and other support services in the rural communities. It was stated that the mobile units are customized designed to be used for specific needs.

No handout was provided.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Mr. Greg Richardson informed Commission Members and Tribal Leaders that UNCP will need assistance from the community during the roll-out of COVID 19 program, the mobile units will be dispatched to each tribal community. Special dates will be designated for the mobile units to visit American Indian communities.
- Commission member Anstead asked for clarification regarding a resolution of support for the American Indian program at UNCP. Dr. Cummings announced that the Lumbee tribe had extended support for the program. Dr. Cummings requested Mr. Greg Richardson to coordinate and move forward on his behalf.
- Question was asked regarding tuition fees at UNCP for American Indians students. Dr. Cummings stated that UNCP is one of the three schools in North Carolina that has the NC Promise Program, every student from North Carolina pays only \$500 per semester in tuition. It is a \$1300 savings per semester, \$2600 savings per year and \$10,000 savings over four years. Dr. Cummings noted that the suggestion regarding “free tuition” would require a legislative action, since UNCP is a public school. 85% of the funding comes from the state of North Carolina.
- Dr. Cummings informed that the university received \$2M for COVID-19 funding from the state of North Carolina. The mobile units will have a positive impact in the communities across North Carolina. He expressed appreciation for both Dr. Telemeco and Dr. Beasley for their leadership and for obtaining the additional COVID-19 funding. He noted that Dr. Beasley has taken the Department of Nursing to a new height.
- Mr. Greg Richardson informed the Chairman that he will need to get a consensus on the request to draft the resolution and table it for action at the end of the meeting. He clarified that the consensus is not to adopt the resolution but rather to develop the resolution.
- Question was asked on the 8200+ students, what percentage of these are Native Americans? Dr. Cummings noted that over the past three years enrollment has increased from 6200 students to 8200 students (13% to 14 %.). They have over 30 tribes of the student body recognized on campus. The goal is to increase the AI population among the undergraduate students at UNCP to a 24% range. He noted that the AI high school graduate percentage in North Carolina is low. It was noted that UNCP has received a \$1.5M federal grant to establish an AI Heritage plan on campus. This program ensures that American Indian students from all over the nation are welcomed and helped in graduating from UNCP.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, noted that due to time constraints he will not present his report in detail, but would only highlight certain aspects of the report. A copy of the Executive Director report was provided in the Board packet.

Program Director Quarterly Reports – Are included in the meeting packet.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS:

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND BRIEF UPDATES:

2020 US Census: Mr. Bob Coates, Governor’s Census Liaison, NC Office of State Budget, and Management presented a brief update specifically on the American Indian community:

- **Census Deadline:** Due to the pandemic the deadline for the 2020 US Census is now September 30, 2020. Citizens who have not responded have an opportunity to be counted.
- **Census 2020:** The census is required by the constitution and is used to proportion seats in the US House of Representatives. Emphasis on completing the 2020 Census requirement and everyone being counted is important. Census count helps with the planning and used in the formula for funding for all states. The Census count is taken every ten years. Failure to comply could impact negatively for the states funding.
- **North Carolina Statistics:** (1) North Carolina is the 9th largest state in the nation. It is the fourth fastest growing state in the nation. 100,000 people come into North Carolina every year. The census provides the characteristics of the growth. (2) Economic impact is about \$1,823 per person, per year in funding. (3) Completing the Census form, citizen receive the tax dollars they have already paid. It is received in various funding programs such as: Health Care; Medicare; Medicaid; Education; Assistance for Children and Family; Low Income Health Assistance Program; Highway Maintenance; Communities in Poverty; Assistance with Communities impacted by Hurricane and Storms. (4) Other individual funding programs are: Public Indian Housing Block Grant; approximate \$750M per year. Indian Housing Program through HUD is \$4.4B. Block grants for Indian communities. Special block grants for Indian tribes, Urban Indian Health Services program, and others.
- **Census Form:** Discussed classification and identification on the census forms. All information on the census form is self-identify. Ensure individual/ citizen self-identify as accurately as possible.
- **Census Data:** As of September 3, 2020, in the United States, 65.2% of households have responded. In North Carolina 61.5% of households have responded. Mr. Coates discussed in brief the statistics and percentages of various counties.
- **General Information:** Census Bureau staff are in the field knocking on doors, they are carrying the ID Badges and following the CDC safety guidelines during the pandemic, they will wear protective gear and maintain social distancing. Basic questions will be asked, such as: do you own a house, name, age, race, gender, sex, etc. of the people that are residing in that household. Citizenship is not required for census count. He emphasized that everyone should be counted and must complete the 2020 Census on-line form. Personal information collected is confidential and is protected by federal law.
- **Closing Remarks:** Mr. Coates urged everyone to complete the Census Form. Sited the website: www.Census.nc.gov



