



**NORTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2018**

University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Cone University Center
Charlotte, North Carolina

WELCOME: Furnie Lambert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff and guests.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Commissioner Marvel Welch made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead. Motion carried.

INVOCATION: Rev. Ricky Burnett, Commission member recited the invocation prayer. Commission members and community members that were currently ill and deceased were also remembered.

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

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS

Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Absent
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Helen Cook	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Absent
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Marvel Welch	Present
Guilford Native American Association	Jennifer Revels-Baxter	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnette, Sr.	Absent
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Charles (Pete) Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Absent
Lumbee	Ricky Burnett	Present
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Present
Meherrin	Constance Mitchell	Absent
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D. Baucom	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Jessie Jacobs	Present
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Tony Hayes	Present



ROLL CALL

MEMBERS (Continued)

Sappony	Dorothy Crowe	Present
Triangle Native American Society	Danny Bell	Absent
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Shirley Freeman	Present

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Absent
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Department of Administration (DOA), Mabelle Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary		Present
Designee: Bryan Brannon, Chief Financial Officer, DOA		
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Anthony Copeland, Secretary		
Designee: George Sherrill, Chief of Staff		Absent
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Michael Regan, Secretary		
Designee: John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary		Present
Representative: Sarah Rice, NCDEQ Compliance Officer & Title VI Coordinator		
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, John Mintz		Absent
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Keith A. Hardison, Director		Absent

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO	Zianne Mackenzie Richardson	Absent
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STAFF PRESENT

Gregory Richardson, Executive Director
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary
David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
Peggy Ammons, Program Director, Community Development Program
 & Low-Income Energy Assistance Program
Sue Faircloth, Interim Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, Program Director, Domestic Violence-Victim Crime Services
Lydia Locklear, Interim Program Director, State Recognition Program

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: List on file with the Commission.

WELCOME REMARKS: *(Due to time constraint and busy schedule, this item was moved forward)*

Phillip L. Dubois, Chancellor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, North Carolina:



The Executive Director introduced Chancellor, Dubois to the Commission. He thanked Chancellor Dubois on behalf of the Commission of Indian Affairs for hosting the quarterly meeting at the University of North Carolina (UNC), Charlotte.

Chancellor Dubois welcomed everyone. He acknowledged Dr. Kathryn Johnson, Professor of UNC, Charlotte. He appreciated that the agenda was changed to accommodate his tight schedule. Chancellor Dubois informed that Superintendent Wilcox from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is visiting him to discuss the early college program. He gave a brief overview as follows: Currently, UNC Charlotte has 29,710 students on campus. It is the third largest in the UNC system and the second largest with respect to undergraduates. UNC Charlotte is about 30 percent of the enrollment growth in the entire UNC system since 2010. He expressed that they will reach a goal of 35,000 students by 2025. They have 84 American Indian (AI) students (74 undergraduates and the rest are graduate students). He noted UNC-Charlotte received \$90M from the 2016 bond. The university has spent \$1.4 B worth on campus construction since 2005. They have 75 bachelors' program and 60 master's programs and 23 doctoral programs. They have a very large student organization, 450 in total. They have two student organizations relating to Human Trafficking, (1) Humans for Justice (a national organization) designed to help victims of trafficking go on to achieve post-secondary education after they have been released; (2) Not in my City (invented by one of the students) This is a two-fold organization (a) Raise awareness among college students about human trafficking (help stop students that are in the situations unfolding right in front of them); (b) Raise money for human trafficking through T-shirt sales. The money is routed through an organization locally called Present Age Ministries. Chancellor Dubois informed that the website for "not in my city" has a link for T-shirt sales. In conclusion, Chancellor Dubois expressed that the building "Cone University Center" was named after UNC-Charlotte founder Bonny Cone. She was the original President of Charlotte College (1949-1965).

Photo session: A group photo was taken with Chancellor Dubois.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The Executive Director acknowledged and thanked Metrolina Native American Association and A1 Glass & Aluminum Company, a Native American owned company (State Hub Certified) for hosting and providing breakfast and lunch for the Commission meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2018, MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the Commission meeting held on September 7, 2018, were presented. Commissioner Tony Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walter Baucom. Motion carried.

