



# N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

## QUARTERLY MEETING

**Asheville–Buncombe Technical Community College**

**Magnolia Building  
Tillman Dining Room  
30 Tech Drive  
Asheville, North Carolina 28801**

**June 6, 2025  
8:30 am – 2:00 pm  
DRAFT AGENDA**

<b>Meet and Greet Fellow Commission Members and Guest</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
<b>Opening Session</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Call to Order	Greg Bryant, Chairman
Invocation Acknowledgment of Fallen Warriors this quarter:	Vernanda (VEE) Oxendine, Commission Member
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 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes	Chairman Bryant
Presentation and Approval of March 13, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes	Chairman Bryant
Greetings and Welcoming Remarks:	
	Eastern Band of Cherokee Representative
	Introduction by Noelle Talley, Deputy Secretary NC Department of Administration  Remarks by Gabriel Esparza, Secretary NC Department of Administration
<b>Guest Presentations:</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
2025 American Indian Related Bills Introduced in the NC General Assembly – Overview and Highlights	Rep. Jarrod Lowery, (Lumbee) Republican - District 47, Robeson County, NC General Assembly

Trillium Health Resources a Leading Specialty Care Manager (LME/MCO) and Provides Services in American Indian Communities in North Carolina.	Sheena Richardson, MS (Haliwa-Saponi), Tribal Liaison Trillium Health Resources
Chairmans Presentation Commission Member Leadership Expectations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Officials</li> <li>Commission Members</li> </ul>	Chairman Bryant
<b>Commission Work Session:</b>	<b>11:00 am - Noon</b>
Commissioners - Duties and Responsibilities	Evin L. Grant, Director of Policy, Strategy, & External Relations, NC Department of Administration  Jordan Etters, Program Coordinator, NC Department of Administration
<b>WORKING LUNCH</b>	<b>Noon - 1:00 pm</b>
Blessing the food	Tony Hayes, Commission Member
<b>Business Items:</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Executive Director's Report, Briefing (Highlights Only) Staff Quarterly Program Reports (Included in meeting packet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PowerPoint Presentation - Commission Programs and Services to American Communities</li> <li>Strategic Plan Highlights Legislative Day - Action Item</li> <li>Expiring Terms of Commission Members June 30, 2025</li> <li>Draft Annual Report 2023-2024 -Action Item</li> </ul>	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
<b>Commission Committee Reports</b> <b>*Reports with action items only will be entertained.</b>	<b>1:20 pm – 2:00 pm</b>
American Indian Culture & Religion Committee	Danny Bell, Chair
American Indian Housing NC Indian Housing Authority Appointment Recommendation	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair
Adhoc Indian Health Sub-Committee Domestic Violence Program and Sexual Assault Program - Baby Diaper Giver Events	Chairman Bryant Nikki Locklear, Program Director
American Indian Education American Indian Child Welfare Sub-Committee	Dorothy Yates, Chair

Economic Development & Employment Committee Environmental Justice Agriculture Run Off /Pollution Near Campbell Soup Property in Robeson County	Craig McMillian, Chair
State and Federal Recognition Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee	Larece Hunt, Chair
2024-2025 Commission's Legislative Agenda  2025 Legislative Agenda Update  ScholarPath-Youth Leadership Bill	Tony Hayes, Chair  Wesley Kyatt, Legislative Liaison, NC Department of Administration  Craig McMillian, Vice Chairman - NCCIA
<b>Other Business Items</b>	
Flower Fund Report	Nadine Patrick, Secretary/ Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Items from Commission Members and Announcements	Chairman Bryant
Closing Prayer	Dorothy Yates, Commission Member
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
Upcoming 2025 Commission Meetings: <b>Meeting Sponsors Requested</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 5, 2025 – Location to be announced</li> <li>December 5, 2025 – Location to be announced</li> <li>March 4-7, 2026, held in conjunction with the 2026 NC Indian Unity Conference (Date and Location Pending)</li> </ul> Commission of Indian Affairs Website: Commission members are encouraged to review our new website at: <a href="https://www.doa.nc.gov/boards-commissions/commission-indian-affairs">https://www.doa.nc.gov/boards-commissions/commission-indian-affairs</a>	