



NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2019

Wake Technical Community College
Public Safety Education Campus
321 Chapanoke Road
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27603

WELCOME: Shirley Freeman, Vice Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am with the quorum being present. She acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff and guests.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Commissioner Furnie Lambert made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Anstead. Motion carried.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Helen Cook recited the invocation prayer. Commission members and community members that were currently ill and deceased were remembered during the opening prayer.

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

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS

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



ROLL CALL

MEMBERS (Continued)

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

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Department of Administration (DOA), Machel Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary		Present
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Anthony Copeland, Secretary		
Designee: Robert Collins, Executive Director		Present
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Michael Regan, Secretary		
Designee: John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary		Present
Representative: Sheila Holman, NCDEQ		
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary		
Designee: David Locklear, Deputy Director		Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner		
Designee: Jennifer Haigwood		Absent
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, John Mintz - Non-Voting Member		Present

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO	Brayden N Locklear - Non-Voting Member	Absent
NCNAYO	Evynn Richardson (Co-Chair) - Non-Voting Member	Absent

STAFF PRESENT

Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary
David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program &
 Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program
Candace Lowry, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, Program Director, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program
Annie Francis, Program Director, Indian Child Welfare Program
Elizabeth Walker, Program Director, State Recognition Program
Anita Finger-Smith, Genealogist, Tribal Recognition Program

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Honorable Brooke Clark, District Court Judge, for Judicial District 16B, Robeson County
Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: List (Sign-in sheet) is on file with the Commission.



ETHICS STATEMENT: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Vice Chairwoman Freeman. He advised Commission Members to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest that may exist in relation to any business matters before the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. It was noted that Commissioner Furnie Lambert and Commissioner Ricky Burnett would declare conflict of interest regarding the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina Petition for State Recognition and would recuse themselves from all business associated with the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina.

APPROVAL OF June 7, 2019, MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the Commission meeting held on June 7, 2019, were presented. Commissioner WD Baucom made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Furnie Lambert. Motion carried.

RATIFICATION AND SEATING OF GOVERNOR COOPER'S APPOINTMENT OF MR. RICKY BURNETT, CHAIRMAN, NC COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS:

Commissioner Marvel Welch made a motion to approve the ratification and seating of Governor Cooper's Appointment of Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman, NC Commission of Indian Affairs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Constance Mitchell. Motion Carried.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW CHAIRMAN:

The Honorable Brooke Clark, District Court Judge, for Judicial District 16B, Robeson County, NC, presided over the swearing-in ceremony of the new Chairman Rev. Ricky Burnett.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS:

The Honorable Brooke Clark, District Court Judge, for Judicial District 16B, Robeson County, NC presided over the swearing-in ceremony.

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

New Tribal Representative:

- Rev. Mike Jacobs, Waccamaw Siouan Indian Tribe (Replacing Shirley Freeman)

Returning Tribal Representatives:

- Jeffrey Anstead, Haliwa-Saponi
- Furnie Lambert, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
- Constance Mitchell, Meherrin Indian Tribe

*Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Coharie Tribe was absent. She will have to be sworn in by a local public official.

Urban Indian Organizations Representatives:

- Gladys Hunt, Cumberland County Association for Indian People
- DeVane Burnette, Sr., Guilford Native American Association

Photo session/ Recognition of new and returning members: Commission members took group photos along with the Honorable Brooke Clark, District Court Judge, District 16B.

Chairman Ricky Burnett and Mr. Greg Richardson thanked District Court Judge Brooke Clark for presiding over the swearing in ceremony.



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

Vice Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

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

- 1) Commissioner Furnie Lambert made a motion to nominate Mrs. Dorothy Yates and seconded by Commissioner Wanda Burns-Ramsey.
- 2) Commissioner Charles Richardson made a motion to nominate Mr. Jeff Anstead and seconded by Commissioner Constance Mitchell.
- 3) Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs made a motion to nominate Ms. Marvel Welch and seconded by Commissioner Jessie Jacobs.

