



NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES December 06, 2024

In Collaboration with NCDOT/ Amtrack
Raleigh Union Station, 510 West Martin Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

WELCOME: Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. The Chair welcomed and acknowledged the guests, Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, and staff.

ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA: The agenda was presented. Commissioner Sunshine Richardson motioned to adopt the agenda, which Commissioner Alfred Richardson seconded. The agenda was approved with no objection, and the motion carried.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Nadine Patrick remembered members of the community who passed away since the last meeting. A moment of silence was observed, and Commissioner Patrick presented the invocation.

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

ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA: The agenda was presented and adopted during the roll call.

ROLL CALL:

TRIBAL AND ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Present
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Present via Teams
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Helen Cook	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Absent
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Vacant	
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Jarrett Crowe	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	Shelia Epps Wilson	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnette, Sr.	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Alfred Richardson	Present
Haliwa Saponi	P. Sunshine Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present
Lumbee	Ricky Burnett	Present
Lumbee	Vernanda Oxendine	Present
Meherrin	Constance Mitchell	Absent
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D. Baucom	Present



ROLL CALL *(Continued)*

Metrolina Native American Association	Greg Bryant	Present
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Tony Hayes	Present via Teams
Sappony	Dorothy Yates	Absent
Triangle Native American Society	Danny Bell	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Nadine F. Patrick	Present

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Gerald Goolsby	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee	Craig D. McMillian	Present
Department of Administration (DOA), Pamela Brewington Cashwell, Secretary		Present
Designee: David Elliott, Deputy Secretary		
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Machele Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Betty Marrow-Taylor, Chief Diversity Equity Inclusion Officer		Present
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Elizabeth Biser, Secretary		
Designee: Sharon Martin, Deputy Secretary		Present
Department of Health & Human Services, Kody H. Kinsley, Secretary		
Designee: Debra Farrington, Deputy Secretary Health Equity		Absent
Department of Labor, Kevin O'Barr, Commissioner		
Designee: Vacant		Absent
Department of Cultural Resources, Chris Southerly, Advisor,		
Adhoc- Non-Voting Member		Present
Designee: Rosie Blewitt, Assistant State Archaeologist and Site Registrar		

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice	Present
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YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO	Kaylee Evans (Co-Chair) - Non-Voting Member	Absent
	Vacant (Co-Chair) – Non-Voting Member	Absent
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The Chair declared that a quorum existed; therefore, the meeting could proceed with the agenda being approved.

STAFF PRESENT

Gregory Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Candace Lowry, Deputy Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary to the Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS) Program
Pamela (Shena) Brewington, Program Director, Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)
Maria Richardson, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program
Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, Program Director, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program
Alice Bell McMillian, Crime Victim Advocate, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program



Sarah McNeese, Program Coordinator, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program
Laury Chavis, Program Director, Tobacco Survey Program
Ashley Patrick, Program Coordinator, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program
Dorian Richardson, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program
Brittany Bullard, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program
Tristan Ely, Program Coordinator, Business and Home Ownership Project, USDA

OTHERS PRESENT: A list is on file with the Commission.

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

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, MEETING MINUTES: The September 12, 2024, meeting minutes were presented for adoption.

MOTION: Commissioner Craig McMillian moved to approve September 12, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Larece Hunt seconded the motion. The Chair asked if there was any objection to the motion. None was noted. The motion was approved.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

NCDOT/Amtrack Overview of Resources, Programs Available:

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NCDOT/Amtrack Overview of Resources, Programs Available: Ms. Ebony Pittman, Deputy Secretary for Business Administration; Ms. Tonya Smith, Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Mr. Troy J. Creasy, Branch Manager of Design and Construction NCDOT Rail Division, and Mr. Casey E. Felder, Branch Manager of Operations and Facilities NCDOT, Rail Division, presented a DOT/Amtrack Overview of Resources and Programs available. The following was presented:

