



# NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2016

*North Raleigh Hilton*  
3415 Wake Forest Road  
Raleigh NC 27609

**WELCOME:** Furnie Lambert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. with a quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff and guest.

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

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Dorothy Crowe recited the invocation prayer. Commission members and community members that are currently ill were remembered during the opening prayer.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM:** Ms. Linda Locklear, Senior Miss Lumbee, recited the National Anthem in lieu of the pledge of allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL:**

### **MEMBERS**

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Absent
Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Present
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Absent
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	Present
Guilford Native American Association	Jennifer Revels-Baxter	Present
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnett, Sr.	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Charles (Pete) Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Absent
Lumbee	Daniel Jones	Absent
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Present



## **ROLL CALL**

### *MEMBERS (Continued)*

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

## **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE**

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

## **STATE OFFICIALS**

Department of Administration, Kathryn Johnston, Secretary	Present
Designee: JudyKay Jefferson, Deputy Secretary	Present
Employment Security Commission, John E. Skvaria, III	
Designee: John Lowery	Present
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, Steven Claggett	Present
Department of Environment & Natural Resources, Donald R. van der Vaart	Absent
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Rick Brajer, Secretary	
Designee: Sherry Bradsher	Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner	Absent

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Greg Richardson, Executive Director  
David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program  
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program &  
    Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program  
Elk Richardson, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program  
Lori McClain, Program Director, Domestic Violence Crime Victim Service  
Cindi Harris, Counselor, Educational Talent Search Program  
Nancy Richardson, Temporary Assistant, Low Income Energy Program  
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary

## **OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice  
Brian Ratledge, General Counsel, NC Department of Administration  
Rhonda Todd, Legislative Liaison, NC Department of Administration

**OTHERS PRESENT:** List on file with the Commission (sign in sheet)





**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 MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes of the Commission meeting held on June 3, 2016 were presented. Commissioner Crowe noted minor adjustments on page 12 as follows: A) Social Studies section, to change “Native Indian” to “American Indian” and to include “in elementary school”. The sentence now reads as “She pointed out that the teachers are only required to teach American Indian history up to the 1850’s in elementary schools.” B) Unity Conference section: to delete “to” and insert “from” and to delete “and” and insert “to”. The sentence now reads as: “The candidates need to submit an acceptance letter from their selected college to United Tribes. The motion to approve the minutes with the above changes was made by Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead and seconded by Commissioner Sam Lambert. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL SWEARING IN CEREMONY:**

The Honorable Judge Dale Deese, District Court Judge, Robeson County District administered 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:

- Furnie Lambert, Lumbee Indian Tribe
- Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Coharie Indian Tribe
- Jeffrey Anstead, Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
- Gladys Hunt, Cumberland County Association of Indian People
- DeVane Burnette, Sr., Guilford Native American Association

The following Commission members were absent for the swearing-in ceremony:

- Shirley Freeman, Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe
- Constance B. Mitchell, Meherrin Indian Tribe
- Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Speaker of the House Appointee

**Note:** The above Commission members will be sworn into office in their local communities prior to the next Commission meeting.

**Photo session/ Recognition of new and returning members:** Commission members took group photos.

Chairman Lambert and Mr. Greg Richardson thanked Judge Dale Deese.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Chairman Lambert announced that there were two officers due for appointment/re-election as follows:

It was indicated that currently Ms. Shirley Freeman is the Vice Chair and Ms. Wanda Burns-Ramsey is the Secretary Treasurer.

Commissioner Jeffery Anstead asked if the person needed to be present during the nomination process. Chairman Lambert consulted with Mr. Teague and indicated that the person is not needed to be present





during the nomination process, as long as the person is willing to accept the decision of the Commission as done in previous times.

Commissioner Lana Dial asked a clarifying question as to the time frame of the notice of the meeting and if the agenda/cover letter indicated the nomination and election of officers. Mr. Greg Richardson noted that the meeting packets were mailed ten days prior to the meeting and that the agenda noted that election of officers would be taking place.

**Nomination of the Vice Chair:** Chairman opened the floor for the nomination process. Ms. Shirley Freeman's nomination was accepted by acclamation with a motion from Commissioner Elton Jacobs and seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Revels-Baxter. Motion carried.

**Nomination of Secretary Treasurer:** Chairman opened the floor for the nominations as follows:

The motion to nominate Ms. Wanda Burns-Ramsey for Secretary Treasurer was made by Commissioner Roy Maynor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Elton Jacobs. Motion carried.

The motion to nominate Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott for Secretary Treasurer was made by Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marvel Welch. Motion carried.

With there being no additional nominations, Chairman Lambert closed the nominations process. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Lambert asked those in favor of Ms. Wanda Burns-Ramsey being elected for the Secretary /Treasurer position to raise their hands. The total count was five (5).

Chairman Lambert asked that those in favor of Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott being elected for the Secretary/ Treasurer position to raise their hands. The total count was nine (9).

With the count being 5 to 9, Chairman Lambert announced that Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott will serve as Secretary Treasurer for the next year.

#### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF RETIRING COMMISSION MEMBER**

Ms. Sherry Bradsher, Co-Chair, Indian Child Welfare Committee Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Health and Human Services: Commissioner Marvel Welch thanked Ms. Bradsher for her dedicated service, and her perseverance on the progress and development of the Indian Child Welfare issues.

Ms. Bradsher thanked Commission members for the privilege to be part of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. She expressed that she will stay involved with the "Indian Child Welfare" issues.

Mr. Greg Richardson presented a "Proclamation of Appreciation" signed by Chairman Furnie Lambert, Ms. Marvel Welch, Co-Chair of the Indian Child Welfare Committee, and himself. He thanked Ms. Bradsher for her dedicated years of service and expertise on the issues of children in the state of North Carolina.