The nominees for Vice Chair are listed as follows:

Mrs. Dorothy Stewart Yates, Mr. Jeff Anstead and Ms. Marvel Welch

Commissioner Furnie Lambert made a motion to close the nomination process and was seconded by Commissioner DeVane Burnette Sr.

The voting was conducted by secret ballots three times. Due to run offs on the first two voting counts, the third time the voting was between Ms. Marvel Welch and Mrs. Dorothy Yates.

Mrs. Dorothy Stewart Yates was elected as Vice Chair, by secret ballot, with 13-votes were "For" and 1-vote was "Against". Chairman Burnett announced that Mrs. Dorothy Yates was selected to be the Vice Chair.

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

Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion to open the nomination for Secretary/ Treasurer and seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson.

Ms. Wanda Burns-Ramsey's nomination was accepted by acclamation with a motion from Commissioner Danny Bell and seconded by Commissioner Furnie Lambert. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: Chairman Burnett appointed Commissioner Dorothy Yates as Vice Chair of the Recognition Committee.

PRESENTATION

SPECIAL HONOR AND RECOGNITION:

Order of Long Leaf Pine for Shirley Freeman, Commission Member: Deputy Secretary Christy Agner, NC Department of Administration presented the Long Leaf Pine Award to Mrs. Shirley Freeman. Secretary Agner congratulated Mrs. Freeman for her dedicated years of service to the state of North Carolina.



The Long Leaf Pine is the highest award from the current Governor Roy Cooper to a citizen of North Carolina to recognize citizens for their contribution to the state.

A group photo was taken of Mrs. Shirley Freeman in recognition of the Long Leaf Pine presentation.

APPRECIATION AWARD: Deputy Secretary Christy Agner, NC Department of Administration presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Furnie Lambert for serving as Chairman of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. Secretary Agner congratulated Mr. Lambert for his dedicated years of service to the state of North Carolina. She noted that Mr. Lambert was also appointed as Chair to the Commission of Indian Affairs by the Governor.

A group photo was taken of Mr. Furnie Lambert in appreciation of his service.

STAFF SERVICE AWARD: The following staff was recognized for her dedicated years of service:

- Ms. Sue Faircloth, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program, 35 years of service

A group photo was taken of Ms. Sue Faircloth in recognition of the Service Award presentation.

PETITION FOR STATE RECOGNITION

Petition for State Recognition – Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina (TNNC)

Commissioner Dorothy Yates, Vice Chair of Recognition Committee presented the Recognition Committee's report concerning the TNNC's petition for recognition by the State as an American Indian tribe. Vice Chair Yates provided a brief summary of the Committee's actions and certain key events that occurred during the course of its consideration of the petition. Those actions and events included:

- Receipt of TNNC's petition on November 12, 2012.
- Numerous meetings held by the Recognition Committee over the next several years to review the initial petition materials submitted by TNNC and other documentation subsequently provided by the group.
- Completion of the Committee's preliminary findings and deficiencies on January 25, 2018 and provision of those findings to TNNC.
- Receipt on January 23, 2019 of TNNC's response to the preliminary findings and deficiencies.
- Recognition Committee meetings held on March 6 and April 15, 2019 to review and discuss TNNC's response.
- On April 30, 2019, the Committee conducted a hearing on the petition pursuant to Rule 209(10).
- On May 9, 2019, the Committee held a meeting at which it voted to recommend that TNNC's petition be denied.
- At the Commission's quarterly meeting on June 7, 2019, the Committee introduced its recommendation to deny TNNC's petition.
- Pursuant to Rule .0209(12), TNNC requested a hearing before the full Commission, which was held on July 26, 2019.
- On August 16, 2019, the Committee met to discuss the testimony presented at the July 26 hearing and additional materials submitted by TNNC following the hearing. At this meeting, the Committee: (a) approved a genealogical report pertaining to the supplementary materials submitted by TNNC; (b) approved a motion that the additional documentation and materials submitted by TNNC in conjunction with the July 26 hearing did not have any material bearing on the conclusion set forth in the preliminary findings of January 25, 2018, and the Committee therefore confirmed its recommendation submitted to the Commission at its June 7, 2019 quarterly meeting that TNNC's petition should be denied; and (c) adopted a motion directing staff to prepare a report concerning the additional documentation and materials submitted by TNNC since June 7, 2019 and include in this report a summary of the additional petition documentation