- Ms. Tonya Smith, Director of the Office of Civil Rights, expressed greetings on behalf of Secretary Joey Hopkins and Deputy Secretary Ebony Pittman, welcomed everyone, and shared a brief overview of the Office of Civil Rights program. Ms. Smith noted that her work with the Commission is a joint effort between the NCDOT/Rail and the Office of Civil Rights. She indicated that NCDOT/Rail is having business outreach using the rail system and ferry at ports. She noted that the Division of Aviation also uses Drones and Planes in their work and that the NCDOT has the second-largest Port Authority in the nation.
- Mr. Troy Creasy, Branch Manager of Design and Construction NCDOT Rail Division, provided a brief overview of his work. He noted that the purpose of the Rail Program was to build a rail route from Raleigh to Richmond and make improvements to other routes across the state.
- Mr. Creasy expressed appreciation to the Commission of Indian Affairs and its Members for holding the meeting with NCDOT/Rail and that this is a historic event for his office. He noted that NCDOT took the tribal map and combined it with the railroad map to illustrate where rail routes are in the state.
- Mr. Casey Felder, Branch Manager of Operations and Facilities, presented the DOT Operations and Facilities overview. He noted that in the future NCDOT is working towards having meeting spaces at every stop for business meetings. He said that NCDOT Facilities and Operations partner with Amtrack, the cities, the state, the counties, and the different organizations that like to host



events. NCDOT is renovating and upgrading its train cars and facilities to suit business meetings and activities better.

- Ms. Aileen Flowers, NCDOT Safe Program Coordinator, briefly presented the safety standards of the train operating system. No handout was submitted.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Greg Richardson, Executive Director, thanked the NCDOT Executive team for their presentations. He noted that there are a lot of opportunities for the commission to utilize the NCDOT Rail facilities as a mode of transportation to meetings and other events and activities.

NC Commission of Indian Affairs/USDA Housing Program: Pamela Sunshine Richardson, Tribal Liaison for USDA and a Commission Member, presented the following information.

- **New USDA Housing Project:** The USDA and NC Commission of Indian Affairs will serve the tribal communities. Ms. Sunshine Richardson spoke about the collaborative agreement between the NC Commission of Indian Affairs and USDA Rural Development to increase homeownership opportunities for American Indians in the state.
- **Agreement:** The agreement is a partnership designed to strengthen the resources and opportunities for home ownership for tribal and urban communities throughout the state.
- **Coverage:** This one-year partnership started in September 2024 and will expire in September 2025. The program will focus on key priorities such as expanding access to funding for infrastructure, housing, and economic development and supporting educational and training opportunities for tribal members.
- **Navigate and Access USDA Programs:** The USDA Program will promote sustainable projects that are tailored to the unique needs of each tribal and urban community.
- **Partnership:** The partnership will include North Carolina tribes (state and federally recognized tribes and urban Indian organizations). This program will engage directly with tribal leadership, tribal members, and tribal communities.
- **Next Steps:** Ms. Richardson noted that starting mid-January, some of the program staff, along with USDA staff, will meet with tribal members in the communities, schedule meetings, and conduct training sessions. The initial meeting sessions will be hosted at the Commission of Indian Affairs. The training sessions will empower people from within the community.
- **Staff Introduction:** Ms. Richardson introduced Ms. Tristan Ely, Program Coordinator for Tribal Business and Home Ownership Development Project, USDA. It was noted that Ms. Tristan Ely will be the contact person for this project and will aid the tribal communities efficiently and effectively to gear up the program. It was also noted that for tribes with nonprofit status, the partnership presents an additional opportunity. Each nonprofit can enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the federal government. This will allow the tribes to collect and package applications for USDA.
- **Fees:** Ms. Richardson indicated that the program would generate \$750 per rehab application completed, submitted, and funded.
- **Training:** It was noted that members who are interested in the training need to contact the Commission staff. Ms. Tristan Ely will be the contact person for the program. Everyone will receive the same training.

No handout was submitted.



COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- It was noted that all the tribes entering an MOU will receive training. Ms. Richardson pointed out that there are opportunities to obtain funding and receive a packaging fee after completing the application for the USDA program. Discussion ensued on collection of the fee.
- Ms. Richardson noted that handouts were not provided. She urged members to take the training and provide the information they receive at the training to take that information back to their respective communities.

