

# LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday September 16, 2021 / 6:30pm

Tribal Complex/Livestreamed

Meeting Called To Order: Speaker, Ricky Burnett

Invocation: Corbin Eddings, Vice Chair

Pledge of Allegiance: Carrington Locklear

Preamble: Marshil Locklear

Roll Call: Sharon Hunt

Ethics Statement read by Speaker Ricky Burnett

Welcome: Speaker, Ricky Burnett recognized Larece Hunt Former Tribal Council Member/North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs Member and all those in attendance and via Livestream

## **Council Members Present at Roll Call: 21**

Carvicous Barfield

Sharon Hunt

Gerald Goolsby

Harold Smith

Pam Hunt

Ted Woodell

Wendy Moore

Carrington Locklear

Larry Chavis

Richard Jones

Reginald Oxendine

Yvonne Dial

Alvin Mercer

Corbin Eddings

Dewey J. McNeill

Marshil Locklear

Chocajuana Oxendine

Shelley Strickland

Annie Taylor

Ricky Burnett

Terry Hunt

*Quorum established*

Ted Woodell made a motion to approve the September Agenda

Terry Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

*No one objected*

Corbin Eddings made a motion to accept the August Minutes & Actions

Terry Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

*No one objected*

## Presentation

Larece Hunt with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs recognized council members that are serving their last term and those who will not be seeking a second term asked that Speaker Ricky Burnett work with Mr. Gregory Richardson, Executive Director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs to possibly present them a certificate of appreciation for their service. Mr. Hunt gave a report on the Sept. 3, 2021 North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs Annual Meeting. Mr. Hunt spoke on the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected and returning members to the NC Commission of Indian Affairs (Speaker, Ricky Burnett was sworn in by District Attorney Matthew Scott) Council Member Gerald Goolsby (appointed by the senate in place of Mr. Daniel Jones) will also be serving on the Commission. Cultural Committee has been locating, preserving and placing log boats that are thousands of years old on display for the public to see a part of our history. After the viewing, the log boats are placed back into the water for future generations. Budget issues were discussed such as monies for the Recognition Committee and an Assistant Director position. The Budget issues were to be decided by September 9<sup>th</sup> but may take until the middle of October due to the inability to agree. The Governor's budget was also to include monies to help with the impact that COVID -19 created. Monies are to be distributed between seven tribes the amount is not yet known and how it will be spent has not been decided as well. The Recognition activities – four groups that are not recognized, one group (Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina) was denied Tribal or State Recognition by the full commission, an appeal was filed with the Office of Administration, the judge kept putting the case off so the Tuscarora Nation withdrew their petition or complaint with one year to refile or re-initiate the complaint. The time limit passed and the opinion of the Deputy Attorney General for North Carolina is that in order for the Tuscarora Nation to resubmit their complaint they would have to readdress the deficiencies. As of now, those issues are dead on the table. The Cherokees of Hope and surrounding counties have submitted a letter of intent to seek state recognition, based on the information submitted they are not eligible. The Roanoke-Hatteras Indians of Dare County and the New River Catawba Nation have submitted letters of intent to seek recognition but have not submitted their file. Mr. Hunt spoke on the issue of American Indians Tribes that have been affected by the COVID 19 virus and the percentage of those tribes vaccinated, the Lumbee Tribe out fifty six thousand members only fourteen thousand five hundred are vaccinated 26% (numbers came from Dr. Charlene Wong, Chief Health Policy Officer for COVID-19 with the Department of Health and Human Services. The next meeting Commission of Indian Affairs meeting will be in December 2021.

## Community Comments

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None

## **Committee Reports**

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### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GERALD GOOLSBY**

**CLLR-2021-0916-01** "SUPPORT OF THE USE OF THE TRIBAL LOGO"

ROLL CALL VOTE

21Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

*Item came out of committee*

### **FINANCE – PAM HUNT**

**CLLO -2021-0916-01** "FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 LUMBEE TRIBAL BUDGET ORDINANCE"

ROLL CALL VOTE

10Y9N1ABS1RECUSE

CARRIED

*Item came out of committee*

**CLLO-2021- 0916-02** "LUMBEE TRIBE BUDGET ADDENDUM"

ROLL CALL VOTE

21Y0N0ABS

CARRIED

*Item came out of committee*

**CLLR-2021-0916-02** "CONTINUING RESOLUTION"

ROLL CALL VOTE

20Y0N0ABS1RECUSE

CARRIED

*Item came out of committee*

## **Calendar Review**

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September 16 – Tribal Council Business Meeting 6:30pm.

September 20- LNTP 6:30pm. In person/Livestream

Housing 6:45pm.

Education 7:30pm.

September 21 – Ethics 6:30pm.

Eco. Development 7:30pm.

September 28 – Lumbee Constitution Reform – 6:30pm.

October – 4 Housing – 6:30pm.

Ethics – 7:30pm.

Finance – 8:30pm.

October – 5 ANR – 6:30pm.

C&O – 7:30pm.

Health – 8:30pm.

October – Eco. Development – 6:30pm.

Education – 7:30pm.

Gerald Goolsby made a motion to adjourn

Wendy Moore 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Benediction – Terry Hunt