- and materials submitted by TNNC in conjunction with the July 26 hearing and subsequent thereto; and then attach such report, summary and genealogy report accepted by the Committee to the Committee's final recommendation for submission to the Commission. This report, summary and genealogy report would supplement the Committee's final recommendation presented at the Commission's quarterly meeting on June 7, 2019.
- On August 29, 2019, Committee staff distributed the following materials to Commission members for review in advance of the next quarterly meeting:
 - Draft minutes of the August 16, 2019 meeting of the Recognition Committee.
 - Commission Staff Report of the Evidence submitted during the July 26, 2019 Hearing and Supplemental Documentation.
 - Genealogy Report approved by the Committee that addresses material submitted by TNNC.
 - Hearing Transcript of the July 26, 2019 Hearing on the Tuscarora Nation of N.C. (TNNC) Petition.
 - Notes from Tamra Lowry and Dr. Gerald Sider on their Testimony from July 26, 2019 Hearing; and revised notes of Dr. Sider, and his updated CV and Bibliography.
 - A letter from Tamra Lowry dated August 18, 2019, concerning her complaints about the recognition process.
 - 3 letters supporting TNNC recognition – (1) Anderson dated April 28, 2019, (2) Kreisburg dated April 30, 2019, and (3) the Waccamaw Indian People.
 - A letter received from Chief Leo Henry of the Tuscarora Nation of N.Y.
 - A copy of the Recognition Committee's January 25, 2018 Preliminary Findings and Deficiencies Report.
 - A copy of the Final Recommendation of the Recognition Committee presented to the Commission on June 7, 2019.
 - A log listing documents received from TNNC from July 26 to August 21.
 - Copies of supplemental documentation submitted by the TNNC during and after the August 16 meeting of the Recognition Committee: Those documents are labeled Exhibits B1 to B3, G1 to G6 and H.
 - On September 12, 2019, TNNC submitted additional documents and a list of these documents were distributed to Commissioners on September 18.
 - In early September, the Commission received correspondence from the Onondaga Nation and the law firm of Berkey Williams, LLP, representing the Tuscarora Nation in New York. This correspondence was forwarded to Commissioners on September 18.

Vice Chair Yates stated that Rule .0209(13) allows the Commission to request additional information or conduct additional hearings after receiving the Recognition Committee's recommendation. Ms. Yates suggested that because TNNC had submitted additional petition materials after the hearing on July 26 and after the Recognition Committee meeting on August 16, 2019, that it may be appropriate to allow TNNC a few minutes to summarize the additional materials it submitted and explain how the additional materials address the deficiencies noted by the Recognition Committee.

The summary of the presentation (Addendum 1 – Script Version of Agenda) read by Commissioner Yates, Vice Chair, is attached and is an official part of the minutes (**Attachment 1**).

Ms. Tamra Lowry, representative from TNNC, was recognized and gave a brief statement.

Following Ms. Lowry's remarks, Vice Chair Yates explained that TNNC claims descendency to the historic Tuscarora, an indigenous North Carolina tribe located primarily in the northern and central coastal plain that migrated to upstate New York in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Vice



Chair Yates stated that the Recognition Committee thought that the Tuscarora Nation in New York might be able to provide relevant information concerning TNNC's petition. Specifically, the Committee was interested as to whether the Tuscarora Nation in New York knew if members of TNNC were descendants of its tribe and whether the Tuscarora Nation in New York knew if any group of American Indians in North Carolina had maintained an identity as Tuscarora over the last 225 years or so.