Reflections and Accomplishments as Secretary of the NC Department of Administration-New Administration Transition Comments – Pamela Cashwell, Secretary, NC Department of

Administration, gave a brief overview of her accomplishments. The following are the highlights:

- Indian Heritage Month Celebration, November 2024
- NC Summer Internship Program applications opened on November 4, 2024, and will close on January 6, 2025. College Students from around the state need to apply.
- Flags half-mast in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day.
- Discussed Broad Band funding that has been available in the state.
- She gave an update on the Western North Carolina and the Helene Disaster.
- Discussed helping the Commission with various funding, such as Tobacco Survey P-Cards \$25 each, funding for ICW gathering, helped to achieve funding from the DV/SA Grant Program with the Governors Crime Commission.
- DOA was a sponsor for the Indian Unity Conference
- Assisted with the re-drafting of the Commission's By-Laws.
- Discussed Governor's budget
- Got funding for a Deputy Director Position and a grant position for the Commission.
- Discussed her efforts to secure COVID-19 funding for the Tribes and Urban Indian Associations.
- Discussed Governor-Elect Josh Stein's Inauguration, which will be held on January 11, 2025.
- Discussed her work with the Governor's Transition Team
- December Pay – State Employees will be paid on December 31, 2024, due to a new ruling
- The Secretary's Holiday Reception and Open House will be on December 11, 2024.
- Mr. Bryan Brannon, Chief Financial Officer, NC Department of Administration, Fiscal office, will retire after 31 years of service to the state in December 2024.
- Discussed acquiring the Electronic Management System for the Commission's Section 8 Housing Program. In conclusion, Secretary Cashwell noted that she has served the tribal communities in various capacities during her career. The Commission is very important to her, and she will continue to support the Commission.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, thanked Secretary Cashwell for her support and leadership.
- He acknowledged that Secretary Cashwell attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Conference for the past two years. He noted that Secretary Cashwell was very supportive at the national level, supporting the state and federally recognized tribes of North Carolina.



NCDOT Staff: Instructions on offboarding at Greensboro Train Station and instructions on the next steps (return journey) on boarding the train for the return trip back to Raleigh.

LUNCH BREAK

Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chair, announced the lunch break at 11:30 a.m. and blessed the food. The meeting was called back to order at 12:47 p.m.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Executive Director's Report:

The Executive Director Report was distributed in the Board packet before the Commission meeting. Mr. Greg Richardson presented highlights of his report as follows:

- He discussed Governor Elect Stein's Inaugural Ball Information and encouraged the Commission and tribal leaders to participate.
- The 2024 Indian Heritage Month Proclamation was very successful.
- Secretary's Award Ceremony 2024 was held on November 8, 2024.
- Indicated that Governor Page Program was very successful and that we had outstanding participation from Indian communities this year.
- Governor's Indian Heritage Month Reception, held to honor Indian Educators at the Governor's Mansion.
- American Indian Heritage Month Celebration, we had good participation from across the state.
- 81st National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Convention and Market Place, October 27-November 1, 2024, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts: we coordinated with Indian communities and the Burnt Swamp Baptist Church Association in Robeson to collect and send relief supplies to Western North Carolina.
- Staff participated in the State Fair Opening Ceremony on October 18, 2024.
- Held a staff appreciation day at the State Fair on October 24, 2024.
- Staff Quarterly Program Reports (Copies included in the Board packet).
- Discussed the upcoming Commission meeting dates for 2025 and noted that the dates are included in the Executive Director's Report.

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

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS ONLY:

American Indian Culture & Religion Committee: Committee Chair Danny Bell

The following was discussed:

The Culture Committee Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2024, were distributed in the Board packet.

The following items were presented:

- **Item#1:** Commission of Indian Affairs and NC American Indian Tribes and Organizations need specialized technical support and assistance in dealing with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and public and technical archaeological reports.
- **Item#2:** Legislative action to request funding for the Commission of Indian Affairs to jointly proceed with the OSA to respectfully address the care and curation of the American Indian archaeological site at Cedar Point in Carteret County.



- **Item #3:** Request an official from the U.S. Forest Service attend a CIA board meeting and provide a status update on the whistleblower accusations and an accounting of American Indian archaeological sites on Forest Service land in North Carolina. Also, plans they may have to protect and disseminate information regarding the historical and prehistorical presence of Indigenous American Indians on that land.

Committee Chair Bell noted that the Culture Committee did not have a quorum at the November 19, 2024, meeting. He recommended to the full Commission that the above items be approved.

ACTION ITEM:

The Chair requested the Committee Chair, Bell, to repeat the motions.

- **Action Item#1:** To establish a position for the Commission of Indian Affairs to deal with archaeological materials. We need funding to collaborate between the Commission of Indian Affairs, the Office of State Archaeology, and the Forest Service on an ongoing basis.
- Commission member Gerald Goolsby requested clarification. He noted that the motion should be to request funding to create a position. Committee Chair Bell agreed.