No handout was provided.

COVID-19 Pandemic Update: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director for the NC Commission of Indian Affairs gave the following brief update on the status of the pandemic in North Carolina.

Highlights from the Tribal Liaison Meeting held this month are as follows:

- **Listening Session:** The Commission sponsored a listening session in collaboration with DHHS state officials and that event provided tribal leaders with information about COVID-19. DHHS programs and initiatives.
- **Contact Tracing and Testing:** Discussed Contact Tracing and Testing. Additional efforts have been made to perform testing and tracing within the American Indian (AI) communities. Additionally, this effort has resulted in American Indians being employed in this area of work.
- **COVID-19 Update:** Statistics on Robeson county indicated 14.9% tested positive. Suggestions that most were from AI communities. Statewide average is 6.9%. The Lumbee Tribe and Eastern Band of Cherokee have implemented their own testing processes. Mr. Richardson encouraged that other tribes should try to do the one-on-one testing.
- **Teleworking:** Informed that the commission staff is teleworking, as per the governor's Executive Order. However, limited staff are working in the office to handle critical work items only.
- **Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines:** Mr. Richardson urged everyone to follow the CDC guidelines to **wear a mask, wash hands, and maintain safe distance 6 ft** from each other. The enforcement will protect everyone from the coronavirus.
- **AI Veterans Association-Mask Donation:** Announced that the Commission has received a large donation of mask from the American Indian (AI) Veterans Association. The masks were redistributed to the American Indian (AI) communities this quarter. Mr. Richardson thanked the AI Veterans Association.
- **Cloth Mask Information:** Announced that people within the AI community are making cloth mask and distributing them to family and friend.
- **Acknowledgement:** Mr. Richardson acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Larece Hunt, his relatives and family for making mask, donating them to the AI community. He announced that Commissioner Hunt and his wife have donated mask to the NC Commission of Indian Affairs.

No handout was provided.

Legislative Update: This item was moved, to be presented later during the meeting.

Budget Update and Overview: Mr. Bryan Brannon, Chief Fiscal Officer, Department of Administration gave a brief update on the following:

- Tribal Recognition fund balance is \$39,810
- State Employees and Temporary Employees received 2.5% pay increases
- Fiscal Department staff are teleworking. PPE equipment was distributed to staff. Some staff report to the office building for work related duties.
- Informed that this is the second year of not having a set budget. The budget is the same as it was two years ago. Therefore, the commission's appropriation is the same as the last fiscal year.
- The Office of State Budget Management (OSBM) has implemented certain budget restrictions, due to COVID-19 and they are listed as follows: (1) Only limit purchases of goods and services



related to the mission of the agencies; 2) Limit travel; (3) Vacant positions cannot be filled (unless deemed mission critical, re-classification or salary adjustments are prohibited); (4) Justification must be provided for any position being filled.

No handout was provided.

