



N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY MEETING

Campbell University
Student Center Banquet Hall
Oscar N. Harris Student Union
(Ball Room C - Second Floor)
459 Leslie Campbell Avenue
Buies Creek, North Carolina 27506

December 5, 2025
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
DRAFT AGENDA



Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Opening Session	10:00 am – 10:20 am
Welcome, Call to Order	Mr. Greg Bryant, Chairman
Invocation Announcement and Acknowledgment of Fallen Warriors - This Quarter	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Gerald Goolsby, Commission Member
Roll Call and Adoption of Agenda (Please Say - Present and Agree)	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Presentation of Ethics Statement	Gregory Richardson, Executive Director
Presentation and Approval of September 05, 2025, Meeting Minutes	Chairman Bryant
Greetings and Welcoming Remarks:	10:20 am – 10:40 am
Coharie Tribe Representatives	Phillip Strickland, Chairman, Coharie Intratribal Council (Per Ed Simermeyer) Sharon Haire Williams, Harnett County Coharie Indian Association (Per Ed Simermeyer)
Dr. Alfred Bryant, Dean of the School of Education and Human Sciences, Campbell University	
Dr. William M. Downs, President, Campbell University	

Guest Presentation:	10:40 am - 11:15 am
Update and Overview of Catawba Nation's Tribal Operations	The Honorable Chief Brian Harris, Catawba Nation of South Carolina
Health Disparities Analysis Report – Health Status of American Indians in North Carolina	Debra C. Farrington, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), and Dr. Portia Pope, Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Office of the Secretary
Business Items:	11:15 am – Noon
Executive Director's Report Staff Quarterly Program Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Included in Meeting Packet by email) 	Gregory Richardson, Executive Director
National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Fall Convention Feedback	Executive Director and Commission members who attended the NCAI Convention in Seattle, WA
LUNCHEON	Noon - 1:00 pm
Blessing the Food	Ed Simermeyer, Commission Member
Committee Reports *Reports with action items only *Action Item - In writing	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
American Indian Culture & Religion Committee	Danny Bell, Chair
American Indian Housing AdHoc Land Trust	Harrison Jones, Chair
AdHoc American Indian Health Sub-Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenter - Kay Freeman, Native American Liaison for Trillium 	Chairman Bryant
American Indian Education American Indian Child Welfare Sub-Committee	Dr. Michael Lambert, Chair
Economic Development & Employment Committee Environmental Justice Agriculture	Craig McMillian, Chair
State and Federal Recognition Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee	Perry Hunt, Chair
Legislative Committee Legislative Agenda Discussion 2025-2026	Tony Hayes, Chair

Other Business Items	2:30 pm
Flower Fund Report	Nadine Patrick, Secretary / Treasurer, NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Announcements	2:45 pm
<p>Upcoming 2026 Commission Meetings:</p> <p>Meeting Sponsors Requested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, March 4-7, 2026, held in conjunction with the 2026 NC Indian Unity Conference, North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC • June 5, 2026, Location TBA • September 4, 2026, Location TBA • December 4, 2026, Location TBA <p>Commission members are encouraged to review our new website at: https://www.doa.nc.gov/boards-commissions/commission-indian-affairs</p>	
Closing Prayer	Vee Oxendine, Commission Member
Adjournment	3:00 pm