MOTION:

- Commissioner Danny Bell, Committee Chair, motioned to approve the above item. Commissioner Alfred Richardson seconded the motion. The Chair asked if there was any objection to the motion. None was noted. The motion was carried with no objection from the membership.

Mr. Greg Richardson requested that Committee Chair Bell submit the action item in writing following the meeting.

American Indian Housing Committee: No Report.

Adhoc Land Trust: No Report.

American Indian Health Committee (Victim Services): No Report.

American Indian Education Committee: Committee Chair Dorothy Yates could not attend the meeting. Ms. Kimberly Hammonds, Staff Support, presented the committee report on behalf of Chairwoman Yates.

ACTION ITEM:

Ms. Kimberly Hammonds, on behalf of Committee Chair Yates, presented the following recommendation for the upcoming vacancies at the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE). The terms end June 30, June 2025:

State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Nominees for FY 2025-2026 are as follows:

- Stephen Bell; 2nd Term; Educator; Guilford Native American Association; Application Complete
- Tamra Carter; 2nd Term; Parent; Waccamaw-Siouan; Application Complete
- Will Paul; 2nd Term; Educator; Sappony; Application Complete
- Anita Locklear; New; Educator/ Parent; Triangle Native American Society; Application Complete

MOTION:



- Commissioner Nadine Patrick moved to accept the recommendation for appointments to the SACIE, which Commissioner Gerald Goolsby seconded.
- The Chair asked if there was further discussion on the motion approving the slate of appointees to the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) nominees for FY 2025-2026, as presented. With no further discussion from the members, a vote was taken, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The handouts of the Education Committee Meeting dated November 20, 2024, together with the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Nominations for FY 2025-2026, are on file at the Commission.

American Child Welfare SubCommittee: No Report.

Economic Development & Employment Committee: Committee Chair McMillian presented this item as follows:

The handouts of the Economic Development and Employment and Training Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 14, 2024, and the Action Item were distributed in the Board packet.

ACTION ITEM:

- Item#1: Establish a Community Development Corporation representing the Commission. Chair Rev. Burnett noted that coming from the Committee requires no second.
- Members asked for clarification as to what extent the Corporation would look like. The Committee Chair McMillian clarified that the motion is to establish it. He explained that this would be a separate, independent entity and not part of the Commission.
- The Chair asked if there were any questions or objections to the motion. Chair Rev. Burnett directed members to say “aye” if they favor approving the action item presented. There was one “nay” from the membership. Commissioner Elton Ray Jacob objected to the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Item#2: To promote or dedicate funding opportunities for NCCIA staff to do a salary analysis, evaluate current conditions, and review employee compensation and overall organizational structure.
- The Committee seeks staff and salary analysis to ensure optional appropriated funds v/s grant funding positions.
- The Chair asked if there were any questions or objections to the motion. He noted that coming from the Committee requires no second.
- Chair Rev. Burnett directed members to say “aye” if they favor approving the action item presented. There were no “nay” votes, corrections, or objections from the membership; the motion was carried unanimously.

The handouts of the Economic Development and Employment and Training Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 14, 2024, and the Action Item are on file at the Commission.

Environmental Justice: No report.

Agriculture: No report.



Legislative Committee: Committee Chair Tony Hayes was unable to present this report. However, he is attending the meeting via Microsoft TEAMS.

Commissioner Craig McMillian, Vice Chair, presented the legislative report on his behalf as follows:

