

NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2024

Hybrid / Virtual

In-Person Meeting Room Location: Albemarle Building

325 North Salisbury Street, 7th Floor Conference Room Raleigh, NC 27603-1317

WELCOME: Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. The Chair welcomed and acknowledged the guests, Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, and staff.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Alfred Richardson remembered the fallen warriors this quarter, including Ms. Shirley Freeman, Former Vice Chair and Commission Member; Mr. Horace Locklear, American Indian Member of the NC General Assembly; Mrs. Gertie Brewington, Former Staff Member, and other Honorable mentions by Commission Members. A moment of silence was observed, then Commissioner Alfred Richardson 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.

ROLL CALL: Chair Rev. Burnett noted that when Commission members names are called, each member will need to state their name and affirmation. In addition, he indicated that members need to state if they "approve" of the agenda.

TRIBAL AND ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Present approved
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Present approved
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Helen Cook	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Present approved
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Joshua Welch	Absent
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Carolyn West	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	Shelia Epps Wilson	Absent
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnette, Sr.	Present approved
Haliwa Saponi	Alfred Richardson	Present approved
Haliwa Saponi	P. Sunshine Richardsor	Absent
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present approved
Lumbee	Ricky Burnett	Present approved



ROLL CALL (Continued)

Lumbee	Vernanda Oxendine	Present approved
Meherrin	Constance Mitchell	Present approved
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D. Baucom	Present approved
Metrolina Native American Association	Greg Bryant	Absent
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Tony Hayes	Present approved
Sappony	Dorothy Yates	Present approved
Triangle Native American Society	Danny Bell	Present approved
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present approved
Waccamaw Siouan	Nadine F. Patrick	Absent

STATE OFFICIALS

	STATE OTTICHES		
	President Pro Tem Appointee	Gerald Goolsby	Absent
	Speaker of the House Appointee	Craig D. McMillian	Absent
Department of Administration (DOA), Pamela Brewington Cashwell, Secretary		Present late	
Designee: David Elliott, Deputy Secretary		Present approved	
	Department of Commerce/ ESC, Machelle Sanders, Sec	cretary	
Designee: Betty Marrow-Taylor, Chief Diversity Equity Inclusion Officer		Present late	
	Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Elizabeth 1	Biser, Secretary	
	Designee: Sharon Martin, Deputy Secretary		Present approved

Department of Health & Human Services, Kody H. Kinsley, Secretary

Designee: Debra Farrington, Deputy Secretary Health Equity Present approved

Department of Labor, Josh Dobson, Commissioner

Designee: Julie Ryan, Director of Govt. Affairs

Absent
Department of Cultural Resources, Chris Southerly, Advisor, Adhoc-Non-Voting Member
Designee: Rosie Blewitt, Assistant State Archaeologist and Site Registrar Absent

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO	Ariel Locklear (Co-Chair) - Non-Voting Member	Absent
NCNAYO	Korbyn Walton (Co-Chair) - Non-Voting Member	Absent
NC NACOHE	Joshua L Richardson - Non-Voting Member	Absent

The Chair declared that a quorum existed; therefore, the meeting could proceed.

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)
Steven (Steve) Maynor, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
Candice Moore, Assistant Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program



Maria Richardson, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, Program Director, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program Sarah McNeese, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program Elk Richardson, Program Director, State Recognition Program Laury Chavis, Program Director, Tobacco Survey Program Lily Hunt, Workforce Trainee, WIOA Program Ashley Patrick, WIOA Program

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

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, which may exist in relation to any business matters before the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. No conflicts were noted.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2024, MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the March 7, 2024, meeting minutes were presented for adoption.

MOTION: Commissioner Danny Bell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 7, 2024. Commissioner Larece Hunt seconded the motion. The Chair asked if there was any objection to the motion. None was noted. The motion was approved with no objection.