Legislative Update: Ms. Katie Hall, Legislative Liaison, NC Department of Administration gave a brief update on the latest actions of the General Assembly. She informed that the General Assembly met on September 2nd and 3rd to discuss COVID-19 related expenditures. \$1M left over from CARES Act that needed to be spent. These funds need to be spent by the end of the year.

Discussed the following:

- Senate Bills: - HB 1023, SB 704, and HB 1105
- State appropriated amount to be increased \$50 only due to the pandemic. The supplementary programs, broad band and other add-ons were included.
- Funding for internet connection for school age children, university, and hot spots throughout the state.
- Funding for financial assistance for childcare across the state. Informed that the \$335 check per family will go out to parents of children under 17-year-old, towards remote learning expenses. Expressed that this is only for parents who have filed child tax credit get these funds.
- Hurricane Relief:
 - \$27M Hurricane Florence Recovery and \$13 M for Hurricane Dorian, Hurricane Matthew, and the most recent hurricane.
 - One amendment was passed to add \$750, 000 relief for Bertie County.
- Funding for Small Business Program added \$45.5 M to Job Retention Grant Program, this is with few restrictions. These businesses must retain 90% of their employees working to be eligible. Others did not qualify for this grant.
- Golden Leaf Program emergency funding was provided to small businesses with a few restrictions as follows:

Previous	New Adjustments
Requirement was up to 100 employees	Adjusted to 150 employees
Duration of loan was 66 months	Adjusted to 120 months
Amount was \$50,000	Amount available now \$250,000

- Discussed Department of Health and Human Services food bank and sheltering services specifically homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters are as follows:
 - \$20 M for prevention, rapid reviving, and other causes.
 - \$12M that will pass through DOA-CFW office. This funding will be split in half, \$6M equitably to all Domestic Violence Centers across the state and \$6M for Sexual Assault Program across the state. Restrictions are listed in the GS. The General Statute number was **not** referenced in the presentation.

No handout was provided.



Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Mountain Valley Pipeline Updates: Mr. John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) announced that permits for the pipeline has been withdrawn, he discussed in brief the status of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) and the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP)-Southgate. The presentation was distributed in the Board packet.

- Mr. Nicholson informed the Commission that if any tribe or tribal member that was impacted by ACP and their property was not put back, they need to inform DEQ.
- Mr. Greg noted that ACP requires them to put the property back as it was or as best as they can. Mr. Nicholson clarified yes, but that the trees cannot be put back.

The handout “presentation” is attached and is an official part of the minutes (**Attachment B**)

2020 Indian Heritage Month Plans-Update: Ms. Alyson Vuley, Community Festivals Coordinator, NC Museum of History (Replaced Ms. Emily Grant). Ms. Vuley gave a brief update on the 2020 Indian Heritage Month plans as follows:

- 25th year of the American Indian Festival, November 20-21, 2020. This will not be an in-person celebration due to COVID-19 restrictions. The celebration will be virtual.
- The museum has reopened under the new guidelines. Gathering of people in one place is 25.
- March 2020, discussion began with the AI Advisory Board regarding the festival. Discussed it would be a virtual 2-day event, November 20 through November 21, 2020, due to the pandemic. There will be live streamed performances and prerecorded videos to view. Dance and music performance will be live streamed and have unlimited viewing. It will be 500 registration per session. Ms. Vuley clarified that it means 500 IP-addresses per session not people. Multiple people can watch from one IP-address.
- Purchase and URL event will occur. URL address nc-aihc.com or Museum of History website, event page/ on-line registration for the AI Heritage Month.
- Discussed the presenters will only come into the building and present in their classroom spaces with extremely limited interaction. Between the break they will be cleaning the spaces following the protocol to keep everyone healthy and safe.
- Requested videos from the tribes and organizations for the event. The videos will be reviewed.
- The Advisory committee is compiling a video of past celebrations.
- In conclusion, Ms. Vuley noted that the virtual meeting will reach a lot of people. She thanked the Commission, Tribes, and Organizations for their support over the past 25 years and looks forward to working with everyone. She shared her email address: Alyson.vuley@ncdcr.gov

No handout was provided.