Vice Chair Yates reported that during the Committee's review of TNNC's petition, the Commission did receive correspondence from the Tuscarora Nation in New York. The Commission also recently received a letter from the Haudenosaunee Onondaga Nation in New York dated September 5, 2019, which is appended and incorporated into the minutes as **Attachment 2**. In addition, correspondence dated September 4, 2019 was received from Ms. Jenna Macaulay, attorney for the Tuscarora Nation in New York. Ms. Macaulay was in attendance at the meeting and was recognized to speak. Ms. Macaulay read from her letter, a copy of which is appended and incorporated into the minutes as **Attachment 3**. As noted by Ms. Macaulay, the Tuscarora Nation of New York does not recognize TNNC and requested that the Commission deny TNNC's petition for state recognition.

Following Ms. Macaulay's remarks, Vice Chair Yates concluded the Recognition Committee's report and entertained questions from Commission members. No inquiries were made and Ms. Yates, as the newly elected Vice Chair of the Commission and temporary presiding officer of the meeting, stated that the Recognition Committee's report, which included its recommendation to deny TNNC's petition for State recognition was before the Commission.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commissioner Marvel Welch made a motion to deny TNNC's petition for State recognition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously upon a voice vote of the Commissioners present and voting. Chairman Ricky Burnett and Commissioner Furnie Lambert recused themselves from any discussion of the petition and abstained from voting.
- Commission staff was instructed to notify TNNC of the Commission's action denying the group's petition for State recognition.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, presented this item.

- He acknowledged and welcomed Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, Chairs and Government/ State Officials.
- He thanked Mrs. Shirley Freeman for her dedicated service and contribution to the Commission of Indian Affairs.
- It was noted that Guilford Native American Association (GNAA) did not submit a letter for their first and second choice nominees for the NC Indian Housing Authority (NCIHA). Mr. Richardson indicated that Mr. Thurman Lowry would like to continue to serve and he is the first choice, but he is waiting for the confirmation letter from Guilford Native
- Discussed "on the job training". It was noted that funding is available. Suggestions were made to collaborate with NC Department of Health and Human Services after the meeting.
- Discussed waiver towards expenses incurred to correct mistakes made by the state on the vital records. It was suggested that a resolution needs to be drafted to cover the expenses.
- Other items discussed are listed on the Executive Director's report.

The Executive Director's Report is attached (**Attachment 4**) and is an official part of the minutes.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:



- Mr. Richardson requested approval from the Commission to submit a prioritized list of names for the appoint of the NC Indian Housing Authority to the Governor's office. He indicated that he needed authorization to proceed after he receives a letter from GNAA. It was agreed to allow this process to proceed by unanimous consent
- Commissioner Furnie Lambert made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to attend the National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) Conference in Albuquerque, NM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tony Hayes. Motion Carried.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

Since it was the annual meeting, each program manager was requested to present a brief overview of their program to the Commission. The Program Managers reports was included in the Board packet and are on file with the Commission.

Chairman Burnett announced a short recess for lunch. Chairman Burnett requested Rev. Mike Jacobs to bless the food.

Lunch break, meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m. (Working lunch).

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

2020 US CENSUS: Ms. Deborah Hinote (Tribal Partnership Specialist, Atlanta Region Census Center), Ms. Elizabeth Jacobs (Lumbee Tribe, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia Region), Ms. Eudora Hunt (Tuscarora Tribe, Louisiana and Mississippi Region) presented this item. They gave a brief update on the 2020 US Census and about the regions they cover. Launch date is April 1, 2020. They expressed that "everyone needs to participate and be accounted for accurately, so that the state can get the appropriate funding for the next ten years". It was stated that the 2020 Job Opportunities are still open for those interested in applying for positions. A flyer was distributed "Be a Census Taker".

Apply online: www.2020census.gov/jobs

For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020.

- It was noted that the Census staff also helps with the job application process, should a member from any tribe needs help. Ms. Hinote stated the goal for the Census is that they need local people working in the local areas. She expressed that if people are living on the reservation, Census will hire people from that reservation to serve their community. It was noted that major part of the training is done in Atlanta. Free of charge.
- The duration of the training was discussed. Two weeks training in Atlanta, on-line training and then job shadowing. Resources are available. It is a 45-60 days of initial on-boarding process. This is for Partnership Specialist job.
- It was noted that there are other jobs that are trained locally and do not involve travel to Atlanta.