EXPIRING TERMS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: Listed in the Executive Director's Report. This information was also included in the Commission meeting packet prior to the meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

AARP Overview and Introduction of the AARP Indigenous Outreach Program: Ms. Heather Burkhardt, Associate State Director for Outreach and Advocacy for Triangle Region and Mr. Alan Briggs, Indigenous Outreach Coordinator together presented this item. They provided a PowerPoint presentation. The following was discussed:

- AARP has one hundred million members nationwide.
- AARP strengthens communities and promotes care to Americans ages fifty and above.
- AARP has a staff of eleven and more than five hundred affiliated volunteers throughout the state of North Carolina. A map was presented.
- AARP areas of focus: (1) Advocacy: Social Security; Caregivers; Voter Engagement; Veteran's Military and families; Fraud and Scam prevention. (2) Livable Communities. (3) Community Service.
- Discussed the eight domains of livability: Social Participation, Housing; Outdoor Spaces and Buildings; Transportation, Communication and Information, Health Services and Community Supports, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment.
- Other areas discussed: Emergency Preparedness; Elder abuse; Public safety; and Dementia-friendly.
- In conclusion they provided their contact and website information: aarp.org/livable.



No handout was submitted.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- The Executive Director asked for clarification regarding the "Voter Outreach Program." Mr. Alan Briggs noted that AARP is developing YouTube videos targeted to small communities on the candidates' views.
- Ms. Heather Burkhardt clarified that they do not favor any candidates but focus on voter engagement and outreach on how to vote, absentee ballots, and voter ID's, access to voting.
- Ms. Candace Lowry suggested card brochures. She noted that the 100th year Right to Vote will be celebrated at the September 2024 Commission meeting. She expressed that the cards can be distributed at the September 2024 meeting.
- It was noted that AARP will have printed material for distribution. They can also have a presentation at any event.
- The Executive Director, Mr. Gregory Richardson, suggested that AARP could present at the Indian Unity Conference, Pow Wows, and American Indian Senior Citizens Conference.

NC Indian Heritage Commission-American Indian Historic Highways Marks: Mr. Kerry Bird, Director, NC Indian Heritage Commission was the guest presenter. He highlighted the following:

- Noted that the NC Indian Heritage Commission (NCIHC) is within the NC Natural & Cultural Resources Department.
- Stated the Mission for NCIHC is to preserve American Indian history, arts customs, and culture in North Carolina. It was noted that the NCIHC works with eight state AI organizations.
- Stated the Strategic plan is to work with the NC Natural & Cultural Resources Department and NC Commission of Indian Affairs which includes working with all eight tribes across the state.
- Provided a brief overview on the American Indian Historic Highway Markers with event dates. Applications were approved December 2022. Markers were ordered last year. They are ready to be installed. A list of Marker Ceremony event date and tribe name was read for installation.
- Noted that video interviews of prominent American Indian people will be kept in the state archives for viewing. It was noted that several key members from the American Indian community were interviewed talking about their life experience. These videos will be treasured and watched in generations to come. The videos will be stored at the state archives for people to watch.
- Received a grant from the National Archives to hire additional staff person for video interviews. He requested the Commission to provide the names of people that need to be interviewed.

No handout was submitted.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- The Executive Director asked for clarification on voting rights and history in North Carolina. Voting in the American Indian Communities. Discussion ensued about voting by zip codes, participation rates, and the right to vote.
- The Executive Director asked for clarification and information on 2024 Indian Heritage Month Celebration.



- Mr. Kerry Bird provided an update on the 2024 Indian Heritage Event. The event will be held in Raleigh, at the NC Museum of Science building and the Natural and Cultural Resources building as well. Saturday before Thanksgiving.
- It was noted that the 30th Anniversary of the Indian Heritage Event celebration will be held in November 2025.

Update on Federal Recognition Bills in US Congress: Mr. John Lowery, Chair, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and Mrs. Ogletree Richardson, Chief of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe presented this item.