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Item #1:** It was noted that the Legislative Committee took action to pursue the same legislative action items that the Commission had in place from the previous year. In addition, an action item was added to include \$ 100,000 for travel for the recognition program, and a letter on behalf of the Economic Development & Employment Committee is to go out to Legislators, Senators, and Representatives.
- Commissioner Craig McMillian noted that Secretary Cashwell is actively working on this because we have a mandate by the General Assembly to perform a task. Still, we do not necessarily have funding to support these actions. He noted that the letter will go out to support State Recognition efforts. No handout was distributed.
- **MOTION:** The Chair asked if there were any questions or objections to the motion. He noted that coming from the Committee requires no second.
- Chair Rev. Burnett directed members to say “aye” if they favor approving the action item presented. There were no “nay” votes, corrections, or objections from the membership; the motion was carried unanimously.
- **Item #2:** Vice Chair McMillian recommended that the Commission accept the Catawba Nation of South Carolina Tribes' interest in joining the Commission and utilize their Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Certification to expedite the state recognition committee. This item was not on the agenda. Commission members asked clarifying questions. It was noted that the Commission cannot grant recognition to the Catawba Nation of South Carolina without them going through the State Recognition process, which is required per the Commission's recognition procedures.
- **Item #3:** Draft Letter regarding the statement by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs regarding actions and statements made by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) was distributed by Vice Chairman McMillian; however, that action was not on the agenda. Commissioner McMillian stated that the Economic Development and Employment and Training Committee drafted the letter. It was noted that the Committee is asking for support in sending the letter to the Eastern Band of Cherokee, the NC General Assembly, Governor Cooper, and Governor-Elect Stein. Vice Chair McMillian read the draft letter in its entirety. The letter is on file with the Commission.
- **MOTION:** Vice Chair McMillian recommended to the full Commission that the draft letter to the Eastern Band of the Cherokee be approved. Commissioner Goolsby moved to accept the recommendation, and Commissioner Greg Bryant seconded the motion.
- The Chair asked if there were any objections to the motion; none were noted, and the motion was carried.
- With the action taken at this meeting, it was noted that the letter was to be sent out by the Commission after the meeting.

The draft letter handout is on file at the Commission. The Legislative Committee handouts for item #1 and item #2 were not submitted.

State Recognition Committee: Committee Chair Larece Hunt presented this item.

- Roanoke-Hatteras Indians of Dare County, NC: The Recognition Committee met on November 12, 2024, and reviewed all documentation received to date. Following a detailed review, analysis



and discussion of the Petitioner's submitted membership and genealogical information, the Committee determined that the Roanoke-Hatteras group is not eligible for the petitioning process and thus is not eligible to petition for state recognition.

- Catawba Indian Nation: A Notice of Intent to Petition has been submitted, but to date no petition or further information has been submitted by the tribe. He confirmed that Catawba Nation is the next group that the Recognition Committee will proceed with in the administrative tribal recognition process.
- Commission Vice Chair, Craig McMillian, noted that they should be able to utilize their BIA certification. This should expedite their case through the State Recognition process. He requested that this be put into action in the form of motion.
- Mr. Mark Teague (Assistant Attorney General, N.C. Department of Justice) advised the Commission members that the Commission has statutory and administrative requirements that must be followed in Commission of Indian Affairs state recognition of American Indian tribes. He suggested that it would be best for the Commission to follow the state recognition procedures with regards to recognition for the Catawba Indian Nation and allow the Recognition Committee to review their petition. The Commission could possibly face legal challenges if it does not follow proper procedures. It was noted that the Commission cannot proceed without the State Recognition Committee looking into the petition process.

No handout was submitted.

It was announced that we were approaching the Raleigh Train Station at 1:57 pm and would need to start wrapping up the meeting.

Mr. Greg Richardson requested that the Commission members proceed to the Art Shop meeting room to wrap up the meeting once everyone departs the train and that we would reconvene at the Art Shop located at Raleigh Train Station.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:08 pm with a special presentation for Secretary Pamela Brewington Cashwell.

Mr. Greg Richardson, together with the Chair Rev Ricky Burnett, Vice Chair Craig McMillian, Deputy Director Candace Lowry, and others, presented a plaque to Secretary Pamela Brewington Cashwell on behalf of the Membership and staff of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, eight Indian Tribes, and Four Urban Indian Organizations, in honor and appreciation for her hard work and dedicated service as Secretary of the NC Department of Administration, from April 2021 to present.

Secretary Cashwell indicated that she was honored to receive the plaque and thanked everyone for the recognition and appreciation of her dedicated service as Secretary of the NC Department of Administration (NC DOA). She said that she has a special place in her heart for the Commission, as it was a place where her mother worked when she was a young girl! She thanked the Commission and staff for supporting her work during her tenure as Secretary at DOA.

A Photo Session was held with Secretary Pamela Brewington Cashwell, Chair Rev. Ricky Burnett, Vice Chair McMillian, Secretary-Treasurer Nadine Patrick, Parliamentarian Gerald Goolsby, Mr. Greg Richardson, Ms. Candace Lowry, and other Commission Members.



OTHER ITEMS:

ACTION ITEM:

FLOWER FUND: Commissioner Nadine Patrick, Secretary/ Treasurer, presented the following:

- Deposit: \$60, as of September 2024
- Expenses: None
- Total Balance: \$612.32, as per November 2024 statement
- Commissioner Nadine Patrick informed members the annual payment per member is \$24. Payments can be made via Credit Card, Check, or Cash. Members need to contact Commissioner Patrick directly.