**Photo Session:** Commission members and State Officials took group pictures.

**INTRODUCTION:** Chairman Lambert requested everyone present at the meeting to introduce themselves. Commission members and guest introduced themselves, followed by staff introduction.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** *PRESENTATIONS*





**Remarks and Update from New Deputy Secretary:** Ms. JudyKay Jefferson, Deputy Secretary for Programs and Services, NC Department of Administration, presented the following item:

- Announced a “Road Show” tour regarding job opportunities and contracting opportunities in Charlotte, Raleigh-Durham (triangle area), Greensboro, Greenville and Wilmington areas. The launch of this tour will help: (a) Small businesses and minority businesses to create an opportunity for jobs; (b) To strengthen and grow the economy.
- Identified several agencies that will be collaborating with the Department of Administration (DOA) on the tour.
- Discussed the format of the event, which will include general information followed by the job fair.
- Requested Commission members to advocate for their communities in order to get a good turnout for the events.
- Indicated that the state of North Carolina has voted a \$2 M Bond Referendum designed to spur entrepreneurs for large and small businesses.
- Requested Commission members to contact her if they needed further information regarding the event dates and locations.
- In conclusion, Deputy Secretary Jefferson thanked the Commission and noted that she is excited about serving as the Secretary’s designee to the commission and is looking forward to working with the Commission.

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commission members asked if the tour was restricted to the above mentioned areas.
- Deputy Secretary Jefferson expressed that they were opened to other areas provided the commission members bring together one hundred or more people.
- Commission members asked other clarifying questions regarding small minority businesses.
- Deputy Secretary indicated that all types of businesses are welcome (such as suppliers, construction services, etc.)
- Mr. Greg Richardson introduced the Commission members that were from the areas scheduled on the tour (to Charlotte, Greensboro, Triangle and Wilmington areas). Mr. Richardson advised the commission that he will provide Deputy Secretary Jefferson with the contact information for the Commission members if she needs that information.

**Information on Native American Outreach Ministries:** Chairman Lambert introduced Rev. Harold Hunt as a veteran and a recipient of Purple Heart. Rev. Harold Hunt, Native American Outreach Ministries, Pastor of St. John Methodist Church, Gibson, NC, presented the item as follows:

- Rev. Hunt shared information about the North Carolina Annual Conference, Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM).
- It was noted that there are approximately 111 Native American congregations. In the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church (UMC), North Carolina has the largest Native Americans ministries established. A majority of the remainder are part of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (OIMC).
- He shared statistics on the United Methodist Church as follows: The state of North Carolina has approximately 125,000 Native American residents. Approximately 2,400 of those are United Methodist. He noted the purpose of the ministries was to give voice to Native Americans (NA).
- He stated that the United Methodist Church would like to partner with other Native American Ministries.
- In conclusion, Rev. Harold Hunt expressed the goal was to reach out to other tribes to bring unity, understanding and leadership.

A pamphlet was distributed to the Commission members.





**Report on Conference with State Recognized Tribes:** Chairman Lambert introduced Mr. Townsend as Co-Chair of the Veterans Committee and Council Member of the Lumbee Tribe. Mr. Greg Richardson noted that Mr. Townsend was the former member of the Commission of Indian Affairs (1998-1995). Mr. Larry Townsend, Regional Vice President, Southeastern, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) presented the item as follows:

- Mr. Townsend indicated that the Southeastern NCAI represent thirty-one tribes of the Southeastern region of the United States. Majority of them are non federal recognized tribes.
- He discussed the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) which consists of twelve Board members and noted that they are the legislative body for American Indians all over American which includes Alaska.
- He provided a brief overview on the organization history that NCAI was founded in 1944. It is the oldest, largest American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities. He encouraged all tribes to enroll and become members of this organization.
- He made references to the Oklahoma legislature regarding passing a bill at the General Assembly to define American Indian as only being federally recognized. Mr. Townsend indicated that the Oklahoma bill violates the civil rights of American Indians.
- He reviewed a resolution created by the federally recognized tribes that stated “federal and state government to hold the identity and dignity of the American Indian people”. He indicated that the resolution was referred to the Committee and then referred to the Executive Order to be discussed at the NCAI annual meeting scheduled October 7-14, 2016, in Phoenix, Arizona.
- He informed the Commission that the Inter-Tribal Council unanimously passed a resolution in support of Oklahoma House Bill 2261 that proposes a change in the definition of who can sell “Indian art” under the American Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act of 1974.
- Mr. Townsend read excerpts from bills and resolution during his presentation.

No handout was provided.

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commission members requested information about NCAI Caucus meetings prior to the events and not after the events. They expressed that they would like to relay the information to their tribes and organizations.
- Mr. Townsend expressed that he has made several attempts to contact people within the region and outside the region.
- Commission members indicated that going forward they would like to receive information from Mr. Townsend prior to the events.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, thanked Commission Members, State Officials and staff on behalf of his family for their support during the loss of his mom.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Budget Update:** The State appropriation is approved for FY: 2016-2017 from the NC General Assembly is \$306,317. The loss of funding for Education Talent Search Grant will result in a budget reduction.
- **Rules Review Update:** The Rules Review was initially presented during the March 10<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. An action was taken during the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting regarding the





Rules Review process. Mr. Richardson stated that the process is on track and will be submitted to the Rules Review Commission this fall. It was noted that Mr. Brian Ratledge, General Counsel, NC Department of Administration (NC DOA) will be submitting the Rules Review.