WELCOME REMARKS:

Ms. Rebecca LaClaire, Chairperson, Metrolina Native American Association, Charlotte, NC: The Executive Director introduced Ms. LaClaire to the Commission. Ms. LaClaire welcomed everyone. She acknowledged Commissioner Walter Baucom, Board member for Metrolina Native American Association and Board member for Commission of Indian Affairs. She expressed that through Mr. Baucom's assistance she was able to get Ms. Vi Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte to sign the proclamation for Indigenous Day for the City of Charlotte. Ms. LaClaire highlighted the importance to protecting the



interest of the urban Native American people. She expressed the importance of NC Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) and how it mentored her through Native American affairs and empowered her into the leadership role that she is experiencing at present. She thanked the Commission for giving her the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

PRESENTATION 1:

Vital Records – Birth Certificate Documentation-Complaints from American Indians: Ms. Eleanor Howell, Director, State Center for Health Statistics (SCHS) and Mr. James Melvin, Office of Vital Records, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) presented the following:

- Discussed data and statistics process “why the data is collected?”
 - Race, ethnicity on vital records is important
 - Birth certificate, parents’ race is collected
 - Death certificate, deceased information is collected
 - The office looks for trends and disparities among the different population in NC. This data enables the Division of Vital Records to help minorities to have a happy healthy life.
 - A handout of NC Resident Population Health Data by Race and Ethnicity (Attachment A) was distributed.
 - It was noted that this record keeping may not have been how it was recorded in the past.
 - The State Center for Health Statistics (SCHS) do have ways to amend the birth certificates so that the correct information is noted on the certificates.
- Discussed NC Vital Records Amendment Process as follows:
 - Amendment process to change the parent(s)’ race on a birth or death certificate was discussed.
 - Discussed the letter dated April 16, 2018, concerning the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Chief’s questions and inquiry about how changing the race on birth and death certificates can occur. (Letter on file).
 - Discussed different types of race on Birth Certificates: American Indian (AI); Alaskan Native (AN)
 - It was pointed out that the child race is not placed on birth certificates at birth, based on state policy.
 - North Carolina Birth Certificates do indicate “Tribes”. This is where issues have occurred. A tribe is not a racial designation!
 - A handout of the NC Vital Records Amendment Process (Attachment B) was distributed.
 - Discussed amendment process to change the parent(s) race involved. Details listed on attachment B.
 - Website detail is listed on attachment B. Amendment form and other details are listed on the website at <HTTPS://Vitalrecords.nc.gov/order.HTM#compform>

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members asked clarifying questions as follows: (a) various issues related to birth certificates; (b) amendment fees; (c) Why American Indian is not listed on birth certificate; (d) race of parent is indicated on birth certificates but not race of child. To change this process legislation would have to be adopted.
- Members thought that a clarification process is needed or outright new legislation. Ms. Howell noted that the new standard for Certificate of Birth was adopted in 2010. This was the point when



Vital Records collected the “Tribal Information”. It was noted that prior to 2010 tribal information was not collected. Vital information for “Death certificates” were collected in 2014.

- Ms. Howell noted that in the underline data statistics the State Center for Health Statistics (SCHS) do have American Indian checked on the individual. She expressed that due to situations discussed by members, the SCHS have investigated these issues. She noted that the information on the form need to be completed accurately.
- It was noted that the underline data in the database is corrected as American Indian but not printed on the form. This issue is what the SCHS is looking to correct. She appreciates that this issue was brought to their attention and want to make sure that it does get printed exactly how the parents complete the form, as noted on the birth worksheet in the hospital, so it matches correctly with the data base.
- Multiple race recording: If there is more than one race between parents, how does the system choose the race on the birth certificate? It was noted that it will no longer be a single race, it will be recorded as multiple race. It was indicated that the combination of parent’s races is noted to determine the race of the child. Ms. Howell expressed that with the present statistical data system, everything selected on the form by the parent is printed on the birth certificate.
- Commission members expressed that the birth certificates are important when the child goes to college, for a driver’s license, tribal enrollment etc.
- Commission members asked if they need to contact the legislation or the Governor to address this issue. The consensus was that this item would need legislative action.
- Question was asked if the system is open to undo the inter-generation recording of American Indian People. If race is defined historically by parents’ race and American Indian was not listed as race there is no accountability of the child being listed as American Indian. There is a system failure and lack of inclusiveness that predates the people born in the 1950’s. How can Vital Records correct the issue for American Indians? Is there an option?
- Ms. Howell indicated that the system list what the parents identify their race at the time of the birth of the child. The system does not go back and look at the parents records to see if it matches. It was clarified that the system goes by how the form is completed by the parent. She expressed that the system will research how other states are dealing with this issue and is open to suggestions.
- Mr. James Melvin discussed the process to amend the birth certificate. His contact information is listed on page 2 of the handout (Attachment B).
- It was noted that issues related to amendments need to be addressed to Mr. Melvin to correct birth certificates.
- Mr. Melvin stated; that if there is a cost related issue it needs to be addressed with the Registrar of Deeds. This is a separate issue. In most cases, if it is system related, there is no charge. The Vital Records personnel usually amends the records at no charge.
- Question was asked on data: The allocation for a grant program is determined based on census data. So, if a person checks other on the birth form and list tribe, how does this person get recorded? Is it reported as American Indian or other and where and how do they get accounted for? Do they fall out of the American Indian count?
- Ms. Howell indicated that the Census Bureau record and collects data independently from Vital Records. It is self- reported and collected every ten years. Starting in 2000 people can select multiple race. The census also collects American Indian data between census reports. She reiterated that Census Bureau does not depend on Vital Records.
- Commission members asked how errors are corrected?