UNC American Indian Center Update: Mr. Larry Chavis, Director, UNC American Indian Center, Clinical Associate Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship was not in attendance for his presentation. Mr. Richardson suggested that Chairman Burnett continue with the agenda.

DISCUSSION – COMMITTEES:

Discussion of Commission Committees and Committee Appointments:

Chairman Rev. Burnett informed that the Committee list was distributed in the Board packet. The Committee list will be placed on the consent agenda and will be voted on at the end of the meeting. The Vice Chair will be voted on at the end of the meeting. Mr. Greg informed that the Committee Chair is appointed by the Commission Chairman, this will not need a vote.



ACTION ITEMS:

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

Employment and Training Committee: Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Chair presented the action items as follows:

Action I: Webinar/Listening session with all state agencies and departments, need to establish a date for the meeting.

Action II: In conjunction with the first motion, the Committee would like to send a brief memo to Secretary Sanders, Department of Administration, the Employment Security Commission and the NC Department of Commerce to address/ advocate for American Indians that communities and individuals receiving unemployment assistance due to the crisis facing them due to unemployment. It was also noted the Committee voted to include Economic Development back into the Employment and Training Committee.

Action III: Commission send a letter to the government Chief of Staff, Christy Jones to request American Indians and American Indian Businesses receive equal inclusion on all state funding for pandemic relief funds and emergency funds.

Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Chair, Goals Committee, requested motion on the above three action Items.

No handout was provided.

Indian Education Committee: Commissioner Dorothy Yates, Chair, noted that the action item regarding mascot name is not on the agenda but would like to present at this meeting. She indicated that on September 8, 2020, the Board of Education (BOE) agenda is going to include the Dare County mascot change conversation.

Chair Yates suggested that the Commission needs to send a letter to the Board of Education prior to the September 8, 2020, BOE meeting, stating the following:

- The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs strongly encourages the Dare County Board of Education to retire all the existing American Indian mascots, logos, and sports team nicknames presently being used.

Commissioner Yates informed that Dare County has issued a resolution to retire the Indian mascot in two of their schools.

No handout was provided.

Chairman Rev. Burnett requested Commissioner Yates to email the action item to Mr. Greg Richardson.

Cultural Resources Committee: Commissioner Jeff Anstead, Chair, noted that they did not have a quorum to conduct the committee meeting, however, they had the resolution on the agenda regarding retiring the mascot. Commissioner Anstead suggested an approval on the resolution.



Chairman Rev. Burnett requested Commissioner Anstead to email the resolution to Mr. Greg Richardson.

Commissioner Anstead, Chair requested that the resolution be sent to all Commission members and indicated a response time on the resolution regarding Native American mascot.

It was stated that after obtaining the response from members, the Commission has authorized to develop the resolution for the Cultural Resources Committee.

No handout was provided.

Veterans Committee: Commissioner Sam Lambert, Chair expressed that the Committee needs funding to support payment for the plaques to be awarded at the 2021 NC Indian Unity Conference. He indicated that the nomination be submitted by December 2, 2020. He expressed if the event is cancelled, the awards will be delivered to the Veterans.

Chairman Rev. Burnett asked what was the amount needed to fund the plaques? Commissioner Lambert responded \$1000.

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

- Flower Fund: Balance is \$ 1,059.65 (no change since the last meeting).
- T-Shirt Orders: Balance \$385

No handout was provided.

NC COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS T-SHIRTS: Ms. Kimberly Hammonds, Commission Staff gave an update on the T-shirt orders as follows:

- Received 11 orders for the polo shirts. (vendor requires a minimum of 12 orders)
- Noted that the T-Shirt order needs to end and will contact the vendor to see if he would accept the order as is.
- Ms. Hammonds noted that once the order comes in, Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey would pay the invoice.
- Other members and staff expressed that they would like to order.
- Ms. Hammonds noted anyone interested must submit the form to her and payment to Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey

No handout was provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES & EVENTS: The meeting dates were listed on the agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS: Motion on the consent items was conducted.