- **Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians –Presentation:** The information is listed in the handout.
  - (a) Eastern Band would like to be informed on any matters related to the recognition of another group in North Carolina related to the Eastern Band. Mr. Richardson expressed that the Commission will keep the tribe informed if the Commission receives a petition from any group requesting state recognition as a Cherokee Tribe.
  - (b) The Tribal Council needed clarification on how the members of the Commission were elected. Mr. Richardson explained the process in detail.
  - (c) In conclusion, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribal Council Members requested Mr. Richardson to report back to them every two years on the work and operation of the Commission.
- **NC Indian Youth Unity Conference:** The information is listed in the handout
- **National Youth Unity Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:** The information is listed in the handout.
- **Goodwill Community Foundation, School Supply Kits:** A total of 828 school supply kits were awarded to the American Indian Students (Coharie Indian Tribe and the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe). Details are listed in the handout.
- **Strategic Planning Grant:** This item (the economic development grant opportunities) will be presented by Ms. Carly Kennedy later on the agenda.
- **Personnel Updates:** Details are listed on the handout.
- **Staff Quarterly Reports:** The reports are enclosed in the meeting packet. It was noted that the program reports could be used as a reference guide.
- **Annual Report:** The 2015 Annual Report is completed, once finalized and approved by our Public Information Officer; it will be posted on the Commission's website.
- **Other item:** Anti Litter Campaign, a trash pick-up/clean up day was discussed for each community.
- **Upcoming Meetings and Activities:** These are listed in the handout.

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

#### **ACTION ITEM:**

**NC Indian Housing Authority, Appointment Recommendation:** It was noted that the action is required due to the resignation of Mr. Charles A. Maynor: The following choices were recommended:

1. Alton Locklear, First Priority
2. William Maiden, Second Priority

#### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commissioner Charles Richardson made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Alton Locklear as first priority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Charles Richardson made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. William Maiden as second priority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sam Lambert. Motion carried.

**Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Committee:** This item was moved forward.





Mr. Richardson announced that the Commission is scheduled to receive a new grant from the NC Department of Health & Human Services (NCDHHS) in the amount of \$60,000. He gave a brief description that the grant is to assist in recruiting foster parents, increasing the number of foster homes for children who are members of a North Carolina State-recognized tribe, and providing training for staff of county departments of social services to ensure culturally appropriate services for children who are members of a North Carolina State-recognized tribe. It was noted that the ICW Committee will work with eight tribes in the state of North Carolina. The Commission will administer the grant and not issue individual grants. The grant will require one full time employee and one-part time employee. The Commission is required to submit an action plan. In order to proceed, Mr. Richardson requested the Commission to approve the new grant funding.

No handout was provided.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commissioner Charles Richardson made a motion to accept the funding for \$60,000 from NCDHHS for an Indian Child Welfare program designed recruit and train foster care parents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead. It was noted that Ms. Sherry Bradsher recused herself from voting. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS: *CONTINUED***

#### **OTHER ITEM NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

The following was discussed:

- **PCP contamination in Haliwa-Saponi Community:** Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead expressed concerns on the impact related to the health implications due to the PCP spill. He questioned as to how the PCP spill contributed towards the environmental issues and other related health impacts to the American Indian communities (specifically related to the high rate on cancer, diabetes or other illnesses). He suggested that this item could be discussed further at the Environmental Justice Committee meeting.
- **Testing Kits to Test Water Quality:** Commissioner Marvel Welch informed the Commission that Dr. Ryan Emanuel, Assistant Professor, College of Natural Resources, NC State University, Raleigh, NC, together with his students conducted a study on water quality at the 2014 Unity Conference. They provided free testing kits to test water quality. She noted that the Environmental Justice Committee suggested a follow-up of a similar study be conducted to test the water quality.
- **2020 US Census Update:** Mr. Greg Richardson gave a brief update on the 2020 US Tribal Consultation meeting held at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel on September 1, 2016. He noted that the event was successful and well attended. He expressed that people from all over the United States attended this event and that the majority of the people were American Indians. A copy of the publication/ pictures will be shared with the Commission when received from the Census Committee.

#### **STAFF UPDATES**

**Commission Grant Updates:** Ms. Carly Kennedy, Grant Writer, NC Department of Administration, presented the following:





- **Education Talent Search (ETS) Grant:** Ms. Kennedy identified possible reasons why the ETS grant was not awarded. Possible reasons include statistics on the American Indian student population in NC to other student populations as follows:
  - Retention rank from 74%-84% across target counties.
  - Reading and math rankings in two of the five counties were higher than the state average and were also higher than white student counterparts.
  - Course achievements were higher in math and biology in three of the five counties.
  - English scores were higher in two of the five counties, and in some cases the gap was greater than 10 points.
  - Final analysis showed the statistics available, shows that the gap that previously existed among the American Indian students has decreased. In some cases, students have higher scores and higher achievements than their counter part students.
  - Ms. Kennedy noted that these were some of the reasons the grant funding may not have been awarded for the new cycle. She expressed that the current grant project seems to have accomplished its goals. She indicated that the greatest need is post secondary education. Studies show students are graduating from high school at a higher rate, but are not going to college at an increasing rate over previous years.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commission members requested clarification on the Education Talent Search (ETS) Program.
- Mr. Greg Richardson indicated that the ETS program cycle was due for renewal and a new grant had to be submitted this year. He expressed that the competition for the grant was extremely competitive and that the existing grant ended on August 31, 2016. However, he has received a no cost grant extension from September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 from the US Department of Education which allows him to retain some limited staff to work on closing out the program effective December 31, 2016.

#### *Continuation of Ms. Kennedy's Presentation:*

- **Moving forward – Post Secondary Education:** Ms. Kennedy indicated that the Upward Bound Grant is to encourage and prepare students for post-secondary education at a university or community college or for technical training. She indicated that the notice has been written and posted for public review. She has reviewed and made comments regarding the application. The review process closes on September 16, 2016. The final application will be published at the end of 2016 or beginning of 2017. She expressed that this program will fit the needs of the American Indian community and the mission of the Commission of Indian Affairs. The student range for this grant is from ages 14-24 years.
- **Other Grants:** Ms. Kennedy shared information on the recent renewal of the WIOA Program and the Indian Child Welfare Act (WCWA) project. Due date to receive response for the ICWA grant is September 30, 2016. A sub-grant from the Council for Women's FVPSA grant is to assist victims of domestic violence. A renewal grant has been submitted and awarded for \$35,000 (which was increased from \$20,000 in 2015-2016).