- Mr. Lowery noted that Catawba Nation will be signing a historic document on June 20, 2024.
- Provided an update on the federal recognition bill with Senator Tom Tillis, Senator Ted Budd, and others. He noted that the Eastern Band of Cherokee continues to oppose federal recognition for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.
- Chief Ogletree Richardson provided an update on the federal recognition bill. She noted that the bill will be reintroduced in the next legislative session. Chief Richardson thanked the Commission for their support.
- It was noted that the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe received a letter of support for federal recognition from Governor Cooper.

No handout was submitted.

Legislative Update: Rep. Jarrod Lowery, Lumbee, NC House of Representatives, NC General Assembly. This item was moved up on the agenda and postponed for later discussion. It was noted that Rep. Lowery was in session at this time.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Executive Director's Report: The Executive Director presented his quarterly report. He welcomed the guest. The Executive Director Report was distributed in the Board packet, prior to be the Commission meeting. Highlights of his report are as follows:

- Expansion Budget: Youth Leadership Program, \$300,000; State Recognition additional funding request, \$125,000.
- NC Commission Members Expiring Terms, June 30, 2024, Tribes. Details are listed in the Executive Director Report.
- NC Commission of Indian Affairs 2024 Tribal Leaders Legislative Day.
- Legislative Concerns. Details are listed in the Executive Director Report.
- National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Convention, held in Cherokee, North Carolina.
- 2024 Indian Child Welfare Gathering, June 27, 2024, Campbell University.
- 2024 North Carolina Native American Youth (NCNAYO) Conference, June 20-23, 2024, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
- 2024 Campbell University Tribal Leaders Cohort starts July 26, 2024. The deadline to submit the application has passed and might be extended. He recommended that the Commission members check the Campbell University website for details.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:



- Commissioner Larece Hunt noted that the Commission approved four members to attend the NCAI Convention, Cherokee NC. He stated that one additional Commission member needs approval.
- Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice, suggested a roll call.
- Roll Call Vote: A voice vote "Roll Call" was taken to include an additional member to attend the NCAI Convention, Cherokee, NC. There were fifteen (15) "ayes" in support of the motion, and thirteen (13) "nay" votes. The motion passed.
- MOTION: Commissioner Larece Hunt recommended that Commissioner Gerald Goolsby needed to be included. A total of five were approved to attend the NCAI Conference, Cherokee, NC. Commissioner Alfred Richardson seconded the motion. The Chair asked if there was any objection to the motion. None was noted. The motion was conducted with no objection from the membership.

Impact of Commission's COVID-19 Survey: Ms. Emily McDonnell, Navajo Nation, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill presented this item. She provided a brief overview of the survey program. She noted that surveys are anonymous and explained how the surveys would be taken. MS. McDonnell requested that the surveys be distributed in the communities. It was noted that at the end of the survey, collection data will be submitted to the Commission. Discussion ensued.

No handout was submitted.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Secretary Cashwell asked for clarification on the COVID-19 survey. Ms. McDonnell confirmed that the survey is for her project, and it is separate and distinct.
- Ms. Candace Lowry, Deputy Director, Commission of Indian Affairs offered to share Ms.
 Kearston Page Freeman's COVID-19 survey report, research, and video recordings. In addition,
 Ms. Lowry said that she will send Ms. McDonnell a list of future events and gatherings to help
 her with her project.

Executive Director's Report:

• MOTION: Commissioner Larece Hunt made a motion to accept the Executive Director's Report. Commissioner Danny Bell seconded the motion. The Chair asked if there was any objection to the motion. None was noted. The motion was conducted with no objection from the membership.

SPECIAL REMARKS:

Secretary Pamella Cashwell thanked Commission members, tribal members, and staff for their condolence messages, cards, and flowers during the loss of her mother, Mrs. Gertie Brewington. Secretary Cashwell provided a brief update and overview of the Department of Administration (DOA). The highlights included the Department of Administration Budget, five items included in the Governor's budget, which included two positions and funding for Commission of Indian Affairs. There is a total of fourteen Division within the DOA. She provided a brief comment on HB 385, Archaeology Changes regarding indigenous remains. Discussed public school funding.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

• Commission member Larece Hunt asked for clarification on public school funding if the shift is due to Leandro ruling v State of NC – NC Early Education Coalition. Discussion followed.