Chairman Rev. Burnett read the consent items as follows:

- Adoption of Agenda
- Approval of June 5, 2020, Meeting Minutes



- Nomination and Election of Officers
 - Vice-Chair
 - Secretary/ Treasurer
- Resolution – UNC-Pembroke, Wording will be prepared by Dr. Robin Cummings, Chancellor (re. Any student applying required to have knowledge of American Indian Culture).
 - Commission voted to proceed for the development of the Resolution.
- Executive Director Report
- Employment and Training – Action Items as presented in the Board Packet by Committee Chair Wanda Burns-Ramsey
 - Action Item #1
 - Action Item #2
 - Action Item #3
- Indian Education Committee – Committee Chair Dorothy Yates
 - Resolution to Board of Education (BOE) re Mascot, send letter by September 8, 2020.
- Cultural Resources Committee – Committee Chair Jeff Anstead
 - Resolution to change Mascot
- Flower Fund
- T-Shirt Orders

Vote-Roll Call:

Isabell Freeman- Elliott - Did not respond
Lenora Locklear – Yes
Helen Cook – Yes
Gladys Hunt – Yes
Sam Lambert – Yes
Carolyn West - Yes
Jennifer Revels-Baxter – Did not respond
DeVane Burnett, Sr. – Yes
Jeffrey Anstead – Yes
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 – Did not respond
Daniel Locklear – Did not respond
Wanda Burns-Ramsey - Yes

Total: 19-members voted “Yes”. Mr. Greg Richardson noted that we do have a quorum.



Motion: Commissioner Tony Hayes made a motion to approve the consent items as presented except for Nomination and Election of Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furnie Lambert. Motion carried.

Nomination and Election of Vice Chair

A separate roll call was taken for the Nomination and Election of Vice Chair

- Dorothy Yates
- Tony Hayes

Vote-Roll Call:

Isabell Freeman- Elliott - Did not respond
Lenora Locklear – Yes, Dorothy Yates
Helen Cook – Yes, Tony Hayes
Gladys Hunt – Did not respond
Sam Lambert – Yes, Dorothy Yates
Carolyn West - Yes, Dorothy Yates
Jennifer Revels-Baxter – Did not respond
DeVane Burnett, Sr. – Yes, Dorothy Yates
Jeffrey Anstead – Yes, Dorothy Yates
Charles Richardson – Did not respond
Larece Hunt – Yes, Dorothy Yates
Furnie Lambert – Did not respond
Ricky Burnett – Yes, Dorothy Yates
Constant Mitchell – Yes, Dorothy Yates
Rebecca LaClaire – Yes, Tony Hayes
Walter D. Baucom – Yes, Tony Hayes
Tony Hayes – Did not respond
Dorothy Yates – Did not respond
Danny Bell – Voted for both, does not count
Elton R Jacobs – Yes, Dorothy Yates
Michael Jacobs – Did not respond
Daniel Locklear – Did not respond
Wanda Burns-Ramsey – Yes, Tony Hayes

State Officials:

Betty Marrow-Taylor – Yes, Dorothy Yates
George Sherrill – Did not respond
John Nicholson – Yes, Dorothy Yates
David Locklear – Did not respond
Jennifer Haigwood - Abstain

Total: 11-members voted “Yes” for Dorothy Yates. 4-members voted “Yes” for Tony Hayes.