No handout was provided.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commissioner Jennifer Revels-Baxter asked whether these grant would open up opportunity to all of the tribal and urban communities.
- Ms. Kennedy responded that the program will look at partnerships with Universities and Community Colleges. She also noted that the program could look at rural communities and





expressed dual enrollment could also be a possibility and that the state of North Carolina does allow dual enrollment.

- Ms. Kennedy informed the Commission that the grant application would be through the NC Department of Administration, similar to the grant application of the Education Talent Search (ETS) Program.
- Ms. Kennedy noted that any grant the Commission applies and implements, the tribes and organizations is kept informed of the project or consulted with. She reiterated that the final project would only apply to the tribes and organizations that would like to participate (similar to the ETS program).

*Chairman Lambert announced a short recess for lunch. Chairman Lambert requested Rev. Harold Hunt to bless the food for the Commission.*

*Lunch break, meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m. (working lunch).*

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEWS:**

**Educational Talent Search:** This item was covered by Mr. Richardson and Ms. Kennedy prior to lunch break.

**Section 8 Housing Assistance & Commission Housing Plans – 2017 & Beyond:** These items were moved forward. Mr. David Grigsby, Program Manager presented these items as follows:

- Section 8 Housing Assistance Program covers Columbus, Granville, Halifax, Person, Sampson and Warren counties. It was noted that the total spending in the last fiscal year was \$4.3M, out of this amount, \$3.9M was in subsidies that went out to landlords and utility companies. Section 8 Housing program has a total of 875 families.
- Application form is posted around April 15 of each year. Applications are due in May. The waiting list is two months or up to two years. In order to determine if applicants are eligible for the program, applicants are requested to provide income information, copies of birth certificates, social security cards, etc.
- Eligible applicants get a voucher for units they wish to rent.
- Units are inspected to verify if they meet the housing quality standards. The units are inspected on an annual basis. The contract is issued by the Raleigh staff and is submitted to the landlord for signature. Section 8 payments are issued after the contract is signed.
- Recertification's are conducted on an annual basis.
- Section 8 Housing Program currently has three inspectors that visit the field offices. Three staff members in the Raleigh office that processes the paperwork. The job posting for the Processing Assistant position in the Raleigh office is scheduled to be posted.
- Mr. Grigsby shared the positive feedback on the program as follows: The program is successful due to the comments received from the internal and external audits. The state auditors submit the spending expenditures to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Programs. The program also has to receive an annual certification through the Section 8 Housing Assessment Program. The program is currently at its highest performance.
- In order to deter landlords from collecting payments, if the tenant has passed away, the program does an audit of tenants on a monthly basis.





- Mr. Grigsby noted that the utilization is at its highest performance rate. He indicated that if the performance rate is high, the funding for the next year's budget is allocated on the highest utilization rate. This enables the program to serve the highest level of tenants.

No handout was provided.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Chairman Lambert asked how long it takes from the "application stage" to the "move in" stage.
- Mr. Grigsby noted the process is on a first come first served basis. Due to the blocked grant, the program has to certify few tenants at a time. Tenants have to leave the program in order to accommodate new tenants. He pointed out that the quarterly reports indicate the programs operation.
- Mr. Richardson informed the Commission that this is a large program which generates a lot of revenue. He indicated that in Sampson County alone \$100,000 in housing payments are paid out each year.

#### SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FUTURE PLANS

Mr. David Grigsby continued his presentation on future plans as follows:

- **Homelessness Project:** Ms. Savannah Baber, Intern from Wake Forest University, worked on the homeless project this summer for the Commission. It was noted that the tribes and organization need to connect with the Regional Continual Care to request assistance. Mr. Grigsby informed the Commission that statistics for homelessness from Guilford, Cumberland, Mecklenburg Counties were good. The statistics for homelessness from Halifax, Columbus, Sampson Counties were not good.
- **U-Care:** Mr. Steven Maynor has identified an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence in Sampson County. This is an emergency shelter; it has a 45-day limit. Section 8 Housing program has collaborated with the domestic violence program and are looking into a transitional housing program for women and families after they run past U-Care limit. The program has contacted the State Employees Credit Union's charitable foundation for a grant to fund such transitional housing in Clinton. It was noted that the Section 8 Housing Program has contacted Community Colleges that already have a house building program to build houses for the shelter. He expressed that the cost will be reduced due to no labor charges. He added that Lowes building supply will sell supplies at cost.
- **Veterans Assisted Supported Housing (VASH) Program:** It is a program for homeless veterans that need supportive assistance (mental health, rehabilitation for disability, substance abuse, etc.). There are hundred counties in NC, only thirteen counties have the VASH program. The Section 8 Housing Program is applying for VASH vouchers for Granville and Person Counties. The deadline is next Friday; the application process is simple. Mr. Grigsby indicated that Granville and Person counties have no resources. He expressed that Hoke, Sampson and Columbus Counties will be next. He is looking forward to receiving this grant.
- **Rapid ReHousing Grants:** Mr. Grigsby indicated that he would be applying for this grant. The grant is for people who cannot afford to pay their rent on a short term basis due to sudden illness, etc. This program is listed under the NC Coalition to End Homelessness. The website address is: [www.nceeh.org](http://www.nceeh.org)
- **Program 101:** This program is part of USDA rural development that subsidizes the building with rental units. Mr. Grigsby announced that he is looking for a candidate who is a Junior or Senior





student, majoring in City Planning or Business and is from the triangle area, who can research this program as a work study student and get a college credit. He requested Commission members to inform their community/ tribal members.

No handout was provided.