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- Mr. Gregory Richardson noted that HB 385 is going to be reintroduced in the long session of the General Assembly next year.
- Commission member Elton R Jacobs asked follow-up question about HB 385 if the Commission needs to send out a statement to the community. Mr. Gregory Richardson noted that the talking points were provided by Cultural Resources and that they were sent to the tribes and Commission members. Discussion ensued.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION ITEM ONLY:

American Indian Culture & Religion Committee: Committee Chair Danny Bell

Staff Support: Pamela Brewington, Program Updates

Commissioner Danny Bell, Committee Chair presented this item. He recommended the following action items approved at the Culture Committee Meeting dated June 17, 2024. A handout was distributed in the meeting packet.

The following action items were presented.

- HB 385: The HB 385, proposed to allow developers to build on archaeological sites, including the one in Carteret County that the state archaeologists say could be the location of a village where Native Americans lived for thousands of years. Committee Chair Bell urged Commission leadership to engage all NC American Indian communities to contact their legislators to oppose the provisions of the HB 385 (Archaeology Changes, indigenous remains) and seek a solution that protects American Indian culture and its resources.
- AIANTA: The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA), to contact Commission staff and include all North Carolina American Indian tribes, not just federally recognized tribes.
- Archaeology Information: The need to share appropriate and relevant information about prehistoric, historic, and contemporary American Indian cultural resources. It was noted that American Indian cultural information needs to be shared with the Commission of Indian Affairs and the public. To address any action items with the State Archaeology on a regular basis.
- Opposing the mascots that mimic American Indians: Strategies to engage the Educational Committee ad have a joint meeting to work towards a solution regarding mascots that mimic American Indians. To include the American Indian history taught in schools.
- Read the Draft Resolution Opposing HB 385. A handout was distributed in the Board packet.

The handouts of the Culture Committee Meeting dated June 17, 2024, and Draft Resolution Opposing HB 385 are on file and are an official part of the minutes.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice, suggested a roll call since this is a virtual meeting. He also stated the Chair could bundle all Committee action items together and have one roll call at the end.
- Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chair noted that the Commission will have a separate roll call for the Resolution.
- The Executive Director clarified with Committee Chair Bell that the motion is for the action items and includes the resolution. Committee Chair Bell confirmed yes.

MOTION:



• Roll Call Vote: A voice vote "Roll Call" was taken to approve the Culture Committee Report and the Draft Resolution Opposing HB 385. There were fifteen (15) "ayes" in support of the motion, and thirteen (13) "nay" votes. The motion passed.

American Indian Housing Committee:

Adhoc Land Trust

Staff Support: Steven Maynor, Program Updates

Committee Chair Elton Ray noted that he did not have a report.

Adhoc Indian Health Sub-Committee: Committee Chair Greg Bryant noted that he did not have a report.

Staff Support, Laury Chavis, and Tenley Locklear, provided a brief overview as follows:

Ms. Chavis, staff support to the American Indian Health Committee. Ms. Chavis informed everyone that she is working with Ms. Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, together they have collaborated with the NC Medical Board. She noted that they submitted an article "Good Medicine" to the Native Newsletter. The Newsletter is due this summer. In addition, Ms. Chavis and Ms. Tenley have partnered with the Office of Health Equity. Ms. Chavis provided a summary of the Tobacco Survey Program and its funding status. The Tobacco Survey Program quarterly report was included in the Board packet.

Ms. Candace Lowry on behalf of Ms. Tenley (Nikki) Locklear provided a brief overview of the Victim Services Program. The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program quarterly report was not provided in the Board packet.

No handout of the presentation was submitted.