No handout was provided.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commission members expressed concerns about the data results from Robeson County.
- Commission member asked if the Census staff will be working with the Urban Indian Organizations. Ms. Hinote responded "Yes" and expressed that Commission members need to communicate via email so she could send the necessary information.



STATUS OF WOMEN REPORT – HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Ms. Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Administration presented this item as follows:

Status of Women in North Carolina

- Status of Women in the States Topics
- Methodology
- Health & Wellness: How Women in North Carolina Fare Nationally
- NC Women's Mortality Rate Decreased in Most Areas Since 2009
- Black and American Indian Women in NC, Have the Highest Mortality Rates for Heart Disease, Stroke, Breast Cancer and Diabetes
- Women's Heart Disease Mortality by County
- Graphics Charts and Program Successes were discussed
- Policy and Recommendation were discussed

The presentation is attached (**Attachment 5**) and is an official part of the meeting minutes.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commission members expressed concerns on racial reporting and data reflective of self-reporting on American Indian status.

TRIBAL ID REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020 GENERAL ELECTION: Ms. Katelyn Love, General Counsel, State Board of Elections; Mr. Ted Fitzgerald, Chief Learning Officer, State Board of Elections, gave a brief presentation.

It was stated that Voters will be asked to show an acceptable photo ID beginning in 2020. The following was discussed:

- North Carolina Driver's License
- Out of State ID Card
- Approved College/University Student ID Card
- Military ID Card or Veterans ID Card
- North Carolina Voter ID Card
- Tribal Enrollment Card
- Approved State or Local Government or Charter School Employee ID
- United States Passport

A flyer was distributed (Attachment 6) and is an official part of the meeting minutes.
No handout was provided.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commission members shared their concerns and asked clarifying questions.
- Commission members noted that there needs to be further discussion on race. It was stated that the local Board of Elections need to be educated on this issue, so the race can be properly identified and documented.

2019 INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION – Museum Plans and Implications for future Indian Heritage Month Celebrations: Ms. Emily Grant, Youth Programs Coordinator, North Carolina Museum of History presented this item. The following was discussed:

- “NC American Indian Lead – Educational Card Project”



- Purpose and Goals of the Project
- Project Parameters/ Criteria for Subject Selection
- Keith Carter, Coharie Tribe, Emmy Award winning artist
- North Carolina Tribal Leaders – Trading Cards Series
- 2019 (24th Annual) American Indian Heritage Celebration, November 23, 2019
- Discussed the future American Indian Heritage Celebration (25th Annual) Event
- Announced that she will be retiring in 2020. Her last date will be February 1, 2020.
- Expressed that she would like for an American Indian to be seated at the table while decisions are being made.
- Discussed the vision for funding.
- Ms. Grant thanked members for their help and support.

The presentation is attached (Attachment 7) and is an official part of the meeting minutes.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commission members thanked Ms. Grant for her continued support and dedication towards the Indian Heritage Month Celebrations over the years.

CANOE DISCOVERIES THIS QUARTER – LAKE WACCAMAW – Mr. John Mintz, State Archaeologist, Office of State Archaeology, NC Department of Cultural Resources, presented this item. He discussed the following:

- Canoe – Lake Waccamaw Canoe will be treated and returned. University of North Carolina Pembroke (UNCP) has the facility to store it in a climate control storage place. It will be carbon dated. Signs will be posted “Do not Disturb” American Indian artifact.
- He noted that this canoe will be loaned to UNCP for preservation purposes. The State of Archaeology owns it and they are working with the tribal community.
- Discussed active monitoring program.
- Discussed artifacts need to be safe guarded and protected.

No handout was provided.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commission members asked clarifying questions regarding funding to restore canoes and artifacts.
- Commission members suggested that state parks need to assist with new legislation. Mr. Mintz acknowledged that the artifacts need to be protected.
- Commission members shared concerns and asked questions about safeguarding the artifacts and its process.
- Commission member Elton Ray Jacobs opposed funding and was against UNCP to receive the three canoes from Lake Waccamaw and the Waccamaw Siouan community.
- Mr. Mintz noted that if the Canoe remains at UNCP, Pembroke, the Waccamaw Siouan story will be narrated at every exhibit.
- Commissioner member asked if a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) could be drafted on the artifacts found until it becomes the law.
- Commission members thanked Mr. John Mintz for his presentation.



COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Ricky Burnett discussed the Committee Appointments (Chairs only). The following was discussed:

Executive Committee: Change Dorothy Yates, Vice Chair

Cultural Resources: Add Mike Jacobs; Delete Furnie Lambert

Indian Housing: Delete Ricky Burnett

Employment and Training: Change Wanda Burns Ramsey, Chair and WD Baucom, Vice-Chair;
Add Tony Hayes and Danny Bell

Indian Education: Add Mike Jacobs

Adhoc-Indian Health: Add Mike Jacobs

Legislative: No change

Adhoc-Land Trust: No change

Veterans: Furnie Lambert, Vice Chair

Recognition: Add Elton Ray Jacobs, Vice-Chair;

Include Adhoc Member Joshua Lamar Richardson, NCNACOHE

Recognition (Working Group): Add Elton Ray Jacobs

Indian Child Welfare: No change

Environment Justice: No change

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Burnett announced that only the action items should be reported by Committee Chairs, during the meeting.

Adhoc Indian Health: No report was noted

Adhoc Land Trust: Chair Lambert noted that they have been working on the Land Trust for the past twelve years. He requested Deputy Secretary Christy Agner to help.

Veterans: It was noted that the 2020 Veteran Award, nominations are due by December 1, 2019.

Culture Resources: Chair Anstead recommended that staff send a survey regarding Tribal information. Chairman Burnett said it was coming from the Committee, no second was required. It was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Employment and Training: No report was noted. A request was made that Commissioner Tony Hayes and Commissioner Danny Bell be included as Committee members.

Environment Justice: No report was noted

Indian Child Welfare: Chair Welch announced that the Indian Child Welfare Gathering is scheduled on April 23, 2020, UNC Asheville; ICW Strategic Planning Session is scheduled on October 23, 2019, UNC Chapel Hill.

Indian Education: Chair Yates made two recommendation as follows:

Action Item 1: SACIE Nominee – Change

- Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation requested that Ronda Watkins replace Crystal Cavalier on the SACIE.
- Commissioner Jeff Anstead made a motion to approve the change as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner WD Baucomb. Motion carried.

Action Item 2: Draft UNC Letter

- The General Administration requesting a report on the status of American Indian Student enrollment, graduation rates, curriculum, faculty, etc. across the UNC system that was approved by the Education Committee.
- Commissioner Danny Bell made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wanda Burns Ramsey. Motion Carried.



The Education Committee Action Items is attached (Attachment 8) and is an official part of the meeting minutes.

Indian Housing: Mr. David Grigsby, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Program read the two action items on behalf of Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair.

The following amendment was discussed:

Action Item #1: Public Housing Agency (PHA) will not merge the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program waiting list with the waiting list from any other program that the PHA operates.

- Halifax County Applicants: These applicants will be given local preference if they are from the following zip codes: 27823, 27844 or 27850.
- Columbus County Applicants: These applicants will be given a local preference if they are from the following zip codes: 28423, 28450, 28456

Action Item #2: At the time of the initial application for assistance was submitted, the family's legal residence in the PHA's jurisdiction, the family must lease a unit within the initial PHA's jurisdiction for at least twelve (12) months before requesting portability.

- Chair Jacobs made a recommendation to approve both action items. Chairman Burnett said it was coming from the Committee, no second was required. It was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

The Indian Housing Committee Action Items is attached (Attachment 9) and is an official part of the meeting minutes.

Legislative: Chair Welch informed that the items are due for the Legislative agenda by November 1, 2019.

Recognition: Submitted earlier as action item.

INFORMATION

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

NC Commission of Indian Affairs (NCCIA) Polo T-Shirts: Ms. Kimberly Hammonds, staff member informed the Commission about the Polo T-Shirt order. A handout of the NCCIA Polo Order Form was distributed. By a consensus, Commissioner Wanda Burns Ramsey, Secretary/Treasurer was nominated to collect the order forms and payments submitted by Commission members.