**Economic Development Program & Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS)**

**Community Development: Low Income Energy Program (LIEAP):** Ms. Kimberly Hammonds, Program Manager presented this item. The following was discussed:

- **Economic Development Program:** The Economic Development Program provides information and referral services to the state recognized tribes and organizations, American Indian citizens and organizations interested in economic development enterprises and business start-up or expansion.
- **Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS) Program:** The SUNS program is a college educational access retention program sponsored by the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, Economic Development Program.
- **Funding Details:** Ms. Hammonds informed the Commission that the Federal funding is provided by NCDHHS/ Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). This year Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program has received funding in the amount of \$50,905 (FY 2016-2017).
- **Changes:** It was noted that the SUNS program will end as of June 30, 2017. OEO has proposed changes to the NC Administrative Code that would eliminate this direct funding.
- **Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP):** This program is funded through the Department of Health and Human Services. The program provides education and outreach to designated American Indian Communities. Counties served are: Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Halifax, Harnett, Sampson and Warren. The LIEAP Program Director has taken up another position with the Section 8 Housing Program. It was noted that Ms. Hammonds will oversee the program until the position is filled. She indicated that there are three additional temporary staff members in this program which includes two outreach workers and an Administrative Assistant.

A program overview is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

**American Indian Workforce Development:** Mr. Elk Richardson, Program Manager presented an overview of the Commission's American Indian Workforce Development Program. The following was discussed:

- The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) became effective in July 1, 2015, replacing workforce development programs authorized under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). The Native American Programs are authorized as national "set-aside" programs under Section 166 of the Act. There were five other Indian & Native American set-aside programs in the State. They are administered by: Cumberland County Association for Indian People; Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Guilford Native American Association; Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe; and Lumbee Regional Development Association. The total funding set aside in North Carolina is approximately \$1.3M.
- It was noted that the Commission grant as of July 1, 2016, is \$262,270. He indicated that the grant application has been submitted for this year and noted that the process has been changed per US Department of Labor (every applicant must submit through Grants.Gov).





- The Commission of Indian Affairs WIOA assistance program is provided through WIOA field offices located within the Indian communities. The program provides classroom training assistance to Indian students in two-year community college programs. (i.e.: Certificate programs, Diploma programs up to Associate College Degree programs).
- Students work with Commission staff and academic counselors at each community college or staff at the career development program. The courses are geared to job opportunities in their respective areas. Services are provided in conjunction with the NCWorks Career Center offices in our service areas. The WIOA field offices work in collaboration with the NCWorks Career Center.
- As a state agency administering a workforce development program, the Department of Administration has a seat on the NCWorks Commission, which is the state's workforce development board. Mr. Elk Richardson serves as Secretary Johnston's designee on the NCWorks Commission.
- Mr. Elk Richardson suggested communities and tribal councils to get involved with their local County Commission/ local Government. These entities appoint members to the local workforce development boards in the tribal areas, who in turn administer local funding of the state's workforce development system.
- WIOA program eligibility process for students is as follows: The student (a) must be American Indian; (b) must be verifiable by tribal local card; (c) must be members of state and federal recognized tribe.
- Mr. Richardson emphasized that veterans have priority in Workforce Development Program, whether state administered program or the Indian and Native American program.
- Eligible students are qualified for tuition and books up to \$1,500 per semester. If the costs exceed the limit, the program assesses the individual's situation and academic status to determine if the additional expenditures are necessary, justifiable, and allowable.
- In addition to the fees, the program provides an attendance incentive, to encourage classroom attendance and program completion by our students. The ultimate goal of the Workforce Development program is to get students to complete their occupational or educational program, obtain their degree/certificate or other credential, and be competitive in the global workforce.
- A one-time bonus of \$400 is provided to students who obtain an associate degree.
- The WIOA program also has subsidized work experience component that operates in or near our tribal communities. The subsidized positions (sometimes lasting up to six-months) are with tribal daycare, tribal administration and local municipalities in or near tribal communities.
- WIOA program also provides resume assistance and job search assistance. The goal is to improve academic and literacy skills among the Indian population, increase American Indian workers' ability to be competitive in the workforce, thus helping them to achieve personal and economic self-sufficiency, and to promote social and economic development in NC Indian communities.

No handout was provided.

**Domestic Violence Crime Victim Service:** Ms. Lori McClain, Program Manager, presented this item. The following was discussed:

- The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault (DV/SA) Program is funded through the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) through the Governor's Crime Commission and the Family Violence Prevention and Service Act (FVPSA) through the NC Council for Women.





- Ms. McClain noted that \$13,000 was reverted to NC Council for Women (NCCFW) due to the program late start and due to the state legislation late approval of her position and funding (back in 2015). She informed that the NCCFW will use the funds for other programs.
- Ms. McClain indicated that her program has requested \$35,000 for the upcoming year and is confident that the request will be granted. A total of five tribes are involved with this grant. The grant amount will help support the cost for personal advocates for the tribes. The advocates get certified through the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV). Trainings are limited to two members per tribe at any given time.
- The program works closely with domestic violence agencies in the counties where the tribes are located. It was noted that the Coharie tribe works closely with the domestic violence providers. They have identified a need for transitional housing in the area. The victims usually have no where to go after the 45 days in the shelter, they usually return back to their abuser.
- Ms. McClain pointed out that the service provider has to provide services to men. Some of the shelters do not have the capability to provide services to men. A transitional house could be the answer to the solution.
- The program works with other shelters and agencies such as Family First in Columbus County and the agency in Halifax County.
- The program has also conducted successful law enforcement training at the Waccamaw-Siouan tribe. The program has partnered with the Pitt County Sheriff's Office. The Pitt County Deputy conducts these trainings/ workshops at the tribal center.
- The training for Hollister is scheduled on September 28, 2016.
- The program is planning to schedule a conference for the youth on violence prevention (dating violence and sexual violence prevention).