- Question was asked if the grandparent or child was deceased and was entered incorrectly, how does one correct the documents? Mr. Melvin informed that the process is the same for all amendments. He noted that in some cases both birth and death need to be corrected.
- Mr. Greg Richardson expressed that there appears to be a consensus today, that there is a need to ensure that when a child is born that the child's birth certificate needs to denote the child's race, "American Indian". He indicated that a failure to do so will have a negative impact on American Children throughout their life time. Grant Programs, tribal enrollment, drivers license etc., require applicant to prove that they are American Indian. Therefore, American Indians need to be able to prove that they were American Indian at birth.
- Mr. Richardson expressed that in some cases the law enforcement citations are showing up in court with the wrong race on them when it comes to American Indians and cause frustration and incorrect data to be entered into the DMV records.
- Commission members thanked Ms. Howell and Mr. Melvin for their presentation.

The handouts NC Resident Population Health Data by Race and Ethnicity (**Attachment A**) and NC Vital Records Amendment Process (**Attachment B**) are attached and is an official part of the minutes.

PRESENTATION 2:

Pow Wow Impact Study Results: Ms. Carolyn Fryberger, Economic Development Manager NCGrowth from Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise and Ms. Keiley Gaston, Analyst, NCGrowth presented this item as follows:

- NCGrowth is with University Center at UNC Chapel Hill and affiliated with Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise (business school).
- Discussed the Powwow economic impact analysis
- Methodology
- Inputs (Operation spending for the powwow).
- Outputs (direct, Indirect, Induced)
- Impacts on NC – The events held can have a significant impact on jobs and wages
- Vendor spending profiles
- Increasing impacts of tribal events
- Increasing attendance through marketing
- Making visitor's wanting to stay longer
- Promoting local businesses

A handout of the PowerPoint presentation on Powwow Economic Impact Analysis (**Attachment C**) is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission members asked questions about marketing tools (Page 6). Ms. Fryberger noted that a \$30 Fee for Billboard advertising; other advertising can be through Social Media (Facebook or Instagram)
- Question was asked on percentage of local and non-local people attending Powwow's. Ms. Fryberger noted that they have a record of the Cherokee PowWow and would be happy to share the information via email.
- Commission members expressed that through PowWow's, local tribes do promote tourism throughout the state of North Carolina. It was noted that this needs to be brought to the attention



of the state and the Department of Tourism. Commission members added that the Department of Tourism need to promote these activities as well. This could be an opportunity for future discussion with the department.

- Question was asked on the percentage of people surveyed. It was noted that 130 people were surveyed at the Lumbee PowWow and 150 at the Eastern Band of Cherokee PowWow. The actual survey was conducted onsite with the visitors attending the events.
- Ms. Fryberger indicated that the general information on Powwow Economic Impact Analysis will be posted on their website. She expressed that the revenue details will not be posted. More specific aggregate data (positive and negative) is shared with the individual tribe.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Executive Director presented his quarterly report. He acknowledged and welcomed Ms. Tammy Hall, Minority Business, HUB Office, Mr. Tim Hinnant, Deputy Director, Governor's Crime Commission and Representatives from Vital Records, Mr. James Melvin and Ms. Eleanor Howell. He highlighted information on the recent elections that two American Indian women are elected in US Congress.