FLOWER FUND REPORT:

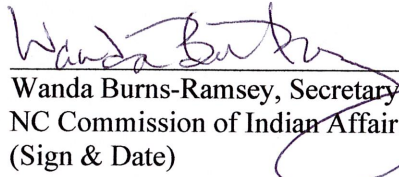
A handout was provided by Ms. Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Secretary Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs. The Flower Fund balance is \$633.45. The Veteran's Plaque Fund is \$160. (**Attachment 10 and Attachment 11**).

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

ADJOURNMENT:

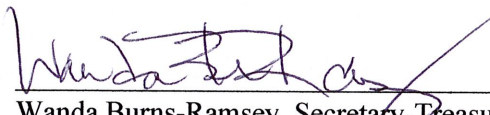
With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Elton Ray Jacobs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2019, Raleigh, NC. Location to be announced.

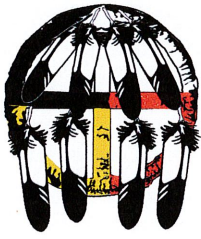



Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)

 12-6-19
Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on December 6, 2019.


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



N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ANNUAL MEETING

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September 20, 2019

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

(Security Check Point – ID Required)

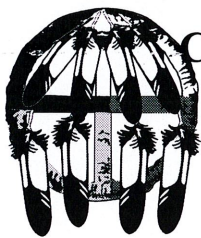
(Draft) AGENDA

(Rescheduled from September 6, 2019)

Opening Session	10:00 am – 10:30 am
Welcome, Call to Order & Adopt Agenda	Shirley Freeman, Vice Chairman
Invocation	Helen Cook, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Reading of Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of June 7, 2019, Meeting Minutes	Shirley Freeman, Vice Chairman
Swearing-in Ceremonies	10:30 am - 11:15 am
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<i>People</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>DeVane Burnette, Sr., Guilford Native American</i> 	
Election of Officers – 2019-2020	
Nomination and Election of Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vice-Chair</i> • <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i> 	Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Special Honor and Recognition	Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Administration
Petition for State Recognition	11:15 am – 12:15 pm
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2019 – 2020 Commission Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 6, 2019 –TBD March 12-14, 2020 –In conjunction with 2020 NC Indian Unity Conference June 5, 2020 - Commission Meeting 	Location Raleigh, NC Hilton North Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh, NC Location To be announced



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Wake Technical Community College
Public Safety Education Campus
321 Chapanoke Road
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

September 20, 2019

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

(Security Check Point – ID Required)

AGENDA (Draft-Script)

Rescheduled from September 6, 2029

Opening Session	10:00 am – 10:30 am
Welcome, Call to Order & Adopt Agenda - Motion	Shirley Freeman, Vice Chairman
Script: Announce that this is the Annual Meeting of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, ask everyone to silence their cell phones and that everyone is required to sign in.	
Invocation	Helen Cook, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Reading of Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
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Swearing-in Ceremonies	10:30 am - 11:15 am
Ratification and Seating of Governor Coopers Appointment of Mr. Ricky Burnett, Chairman, NC Commission of Indian Affairs – Ask for a Motion to Ratify Governor Coopers Appointment	Shirley Freeman, Vice Chairman
Script: Rev. Ricky G. Burnett, the eight Chairman of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, is Pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church in Fairmont, N.C. and the current Moderator of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. He the current Speaker for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. Rev. Ricky Burnett serves on the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.	
Rev. Ricky G. Burnett graduated from Cape Fear High School in Fayetteville, N.C. After	