No handout was provided.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Commission members asked if the training was open to the tribes other than the five that were approved.
- Ms. McClain responded that the program is specifically targeted to the five tribes that were approved for the funding. The program is trying to build a good rapport between service providers, law enforcement and the providers in those communities. She noted that the program does have a good rapport with the Interact Services in Raleigh.
- The Youth Conference is open to all the tribes and the entire American Indian community.
- Ms. McClain indicated that Commission members contact her if they were interested in attending the training in their community.
- Commission members asked if the program needed additional support from the Commission.
- Ms. McClain indicated that the NCCFW wanted their agencies to be involved with the program and to know more about the American Indian culture and the plight of American Indians in the state. She expressed that Greenville-Pitt County was very receptive but other states were difficult to approach.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** Chairman Furnie Lambert discussed the Committee Appointments (Chairs and Committees). The handout was provided. Mr. Greg Richardson stated that in previous years, when the new Commission member is sworn in, the new Commission member goes on the Committee





that the former Commission member has served. He indicated if a Commission member wants to change to another Committee can do so at this point. The following was discussed:

- **Executive Committee:** No changes
- **Audit/Budget Committee:** This was deleted at the September 4, 2015 meeting. It was noted that this is conducted by State Auditors.
- **American Indian Cultural Resources Committee:** Jeffrey Anstead remains as Chair; add Devane Burnett; delete Jennifer-Revels Baxter.
- **American Indian Housing Committee:** Elton Ray Jacobs remains as Chair; Isabelle Freeman Elliott remains as Vice Chair; add Charles Richardson.
- **American Indian Employment and Training Committee:** W D Baucom remains as Chair; add John Lowery, and delete Marvel Welch.
- **American Indian Education Committee:** Dorothy Crowe remains as Chair, Sam Lambert remains as Vice Chair, add Jennifer Revels-Baxter.
- **Adhoc American Indian Health and Human Services Committee:** Commissioner Charles Richardson made a motion to dissolve the Committee with a request for an update from Dr. Bell from time to time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Locklear. Commissioner Charles Richardson withdrew his motion to dissolve the Committee. Marvel Welch requested to be removed as Chair of the Committee. Charles Richardson agreed as Chair.
- **American Indian Legislative Committee:** Roy Maynor agreed to remain as Chair, Jeffrey Anstead agreed as Vice Chair. It was noted that Chair Furnie Lambert would not serve on the Legislative Committee.
- **Adhoc American Indian Land Trust Committee:** Chairman Furnie Lambert agreed to stay as Chair; include Lenora Locklear as new member.
- **American Indian Veterans Committee:** Delete Furnie Lambert as Chair of the Committee; Include Sam Lambert as Chair; delete Sharn Jefferies as Vice Chair; add Daniel Jones as Vice Chair; keep Sharn Jefferies as member; keep Furnie Lambert as member; include new members as follows: Daniel Locklear and Charles Richardson.
- **State Recognition Committee:** Keep Larece Hunt as Chair; Shirley Freeman as Vice Chair. Mr. Greg Richardson suggested that all the members on this Committee should stay since the Tuscarora petition work is not completed. Major changes in the Committee would hinder the continued progress.  
Ms. Jennifer Revels-Baxter requested to include her name on the Committee. It was noted that two people from Guilford Native could not serve on this Committee. After a lengthy discussion, it was suggested that by-laws need to be reviewed and updated. It was noted that the by-laws specified that the Recognition Committee consists of only one member from each tribal organization. Mr. Greg Richardson made a reference that the by-laws mirror the statutes. Mr. Teague indicated that it was up to the Chair of the Commission to come up with the protocol. By consensus, it was discussed that staff would review the by-laws and present to the Commission at a later date.
- **American Indian Child Welfare Committee:** Delete Sherry Bradsher and add Jack Rogers as Co-Chair; add Isabel Freeman Elliott; delete Patrick Betancourt, Adhoc and add Arletta Lambert, Adhoc.
- **Environmental Justice Committee:** Delete Daniel Locklear as Chair; Add Jeffery Anstead as Chair and Daniel Locklear as Vice Chair.





The recommended changes to the “Committee Appointments” were unanimously approved.

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

**OTHER ITEM NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:**

**Proclamation on Indigenous People Day:** Chairman Lambert discussed the Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation and noted that he will follow-up with the Governor’s office, because the Proclamation has not been released.

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

**Adhoc Indian Health Committee:** Mr. Greg Richardson indicated that he would contact Dr. Ronnie Bell and request that he provide an update on American Indian Health at the December 2016 meeting.

**Adhoc Land Trust & Veterans Committee:** Chairman Lambert made reference to the land trust paperwork that was submitted to the Lumbee Tribe in December 2014. Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead requested a copy of the document. Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney for Department of Justice agreed to send a copy of the document to Mr. Greg Richardson and he could then forward it to Commissioner Anstead.

A proclamation in Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War, signed by President Obama was distributed. The handout is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

**Culture Resources Committee:** No report was noted.

**Employment & Training:** No report was noted.

**Indian Child Welfare:** Commissioner Marvel Welch announced the Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Gathering is on November 3, 2016. Registration details are listed on the United Tribes website. The ICW Gathering flyer was included in the packet.

**Indian Education Committee:** Commissioner Dorothy Crowe presented this item as follows:

- **SACIE Update:** Ms. Crowe referred to the handout on “the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) 2016-2017 appointment list” and indicated that this item will be recommended as an action item during the December 2016 meeting. The applications for positions on SACIE need to be mailed to the NC Commission of Indian Affairs by November 1, 2016. The Education Committee will make a recommendation as an action item at the December meeting. The handout of the member list was distributed (included five parents and five educators and other details).
- Applications are listed on the SACIE website: [www.dpi.state.nc.us/americanindianed/advisory/](http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/americanindianed/advisory/)
- For application on the educator position, the candidate must obtain a signature from the supervisor (Central Service Staff or Superintendent).
- For other applications, they need to be signed by the tribal representatives/ Chief from their respective tribes.