The following topics were discussed:

- **2020 Census:** The 2020 US Census will take place on April 1, 2020.
- **2018 Indian Heritage Month Proclamation Signing Ceremony:** Governor Cooper signed the proclamation in November 2018. The event was well attended by tribal leaders from across the state.
- **Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation:** Governor Cooper signed the proclamation in October 2018.
- **Order of the Long Leaf Pine:** Mrs. Earlene Stacks was presented this award in September 2018.
- **Statement of Economic Interest (SEI):** The form is available on the Ethics website. Members need to complete the Ethics training. Due date **to complete the form is April 15, 2019.**
- **Real ID 2020:** The form needs to be completed in order to get the "Real ID" (a star) imprinted on the driver's license. The Real ID will be required after 2020 to enter government buildings, airports, etc.
- **Introduction of New Staff:** Mr. Greg Richardson acknowledged new staff member Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, Program Director, Domestic Violence-Victim Crime Services. Ms. Lydia Locklear as Interim Program Director, State Recognition. Ms. Annie Francis, Program Director, Indian Child Welfare.
- **National Congress of American Indian's (NCAI) Annual Conference:** The 75th Annual Conference was held in Denver, Colorado, October 21-26, 2018. The conference was well attended by North Carolina tribes. It was noted that the NC tribes are also part of the Southeastern Area Region Caucus. Details are in the Executive Director's report.
- **Hurricane Florence Monitoring:** FEMA was present in the Lumbee community and provided assistance.

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commissioner Charles Richardson made a motion to approve the Executive Director's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marvel Welch. Motion carried.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION: (Not listed on the agenda)

Deputy Secretary Christy Agner rose to present a certificate to the Executive Director Titled “**Governor’s Award for Excellence in the State of North Carolina**”. The certificate is signed by Governor Roy Cooper in recognition for “Outstanding Service to our State”. Commission members and state officials present congratulated Mr. Greg Richardson.

A group photo was taken of Mr. Greg Richardson to recognize the presentation.

FLOWER FUND REPORT: A handout was provided by Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary Treasurer of the Commission. The flower fund balance \$664.00. The Veteran’s Plaque Fund balance \$160. (**Attachment E**) Mrs. Freeman-Elliott was not present for the meeting.

LUNCHEON: Mr. Greg Richardson on behalf of the Commission thanked Commissioner Walter Baucom, A1 Glass & Aluminum Company, a Native American owned company (State Hub Certified) for hosting the meeting and providing lunch for the meeting.

Chairman Lambert announced a short recess for lunch. Chairman Lambert requested Commissioner Yates to bless the food.

Lunch break, meeting reconvened at 12:54 pm. (Working lunch).

The following item is not listed on the Agenda:

During lunch break Commissioner Tony Hayes introduced Ms. Tammy Hall to present a brief disparity study report that was discussed in the HUB office, Committee meeting. She discussed funding allocated by Department of Transportation for this study. Ms. Hall is seeking a collaboration with the American Indian tribes and the Department of Administration to be part of this process. Ms. Hall indicated that all the information is on the HUB office website or members could contact her directly.

No handout was presented.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commission member asked question on payment from contract HUB vendor. Ms. Hall noted that the construction payment process is as per general statute. She indicated that there are statutes specifically related to guidance on payment and expectation for payment. Ms. Hall noted that if there is any dispute her office can facilitate all parties involved to understand expectation.
- Discussed certification process
- Discussed time-line process – It was noted that the HUB office has selected seven firms, the study takes twelve months to conduct and the selection will be reduced to three. Interviews of the firms will start next week; the first firm will enter into contract January 2019. It was indicated that by spring of 2020 the study will conclude, and the office will have an approximate utilization goal. Ms. Hall noted that they are hopeful that the numbers for utilization will be higher than the 10% goal they currently have.
- Commissioner Tony Hayes requested Ms. Hall to share the information with Mr. Greg Richardson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Lambert announced that only the action items should be reported by Committee Chairs.



Adhoc Indian Health Committee: No report was noted.

Adhoc Land Trust Committee: No report was noted. Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, North Carolina Department of Justice (NC DOJ) is working on the Indian Land Trust Proposal. No update was available.