American Indian Education Committee:

American Indian Child Welfare Sub-Committee Staff Support Kimberly Hammonds, Program Updates Committee Chair Dorothy Yates provided a brief overview on the following:

- The handout of the Education Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 15, 2024, along with a draft letter to UNC was submitted in the Board packet.
- She announced that the American Indian Education Director position at the NC Department of Public Instruction (NC DPI) has been posted. A candidate has been selected and the hiring manager is in the process of checking references. The recommendation and the hiring packet will be submitted to the DPI Human Resources staff.
- Provided an update on State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) vacancies and nominations for the vacancies, for terms ending June 30, 2024.
- Provided a brief report on the American Indian Scholarship Fund. It was noted that the amounts
 received from the license plate fees have been less compared to amounts previously received, due
 to the declining sales of the American Indian License Plates at DMV. Details are noted in a
 handout included in the meeting packet.
- Commissioner Yates requested members to read the draft letter to UNC and comment.
- Provided brief update on Indian Child Welfare Gathering, June 27, 2024, at Campbell University.
- It was noted that there was no action item from the Indian Education Committee.



The handout of the Education Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 15, 2024, and the draft letter to UNC is on file and is an official part of the minutes.

Economic Development & Employment Committee: Committee Chair Craig McMillian

Environmental Justice

Agriculture

Staff Support: Maria Richardson, and Candace Lowry Program presented updates.

Ms. Maria Richardson provided a summary of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program activities. The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program quarterly report was not provided in the Board packet.

Ms. Candace Lowry, support staff for the Economic Development and Employment Committee provided a brief overview of the Committee activities.

No handout of the presentations was provided.

State and Federal Recognition Committee:

Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee

Staff Support: Elkton Richardson, Program Updates

Committee Chair Larece Hunt provided a brief overview of the State and Federal Recognition Committee. The Recognition Committee met on April 25, 2024. Committee Chair Hunt noted that there is no action item from the Recognition Committee at this meeting.

Mr. Elk Richardson, Program Director provided a brief overview of the Tribal Recognition program activities. The Tribal Recognition Program quarterly report was included in the Board packet. He noted that the draft Committee Meeting minutes was submitted to the State Recognition Committee for approval.

No handout of the presentation was provided.

Legislative Committee:

Staff Support: Gregory Richardson

Committee Chair Tony Hayes provided a brief update on the following:

- 2024 Legislative Agenda
- Tribal Leaders Legislative Day, June 12, 2024
- Discussed 2024 funding request.
- Discussed collaborating with Rep. Lowry

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commission members asked for clarification on duties of tribal recognition.
- Committee Chair Hayes noted that the State Recognition process must remain with the Commission, as the Commission is charged with this responsibility by the NC General Assembly. Discussion ensued.

No handout of the presentation was provided.



Executive Director Report (Continuation)

Greg Richardson, Executive director discussed the following:

- Draft 2022-2023 Annual Report was included in the Board packet. He requested members to submit their edits to Ms. Candace Lowry and Gregory Richardson, by July 15, 2024. A revised edition will be provided to the Commission after the edits are completed.
- Two Positions Posted: Grant writer/ Grant Manager Position has been advertised and Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program Coordinator I Position has also been posted.
- Discussed details regarding the 2024 Lumbee Homecoming. The commission will have vehicles in the homecoming parade and will set up information booths on-site during the homecoming.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commission member Hayes complimented the impact statement mentioned in the Annual Report.
 He expressed appreciation regarding the accountability of the work-in-progress of the Commission.
- Commissioner Yates requested a clarification on Indian Child Welfare (ICW) support help. She
 informed everyone that Ms. Madison Thornton, Intern position end date is June 30, 2024.
 Discussion ensued.

FLOWER FUND: No flower report at this meeting.

Commissioner Nadine Patrick was absent due to the recent loss of her mother, Ms. Shirley Freeman, former Vice Chairperson, and long-standing member of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs.

No handout was submitted.