No handout was submitted.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF:

Mr. Greg Richardson noted that the Commission has several new staff members and invited all of them to introduce themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Commissioner Elton Ray Jacob indicated that the Executive Committee Appointments need to be reviewed and amended to reflect the requirements of the Administrative Code. No action was taken.
- Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney at the Department of Justice, suggested that he needed time to investigate Commissioner Jacobs' concern regarding the Executive Committee Requirements. He will bring a recommendation to the next Commission meeting. Mr. Teague also noted that if there is a conflict between the Administrative Codes and the By-Laws, the Administrative Codes take priority.
- Commissioner Goolsby asked for clarification on Land in Trust for all tribes. A robust discussion followed with the indication that this matter needs to be addressed, as the Land in Trust Matter has gone far too long without any resolution.
- Staff announcements on upcoming events - None

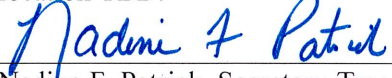
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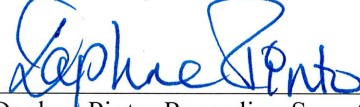
Chair Burnett requested Commissioner Vee Oxendine to recite a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENTS:

With no further items to discuss, Chair Rev. Burnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner WD Baucom motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Sunshine Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2025, location TBD.


Nadine F. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)

 3-6-25
Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)



These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on March 6, 2025.

Nadine F. Patrick

Nadine F. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer

NC Commission of Indian Affairs

(Sign & Date)



N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

QUARTERLY MEETING
In Collaboration with NCDOT/Amtrack

Raleigh Union Station
510 West Martin Steet
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

December 6, 2024

Train Departs Union Station at 10:00 am
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Dillon Parking Deck
223 S. West Street
Raleigh, NC

(Draft Agenda)

Opening Session	10:00 am – 10:30 am
Welcome, Call to Order & Adopt Agenda	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Invocation	Nadine Patrick, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Danny Bell, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Reading of Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of September 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes	Chairman Burnett
Special Presentation:	10:30 am – 11:30 am
NCDOT Welcome - Amtrack Overview of Resources, Programs, Available	Ebony J. Pittman, Deputy Secretary for Business Administration, NCDOT
	Tunya Smith, Director of the Office of Civil Rights, NCDOT
	Mr. Troy J. Creasy Branch Manager of Design & Construction NCDOT Rail Division
	Mr. Casey E. Felder Branch Manager of Operations and Facilities NCDOT Rail Division
NC Commission of Indian Affairs / USDA Housing Program	Pamela Sunshine Richardson, Tribal Liaison, USDA

Reflections and Accomplishments as Secretary of the NC Department of Administration-New Administration Transition Comments	Pamela Cashwell, Secretary, NC Department of Administration
National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) – Feedback from the NCAI, Las Vegas, Nevada Conference, October 27 to November 1, 2024	Open Discussion
Business Items:	11:30 am
Executive Director's Report Staff Quarterly Program Reports (copies included in packet)	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
LUNCH	12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm
Commission Committee Reports *Committee Reports with Actions Items Only	1:00 pm
American Indian Culture and Religion Committee	Danny Bell, Chair
American Indian Housing Adhoc Land Trust	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair
American Indian Health Committee (Victim Services)	Greg Bryant, Chair
American Indian Education Committee American Indian Child Welfare Subcommittee	Dorothy Yates, Chair
Economic Development & Employment Committee Environmental Justice Agriculture	Craig McMillian, Chair
State Recognition Committee	Larece Hunt, Chair
Legislative Committee	Tony Hayes, Chair
Other Items	3:00 pm
Flower Fund Report	Nadine Patrick, Secretary/ Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Items from Commission Members and Announcements	Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Closing Prayer	Rev. Ricky G. Burnett
Adjournment	3:30 pm
Upcoming Commission Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 6, 2025, Commission Meeting -Meeting be held in conjunction with the 2025 NC Indian Unity Conference, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC March 6-8, 2025, NC Indian Unity Conference, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC Visit the website below for additional information: https://united-tribes.org/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 7, 2025 – Location to be announced New Commission Website: Commission members are encouraged to review our new website at: https://www.doa.nc.gov/boards-commissions/commission-indian-affairs	