Veterans Committee: Commissioner Sam Lambert, Chair, announced the following:

- (a) Nominations – Veteran Awards; (b) Veterans Recognition Award Program/Ceremony; (c) Sponsor for Veterans Award at the 2019 Indian Unity Conference:
- No decision was made regarding the Veteran Recognition Award at the banquet. Due to time restrictions, the committee was planning to remove the Veteran Recognition Award from the banquet and keep this separate.
 - Vendor is donating \$1,000 for the Veteran plaques. This will cover the cost for the plaques.
 - Tribes need to submit the names for the Veteran nominations. Verify details before submitting (Name in full, branch of service, date/time in the service, rank, where they served, etc.). It was noted that an email will go out to the tribes and organizations after the holidays.
 - Commissioner Sam Lambert was opposed to the idea of moving the (date, time and location) of the Veterans Recognition Award. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey.
 - The following Commissioner members were in opposition to remove the Veterans nomination from the banquet agenda: Jeff Anstead, Shirley Freeman, Charles Richardson
 - Commissioner Sam Lambert requested that the names of the veterans and their correct information be submitted by January 2019.
 - The motion was unanimously approved. It was noted that all Commissioners members present at the meeting were opposed to moving the Veteran presentation to a different date, time and location.

Cultural Resources Committee: No report was noted.

Employment & Training Committee: No report was noted.

Environmental Justice Committee: No report was noted.

Mr. John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) presented a brief report on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP).

- Atlantic Coast Pipeline: The state 401 permit is on hold status due to the actions out of West Virginia. DEQ will not take any action either until the court case is settled and the core of engineers open it.
- Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP): It was noted that several discussions with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as well as the permittee were conducted. DEQ submitted a detailed letter to FERC expressing some of their concerns. Need of the pipeline was discussed. The discussion involved tribal participation as well. Tribes that were impacted by MVP. The permittee was discussing Federal Recognition Vs State Recognition.
- It was noted that DEQ is looking out for the tribal communities.
- DEQ is focusing on regulatory requirements by general statute related to the 401 permits.
- It was noted that DEQ has ACP portal and MVP portal on their website.

No handout was provided.

FEMA update/ Hurricane Assistance update: DEQ is recommending a new office for the recovery. A representative from the office will attend the next meeting to give a brief update on the recovery process from Hurricanes Florence and Michael, as to what the organization is planning to do moving forward.



No handout was provided.

The Executive Director noted that the MVP representatives met with him last week. They will be providing a brief update at the March 2019 meeting. The discussion will first take place within the Environment Justice Committee and will be presented at the March 2019 meeting.

Indian Child Welfare Committee: Commissioner Marvel Welch, Chair, presented the following:

- 2019 Indian Child Welfare Gathering: The ICW Gathering is scheduled on April 4, 2019, Clinton, NC.
- Indian Child Welfare Update: Ms. Annie Francis, Program Director, Indian Child Welfare Program gave a brief update on the seven foster care children. Five Lumbee children were placed in the Lumbee homes. Two non-Native (white) were also placed in foster care. Ms. Francis requested to continue the ICW grant funding. No handout was presented.
- National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA): It was noted that the deadline for nomination is due by January 8 or 10th, 2019. Commissioner Welch made a motion to nominate David Crowe and his family as the Indian family from the state of North Carolina to be the Champion for Indian Child Welfare. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson to nominate David Crowe and family for their support. Motion carried. Chairman Lambert commented that “coming from the Committee needs no second”.
- Indian Child Welfare Court Case – Amicus Brief: Ms. Lydia Locklear, Paralegal for State Recognition Program gave a brief update. It was noted that Amicus brief is a legal document. Indian Child Welfare act only applies to federally recognized tribes. Federally recognized tribes may sign on to the Native American Rights Fund (NARF).
- Commissioner Welch made a motion to request the Commission of Indian Affairs to proceed with the Attorney General’s office to support and draft the Amicus Brief. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Anstead. Motion carried.
- Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, North Carolina Department of Justice, informed that the individual tribes are independent to making their own decision or signing on to Amicus Brief. The Commission of Indian Affairs is a state agency represented by the Attorney General (AG) office. If the Commission wishes to vote/ recommend that the state sign on to Amicus Brief or to explore it. This decision is made by the Attorney General’s office representing the state. The AG office on behalf of the state either drafts or sign on to Amicus Brief.
- Mr. Teague expressed he will take the recommendation to the AG’s office.
- Commissioner Marvel Welch made a motion to submit the request to the AG’s office in support of the Amicus Brief for the Indian Child Welfare. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Charles Richardson made a motion to support the Indian Child Welfare Gathering scheduled on April 4, 2019, Clinton, NC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jessie Jacobs. Motion carried.