ADJOURNMENTS:

With there being no further items to discuss, Chair Rev. Burnett adjourned the meeting. Commissioner Danny Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Larece Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Rev. Burnett requested Commissioner Larece Hunt to recite a closing prayer and bless the food. The meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2024. Location TBD.

Nad ne F. Patrick, 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 September 12, 2024.

Nad ne F. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer NC Commission of Indian Affairs

(Sign & Date)

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NC Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Commission Meeting Dated: June 20, 2024



N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Setting
Hybrid/Virtual
In-Person Location:
325 North Salisbury Street
Albemarle Building
7th Floor Conference Room
Raleigh, NC 27603-1317

June 20, 2024

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

DRAFT AGENDA

Opening Session	10:00 am	
Call to Order	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman	
 Invocation Acknowledgment of Fallen Warriors this quarter: Mrs. Shirley Freeman, Former Vice Chair, Commission Member Mr. Horace Locklear, American Indian Member, NC General Assembly Mrs. Gertie Brewington, Former Staff Member, NCCIA 	Alfred Richardson, Commission Member	
Other Honorable Mentions Pledge of Allegiance	Danny Bell, Commission Member	
Roll Call and Adoption of Agenda (State Present and Agree)	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant	
Ethics Statement	Gregory Richardson, Executive Director	
Presentation and Approval of March 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman	
Expiring Terms of Commission Members	Ricky Burnett	
Guest Presentations: (Please be brief-10 minutes maximum)	10:30 am	
AARP Overview and Introduction of the AARP Indigenous Outreach Program	Heather Burkhardt, Associate State Director for Outreach and Advocacy for Triangle Region Alan Briggs, Indigenous Outreach	
NC Indian Haritaga Commission American Indian Iliataria	Coordinator	
NC Indian Heritage Commission-American Indian Historic Highway Marks	Kerry Bird, Director, NC Indian Heritage Commission	

Update on North Carolina Tribal Federal Recognition Bills in US Congress	John Lowery, Chairman, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Ogletree Richardson, Chief of the Haliwa- Saponi Indian Tribe
Legislative Update	Rep. Jarrod Lowery, (Lumbee) NC House of Representatives, NC General Assembly
Business Items:	11:15 am
Executive Director's Report, Briefing (Highlights Only) Staff Quarterly Program Reports (Included in meeting packet) HB 385, Title: Regulation of Battery, Charged Security Fences 2022-2023 Annual Report (Draft)	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Impact of Commission's COVID-19 Survey	Emily McDonnell, M.P.A. (Navajo Nation) Ph.D. Candidate, Department of American Studies University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Commission Committee Reports	11:20 am
*Only Committee reports with action items will be	
entertained.	
American Indian Culture & Religion Committee	Danny Bell, Chair
Staff Support, Pamela Brewington, Program Updates	
American Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair
AdHoc Land Trust	
Staff Support, Steven Maynor, Program Updates	
Adhoc Indian Health Sub-Committee	Greg Bryant, Chair
Staff Support, Laury Chavis & Tenley Locklear, Program	
Updates	
American Indian Education	Dorothy Yates, Chair
American Indian Child Welfare Sub-Committee	
Staff Support, Kimberly Hammonds, Program Updates	
Economic Development & Employment Committee	Craig McMillian, Chair
Environmental Justice	
Agriculture	
Staff Support, Maria Richardson, and Candace Lowry,	
Program Updates	
State and Federal Recognition	Larece Hunt, Chair
Veterans Affair Sub-Committee	
Staff Support, Elkton Richardson, Program Updates	
Legislative	Tony Hayes, Chair
2024 Legislative Agenda Update	
Tribal Leaders Legislative day, June 12, 2024	
Staff Support, Gregory Richardson, Updates	
Other Business Items:	
Flower Fund Report	Nadine Patrick, Secretary/Treasurer

2024 Commission Meetings	(Now accepting invitations from tribes and

 September 6, 2024 – Location TBA December 6, 2024 – Campbell University 	Organizations to host future Commission meetings)
Adjourn	