The SACIE handout (page 1 & 2) is attached and is an official part of the minutes.





**NC American Indian Fund:** Ms. Sarah Battersby, Scholarships and Donor Services Officer, Triangle Community Foundation presented this item. A handout was provided. She provided a brief overview as follows:

- Ms. Battersby expressed that the Triangle Community Foundation was pleased to partner with the Commission of Indian Affairs. The NC American Indian Fund scholarship was started in 2013. It is funded through the American Indian license plate sales.
- The criteria for students to enroll for the scholarship fund, is that they must be from the state and federally recognized tribe. A copy of the enrollment card is requested for verification.
- Students must demonstrate sustained involvement in the American Indian community, and commitment to American Indian concerns and initiatives.
- They must have family residency in the state, be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a post secondary education institution (2 year or 4 year) full time in the state of North Carolina.
- They must have a GPA of at least 2.0.
- Applications are open to students at any college (public, private, or technical) in the state of North Carolina but not for profit schools and online only institutions.
- Scholarship recipients are selected by the Committee of American Indian Community Members. Scholarship recipients are selected (a) Based on their commitment and plans to give back to the American Indian community. (b) Involvement in extra curricular and volunteer in community activities. (c) Demonstrate financial need, academic merit and performance. She informed that the selection process is competitive.
- This year they were able to award a \$1,000 scholarship to all of the 25 applicants. They can reapply each year for another year of funding. It is open to any college student at any point in their college career.
- Ms. Battersby concluded that in the past four years, the scholarship has awarded \$129,000, a total of 69 scholarships, to 62 individual students. The 2017 enrollment is scheduled to open in January 2017. Applications are available online and due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The completed applications are reviewed by the Committee (mid May to late June) of each year.
- Ms. Battersby acknowledged Chief Ogletree Richardson as one of the Committee Members in the past. She thanked her for her dedicated years of service on the Committee.
- Ms. Battersby read two thank you notes from recipients (Christian Strickland from UNC Pembroke and Matthew Strickland from St. Andrew's University).

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

- Mr. Greg Richardson requested Ms. Battersby to explain the process of selecting Committee Members for the American Indian Scholarship Fund.
- Ms. Battersby noted that the same members have been serving for many years and that there was no term limit. She indicated that one or two members have resigned from the Committee. The Committee has contacted the Education Committee and Ms. Dorothy Crowe has agreed to serve in the near future. Mr. Furnie Lambert has expressed an interest as well.

**FLOWER FUND REPORT:** This item was not discussed and no report was presented during the meeting, noting the fund balance.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES AND EVENTS:** 2016-2017 Meetings were listed on the agenda.

**OTHER ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:** The items were discussed as follows:

**A. Review and Update on By-Laws:**





- Mr. Mark Teague informed the Commission that the By-Laws need to be amended as to what the current standing Committees are. The last By-Law was ratified in March 1987 and the last amendment was December 1, 2006. He noted that in the past few years there have been a few changes to the Committee structure. He suggested that in the future meeting, the Commission inform the standing Committees to amend the By-Laws. He read an excerpt from the By-Laws as follows: “Other standing and special Committees may be established by the Commission from time to time.”
- Chairman Lambert asked if the revision of the By-Laws were done during the Commission meeting. Mr. Greg Richardson noted that the practice in the past was staff together with Mr. Teague would review, make changes and then submit the changes as recommendations to the full commission. For review and adoption.
- Mr. Richardson discussed a brief history on how and why the Commission developed the process of establishing the By-Laws. It was noted that the Commission operates on statutes and that the Commission was not a non-profit organization. The consensus at that time was that the By-Laws would give some guidance in making decision during any dispute, etc.
- Mr. Richardson reiterated the process in previous years was as follows: The staff would review and would bring its recommendation to the Commission for review or further discuss. He indicated that this process of review enables the Commission to then formally adopt By-Laws.
- It was noted that the decision to continue using the By-Laws was made several years ago. The By-Laws detail the process and terms as to how business of the commission is to be conducted. Mr. Richardson informed the Commission that concerns of conflict between the By-Laws and General Statutes were expressed several years ago. He and Mr. Teague confirmed that the General Statutes and the Administration Code would prevail over the By-Laws.
- Commission members requested a copy of the current By-Laws for review.

**B. The Atlantic Coastal Pipeline:** Commissioner Charles Richardson presented this item. The harmful effects of the pipeline, environmental impact, the pros and cons were discussed. A handout was presented.

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

**C. National Indian & Native American Employment & Training Conference (NINAETC) in Reno, Nevada:** Mr. Elk Richardson reported that he attended the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual NINAETC, and noted that he is a representative on the USDOL Native American Employment and Training Council which also met during the conference. He gave a brief update as follows: During the NINAETC conference, a resolution was passed by conference attendants to stand in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation in their opposition to the Dakota Access Pipe Line (DAPL). The resolution passed by the national conference was then presented to the Native American Employment Training Council (NAETC). The Council was requested by NINAETC to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation to communicate their support to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and to ask constituent tribes to also take action as well. He concluded that the Council’s is concerned with issues of economic development in or near reservations and tribal communities, but is also concerned with the long-term health risks to the local workforce, and other potential environmental issues raised by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation. Copies of these resolutions and associated information was emailed to Commission members prior to the meeting. It was noted that several other resolutions were passed during the conference.





No handout was provided.

**D. Natural Gas Pipeline:** Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead discussed concerns of the natural gas pipeline. No handout was provided.