Indian Education Committee: Commissioner Dorothy Crowe, Chair, requested approval of the recommendation to be taken to the State Board of Education on the 2019 SACIE applicants.

She discussed the following:

2019 Appointment Recommendations for State Advisory Council on Indian Education:



- The handout of the Education Committee Meeting minutes was presented. It was noted that there were seven vacancies, these were highlighted in grey. The application status is indicated in the last column.
- The applications submitted are as follows:
 - Alicia Leyva; Coharie; Parent Nominee
 - Brett Locklear; Triangle Native American Society; Parent Nominee
 - Connie Harland; Triangle Native American Society; Educator Nominee
 - Crystal Cavalier; Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation; Parent Nominee
 - Joy Rector; Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe; Educator Nominee
 - Kamiyo Lanning; Eastern Band of Cherokee; Parent Nominee
 - Will Paul; Sappony; Educator Nominee
- Commissioner Crowe noted that Commissioner Danny Bell informed that Ms. Connie Harland would take priority over Brett Locklear. Connie Harland wishes to do a second term.
- It was noted that SACIE was reaching out to as many different tribes and organizations to fill the vacancies.
- Commissioner Crowe made a recommendation on behalf of SACIE to accept the applications for the six vacancies beginning July 1, 2019 from each of the tribes and organizations. This will be a two-year term ending 2021.
- Chairman Lambert noted that coming from the Committee needed no second. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Crowe noted that Ms. Sabrina Arch currently with the Eastern Band of Cherokee has opted not to continue her term.
- The Eastern Band of Cherokee noted that Ms. Kamiyo Lanning complete her current term and begin her new term on July 1, 2019.
- Ms. Crowe noted that Ms. Lanning will be completing the term of Ms. Arch through June 30, 2019. She will then begin her first new term on July 1, 2019.
- Commissioner Crowe made a recommendation to accept Ms. Kamiyo Lanning to complete the term of Ms. Sabrina Arch who resigned. The motion was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

The handout of the Education Committee Meeting minutes dated November 15, 2018, is attached and is an official part of the minutes. (**Attachment F**)

North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) update and 2019 Conference dates:

- It was noted that representative Dr. Leslie Locklear from NCNAYO joined the Indian Education Committee.
- NCNAYO will be celebrating their 40th anniversary at UNC Chapel Hill on June 27-30, 2019.
- The Committee is looking for the previous representatives to volunteer to conduct training sessions and attend the banquet on Saturday night
- NCNAYO has been approved for the 501 C3 non-profit status.
- NCNAYO was awarded a \$2,500 Walmart Community grant. They are seeking other funding.

American Indian Fund Scholarship Update: The applications are available on the Triangle Community Foundation website. org. Applications are due May 1st and the awards are granted in August. It was noted that the returning students' application is shorter since there is no change in their high school education information.

The handout of the American Indian Fund Scholarship quarterly report was provided in the Board packet.



Indian Housing Committee: No report was noted.

Legislative (2019 Legislative Agenda): No report was noted.

- Voting ID Bill: Deputy Secretary Christy Agner noted that the Voting ID Bill has gone through the General Assembly it is unclear that the Governor will or not sign the Bill. Deputy She informed the Commission that the earlier version of the Bill will only accept an ID from a federally recognized tribe to use the ID to vote. The later version included the state recognized tribe, provided the tribe has certain items on the ID. It was indicated that Representative Graham amended the Bill that stated as follows: "ID from any federal or state recognized tribe". The final version of the Bill that is going to the Governor reflects the intent of the Commission to allow tribal cards that have a photo ID now that the constitution amendment is passed.
- Question was asked regarding the items on the legislative agenda. Mr. Greg Richardson informed that Department of Administration has a Legislative Liaison, this person tracks all the Bills. If there is a Bill pertaining to American Indian, the Legislative Liaison will notify Mr. Richardson.


Recognition Committee: Ms. Lydia Locklear, interim State Recognition Program Director provided a brief report on behalf of Commissioner Larece Hunt, Chair of the Recognition Committee. The quarterly program report was provided in the Board packet.

TRIBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Mr. Greg Richardson announced that Ms. Lydia Locklear has passed the Bar exam.
- Applications for Low Income Energy Assistance is undergoing. The first batch for Veterans is due December 1,2018 through January 1, 2019. The next batch of applications is due in January 1 through March 31,2019. Ms. Peggy Ammons, LIEAP Program Director can be contacted for more details.
- Parking tickets for attending the meeting will be reimbursed.
- Commission members highlighted their upcoming tribal events.
- 2019 Event Calendar is currently being updated and will be posted on the Commission website.
- Commissioner Walter Baucomb thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

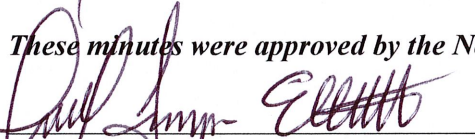
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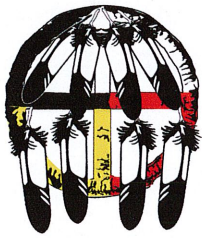
ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2019, in conjunction with the NC Indian Unity Conference at the Hilton, North Raleigh.


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

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 Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
 (Sign & Date)

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


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



N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

Location: University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Cone University Center

9025 University Rd.

Charlotte, NC 28223

Room # 210

Phone: 704-687-0700

Parking – Cone Center Decks 1 and 2

December 7, 2018

DRAFT AGENDA

Opening Session	10:00am – 10:30am
Call to Order & Adopt Agenda	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Invocation	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Commission Member
Acknowledgements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metrolina Native American Association • A1 Glass & Aluminum Company, a Native American Owned Company (State Hub Certified) 	Furnie Lambert, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of September 7, 2018, Meeting Minutes	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Welcoming Remarks	Rebecca LeClaire, Chairperson, Metrolina Native American Association, Charlotte, NC
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Presentations	10:30am – 11:30am
Vital Records – Birth Certificate Documentation- Complaints from American Indians	Eleanor Howell, Director, State Center for Health Statistics (SCHS) Catherine Ryan, State Registrar & Director Office of Vital Records, NCDHHS

Pow Wow Impact Study Results	Carolyn Fryberger, Economic Development Manager NCGrowth, Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise
Executive Director Report	11:30am – Noon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director's Report 	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Reports (copies included in packet) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flower Fund Report 	Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary/Treasurer

Luncheon	Noon – 1:00pm
Special Presentation	1:00pm – 1:30pm
Committee Reports – Action Items Only	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Adhoc Indian Health	Charles Richardson, Chair
Adhoc Land Trust	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Veterans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations - Veteran Awards for 2019 Indian Unity Conference Veterans Award Program at 2019 Indian Unity Conference Sponsor for the Veteran Awards 	Sam Lambert, Chair
Cultural Resources Indian Heritage Month Celebration Planning Committee Discussion	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair Shirley Freeman, Vice-Chair
Employment & Training	W.D. Baucom, Chair Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Vice-Chair
Environmental Justice - Issues John Mintz, State Archaeologist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macon County Airport – Human Remains Atlantic Coast Pipeline - Update Mountain Valley - South Gate Pipeline - Update FEMA Update /Hurricane Assistance -Update 	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair Daniel Locklear, Vice-Chair
Indian Child Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 Indian Child Welfare Gathering – 	Marvel Welch, Chair

<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Child Welfare Court Case - Amicus Brief 	Lydia Locklear, Paralegal for State Recognition Program
<p>Indian Education-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 Appointment Recommendations for State Advisory Council on Indian Education NCAYO update and 2019 conference dates American Indian Fund Scholarship Update 	Dorothy Yates, Chair Sam Lambert, Vice-Chair
Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Vice-Chair
Legislative (2019 Legislative Agenda)	Marvel Welch, Chair
<p>Recognition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on outstanding Petitions for State Recognition Report on outstanding Letters of Intent to apply for State Recognition 	Larece Hunt, Chair
Announcements from Commission Members	(2 Minutes Only)

Adjournment	3:00pm
Future Meeting Dates & Events	Location
March 7-10, 2019 – 44 th Annual NC Indian Unity Conference	Hilton North Raleigh, NC
March 7, 2019 – Commission Meeting in conjunction with NC Indian Unity Conference	Hilton North Raleigh, NC
June 7, 2019 – Commission Meeting	TBD, Raleigh, NC