Chairman Rev. Burnett announced that Commissioner Dorothy Yates is elected as Vice Chair

Nomination of Secretary/ Treasurer

Wanda Burns-Ramsey



Chairman Rev. Burnett announced that Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey is elected by acclamation. It was a unanimous vote by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

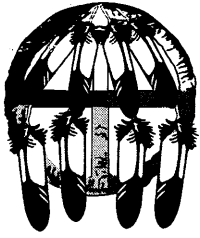
With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting, was made by Commissioner Furnie Lambert. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sam Lambert. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting will be held via conference call.

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

Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on December 4, 2020.

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



N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

By Conference Call
1-877-810-9415
Access Code: 8060945
September 4, 2020
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
(Draft)

Opening Session	10:00 am – 10:15 am
Welcome, Call to Order & Adopt Agenda	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Invocation	Helen Cook, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Reading of Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
New Meeting Rules	Catherine Rivera, Boards and Commissions Coordinator, NC Department of Administration
Approval of June 5, 2020, Meeting Minutes	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Swearing-in Ceremonies	10:15 am - 10:30 am
Introduction of New and Returning Commission Members	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Swearing in of New and Returning Commission Members New Member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Carolyn West, Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribe (Replacing Marvel Welch)</i> • <i>Rebecca LaClaire, Metrolina Native American Association, Inc. (Replacing Jesse Jacobs)</i> Returning Tribal Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dorothy Stewart Yates, Sappony Tribe</i> • <i>Larece Hunt, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina</i> • <i>Tony Hayes, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation</i> • <i>Elton Ray Jacobs, Waccamaw-Siouan Indian Tribe</i> Urban Indian Organizations Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jennifer Revels-Baxter, Guilford Native American</i> Legislative Member: Speaker of the House Appointee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wanda Burns-Ramsey – Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina</i> 	The Honorable Matthew Scott, District Attorney, Robeson County District Attorney's Office for Judicial District 20, Robeson County, North Carolina Presiding
Election of Officers – 2020-2021	10:30 am - 10:45 am
Nomination and Election of Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vice-Chair</i> • <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i> 	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman

Guest Speaker	
The Honorable Dr. Robin Cummings, Chancellor University of North Carolina At Pembroke	
Special Presentations and Brief Updates	10:45 am - 11:20 am
Executive Director's Report Quarterly Program Reports (copies in meeting packet)	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
2020 US Census	Bob Coates, Governor's Census Liaison, NC Office of State Budget and Management
COVID-19 Pandemic Update	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Legislative Update	Katie Hall, Legislative Liaison, NC Department of Administration
Budget update and Overview	Bryan Brannon, Chief Fiscal Officer, Department of Administration
Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Mountain Valley Pipeline Updates	John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ)
2020 Indian Heritage Month Plans-Update	Alyson Vuley, Community Festivals Coordinator, NC Museum of History (Replaced Emily Grant)
UNC American Indian Center Update	Larry Chavis, Director, UNC American Indian Center, Clinical Associate Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship
Discussion – Committees	11:20 am – 11:30 am
Discussion of Commission Committees and Committee Appointments	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Committee Reports - Action items Only	11:30 am – 11:50 am
Adhoc Goals Committee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Chair
Adhoc Indian Health	Charles Richardson, Chair
Adhoc Land Trust	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Culture Resources	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair
Employment & Training	Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Chair
Environmental Justice	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair

Indian Child Welfare	Vacant, Chair
Indian Education	Dorothy Yates, Chair
Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair
Legislative	Tony Hayes, Chair
Recognition	Larece Hunt, Chair
Veterans 2021 Veteran Awards - Nominations Due December 1st	Sam Lambert, Chair
Other Items	11:50 am – 11:55 am
Flower Fund Report	Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
NC Commission of Indian Affairs T-Shirts	Kimberly Hammonds, Commission Staff
Announcements	11:55
Items from Commission Members	Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Adjournment	12:00 pm
2020 – 2021 Commission Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 4, 2020 –TBD • March 11-13, 2021 –In conjunction with 2021 NC Indian Unity Conference • June 4, 2021 - Commission Meeting 	Location Raleigh, NC Hilton North Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh, NC Location, TBD