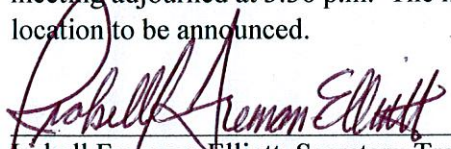
**E. 2020 Census Tribal Consultation Meeting:** Mr. Greg Richardson shared the following information. It was noted that the 2020 Census form has a self identification line item (a check mark if one was enrolled in a tribe or not) and one could identify the name of the tribe. Some tribes disputed the check mark (regarding data on enrollment as part of public information). The National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) has adopted a resolution opposing the Census Bureau collecting any data in the 2020 Census relating to the enrollment information. It was noted that tribal cards are issued by each tribe. Mr. Richardson concluded that members could determine if they wanted such information on the form. It was expressed that the Commission should consider joining the NCAI resolution proposal that the Census Bureau should not collect any data on tribal enrollment.

Other clarifying questions were asked to the Census Bureau regarding tribes seeking recognition. After lengthy discussion, two options were suggested: (1) The item is brought back to the Commission at the December 2016 meeting. (2) If the Commission chooses to support the NCAI's resolution it should be done prior to the 2016 NCAI Conference, scheduled October 9-14, 2016, Phoenix, AZ, so that it could be announced.

Due to the holiday weekend, some Commission members left early. The Commission did not have a quorum to vote. Mr. Greg Richardson suggested that a conference call could be scheduled to approve the decision to support the NCAI resolution proposal opposing the Census Bureau from collecting the tribal enrollment data.

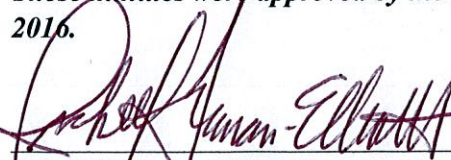
**ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Charles Richardson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeffrey Anstead. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2016, location to be announced.

  
Isabell Freeman-Elliott, 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 2, 2016.*

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



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**North Raleigh Hilton**

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September 2, 2016

**DRAFT AGENDA**

<b>Opening Session</b>	<b>10:00 am – 11:15 am</b>
Welcome, Call to Order & Adopt Agenda	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
Invocation	Dorothy Crowe, Commission Member
National Anthem	Linda Locklear McCall, Senior Miss Lumbee
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Reading of Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Review and Approval of June 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
<b>Swearing in Ceremony – New and Returning Members</b>	
<b>Introduction of New and Returning Members</b>	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
<b>Tribal Representatives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Furnie Lambert, Lumbee Indian Tribe</i></li><li>• <i>*Shirley Freeman, Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe</i></li><li>• <i>Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Coharie Tribe</i></li><li>• <i>Jeffrey Anstead, Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe</i></li><li>• <i>*Constance B. Mitchell, Meherrin Indian Tribe</i></li></ul> <i>*Members not in attendance</i>	The Honorable Dale Deese, District Court Judge, Robeson County District
<b>Urban Indian Organizations Representatives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Gladys Hunt, Cumberland County Association of Indian People</i></li><li>• <i>DeVane Burnette, Sr., Guilford Native American Association</i></li></ul>	
<b>State Official – Appointed by General Assembly:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Speaker of the House Appointee</i></li></ul>	
<b>Nomination and Election of Officers</b>	Furnie Lambert, Chairman
<b>Election of Officers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Vice-Chair</i></li><li>• <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i></li></ul>	
<b>Special Recognition of Retiring Commission Member</b> Sherry Bradsher, Co-Chair, Indian Child Welfare Committee	Marvel Welch, Co-Chair Indian Child Welfare Committee



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Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Health and Human Services	
<b>Presentations</b>	
<b>Remarks and Update from New Deputy Secretary</b>	<b>JudyKay Jefferson, Deputy Secretary for Programs and Services, NC Department of Administration</b>
<b>Information on Native American Outreach Ministries</b>	Rev. Harold Hunt, Native American Outreach Ministries, Pastor of St. John Methodist Church, Gibson, NC
<b>Report on Conference with State Recognized Tribes</b>	Mr. Larry Townsend, Regional Vice President, Southeastern, National Congress of American Indians
<b>Staff Updates</b>	<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>
Executive Director's Report NC Indian Housing Authority, Appointment Recommendation – Action is due to Resignation of Charles A. Maynor: 1. Alton Locklear, First Priority 2. William Maiden, Second Priority	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Quarterly Program Reports (copies included in packet) Commission Grant Updates Program Overviews: (3-5- Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational Talent Search</li> <li>• Economic Development Program &amp; Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Community Development: Low Income Energy</li> <li>• American Indian Workforce Development</li> <li>• Section 8 Housing Assistance</li> <li>• Domestic Violence Crime Victim Service</li> </ul>	Program Directors Carly Kennedy, Grant Writer, NCDOA  Greg Richardson, Executive Director  Kimberly Hammonds, Program Manager  Elk Richardson, Program Manager David Grigsby, Program Manager Lori McClain, Program Manager
<b>Luncheon</b>	<b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Special Presentations</b>	
Commissions Housing Plans – 2017 & Beyond	David Grigsby, Director – Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
<b>Discussion of Committee Appointments (Chairs &amp; Committee)</b>	<b>Furnie Lambert, Chairman</b>
<b>Committee Reports (Report Action Item Only)</b>	<b>2:00 pm – 2:45 pm</b>
Adhoc Indian Health	
Adhoc Land Trust & Veterans	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Culture Resources	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair



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Employment & Training	W.D. Baucom, Chair
Environmental Justice	Daniel Locklear, Chair
Indian Child Welfare	Marvel Welch, Sherry Bradsher, Jack Rogers - Co-Chairs
Indian Education	Dorothy Crowe, Chair
Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair
Legislative	Roy Maynor, Chair
Recognition	Larece Hunt, Chair
<b>Flower Fund Report</b>	<b>Wanda Burns-Ramsey</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
<i>2016 – 2017 Meeting Dates &amp; Events</i> <b>December 2, 2016</b> - Commission Meeting <b>March 9-11, 2017</b> – 42 <sup>nd</sup> Annual NC Indian Unity Conference	<i>Location</i> To Be Announced Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel, Charlotte, NC