<p>graduating he joined the United States Navy and served faithfully for 24 years before retiring, earning the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9). Rev. Ricky G. Burnett holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Troy State University in Montgomery, AL.</p> <p>Rev. Ricky G. Burnett resides in Stedman, N.C. and is married to Paula Kay. They have one son, Caleb.</p>	
Swearing in of Ricky Burnett, Chairman, NC Commission of Indian Affairs	The Honorable Brooke Clark, District Court Judge, Judicial District 16B Robeson County, Presiding
Swearing in of New and Returning Commission Members	Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Rick - Read the following list of new and Returning Members – Invite them to come to front of the room for the swearing in ceremony. Invite Judge Clark to the front of the room.	
Introduction of New and Returning Members New Member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Mike Jacobs, Waccamaw Siouan Indian Tribe (<i>Replacing Shirley Freeman</i>) Returning Tribal Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Isabell Freeman-Elliott, Coharie Tribe</i> • <i>Jeffrey Anstead, Haliwa-Saponi</i> • <i>Furnie Lambert, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina</i> • <i>Constance Mitchell, Meherrin Indian Tribe</i> Urban Indian Organizations Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gladys Hunt, Cumberland County Association for Indian People</i> • <i>DeVane Burnette, Sr., Guilford Native American</i> 	The Honorable Brooke Clark, District Court Judge, Judicial District 16B Robeson County, Presiding
Election of Officers – 2019-2020	Rick Burnett, Chairman
Rick- Election will be held in accordance with the NC Commission of Indian Affairs By-Laws. Seats up for election are: Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. These positions are elected from the Commission Membership. Elections are held annually during the Annual meeting of the NC	

<p>Commission of Indian Affairs. Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail for the election.</p> <p>Election for Vice Chair: -I will entertain nominations for the position of Vice Chair at this time. -When ready, I will call for a motion to close the nominations. -Election will be by showing of hands -The nominee with the highest number of votes is elected. -If there is only one nominee, that person will become the Vice Chair, by acclamation. -If there is a tie, new votes must be cast.</p> <p>Election of Secretary/Treasurer:</p> <p>Same process as above</p>	
<p>Nomination and Election of Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vice-Chair</i> • <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Motion</i></p>	<p>Ricky Burnett, Chairman</p>
<p>Special Honor and Recognition</p>	<p>Christy Agner, Deputy Secretary NC Department of Administration</p>
<p>Petition for State Recognition</p>	<p>11:15 am – 12:15 pm</p>
<p>Rick: I am hereby appointing Dorothy Yates as Vice Chair of the Recognition Committee, who will preside the Recognition Committee Report today</p> <p>In addition to her duties as Vice Chair of the Commission, Ms. Shirley also served as Vice-Chair of the Commission's Recognition Committee for a number of years. The Commission's Bylaws provide for the Chair to appoint the members of all committees and their chairpersons. With Ms. Shirley's retirement from the Commission, a new vice-chair of the Recognition Committee is needed. Ms. Dorothy Yates, the Sappony Tribe's representative to the Commission and a long-time member of the Recognition Committee, has agreed to serve as Vice-chair of the Committee and I am pleased to appoint her to that role.</p> <p><u>Chairman Burnett continues:</u> As you may know, I also serve as Speaker of the Lumbee Tribal Council. Earlier this year, the Lumbee Tribal Council passed a</p>	

<p>resolution pertaining to groups from Robeson and surrounding counties seeking tribal recognition from the State. In order to avoid any appearance of conflict between my position as Speaker of the Lumbee Tribal Council and my role as a Commissioner, I am recusing myself from participating in the Commission's consideration of the Tuscarora Nation of NC's petition for State recognition and will abstain from any vote on the petition.</p> <p>Additionally, Commissioner member Furnie Lambert and Larece Hunt, who serves as Chair of the Recognition Committee, are the other representatives from the Lumbee Tribe to the Commission. Neither Mr. Furnie nor Mr. Larece serve on the Lumbee Tribal Council and had no involvement in the passage of the Council's resolution. However, in an abundance of caution and in order to avoid any appearance that the resolution approved by the Lumbee Tribal Council has influenced their consideration of the Tuscarora Nation of NC's petition, Commissioner's Furnie Lambert and Larece Hunt, as Lumbee Tribe representatives to the Commission, have indicated that they are also recusing themselves from participating in the Commission's consideration of the petition and will abstain from voting on the petition.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair _____, will chair the meeting during consideration of the Tuscarora Nation of NC's petition for State recognition.</p>	
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