

# LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday February 19, 2026 / 6:30pm  
Tribal Complex/Livestreamed

Meeting Called To Order: Speaker Alex Baker

Invocation: Homer Fields

Pledge of Allegiance: Johnny Bell

Preamble: Larry Chavis

Roll Call: Chocajuana Oxendine

Ethics Statement read by Speaker, Alex Baker

Welcome: Speaker Alex Baker recognized special guests, former Council Members Yvonne Dial, Louise Mitchell, and Jan Lowery. Other special guests in attendance Allen Dial, Ruth Locklear, and Deana Locklear and Corbin Eddings United Tribes appointee and all those attending in person and via Livestream.

## **Council Members Present at Roll Call: 19**

Billy Oxendine

Graylen Mitchell

Harold Smith

Larry Chavis

Carrington Locklear

Rubalena Locklear

Kathy Hunt

Johnny Bell

Bobby Emanuel

Chocajuana Oxendine

Josephine Doss

Alex Baker

Homer Fields

Sharon Hunt

Nanci Locklear

Mary Locklear

Larry Soles

Rudy Locklear

Eric Chavis

*Quorum established*

Graylen Mitchell asked that Councilwoman Sandra Dial be recognized for attendance.

Eric Chavis made a motion to approve the agenda

Larry Chavis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

NO OBJECTIONS

Eric Chavis made a motion to approve the January Special Called Business Minutes & Actions

Larry Chavis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

### **Committee Reports**

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#### **Constitution and Ordinance – RUDY LOCKLEAR**

**CLLR-2026-0219-01** “Re-Appointment to the United Tribes of North Carolina”

*Corbin Eddings will serve a 2-year term that will expire on March 31, 2028. Mr. Eddings will be sworn in at the March, 2026 Tribal Council Business Meeting*

ROLL CALL VOTE

21Y0N00ABS

CARRIED

Graylen Mitchell asked that Jody Bullard be recognized for attendance

#### **Finance – NANCI LOCKLEAR**

**CLLO-2026-0219-01** “HUD VASH EXPANSION BUDGET”

ROLL CALL VOTE

21Y0N00ABS

CARRIED

**CLLO-2024-0215-03** “HEALTHY NATIVE NORTH CAROLINIANS BUDGET” Amendment #2

ROLL CALL VOTE

21Y0N00ABS

CARRIED

**CLLO-2026-0219-02** “ESTABLISHING THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NC AS LEAD APPLICANT FOR TRIBAL GRANTS AND AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND INDIRECT COST”

ROLL CALL VOTE

21Y0N00ABS

CARRIED

**CLLR-2026-0219-02** Election Board Funding

ROLL CALL VOTE

20Y1N00ABS

CARRIED

### **Chairmans Report**

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Interim Tribal Administrator, Ronnie Locklear gave updates on upcoming tribal events.

### **Special Recognition**

The Lumbee Tribal Council recognized Ms. Taren Hunt, Jessica Locklear, and Lisa Dial Hunt for UNCP Doctorate Graduates in the Nursing Field and First Cohort in the Nursing Field.

*Pictures were taken and gifts given.*

### **Community Comments**

Louise Mitchell spoke on land purchase and the procedure of land purchasing

Tina Oxendine District 5 spoke on land purchase and tribal Law

Laura K Taylor spoke on land purchase and indigenous origin

### **Calendar Review**

March 4 – 7 United Tribe Conference

March 9 - C&O 6:30pm.

Health and Human Services 7:30pm.

Education 8:30pm.

March 12 - Finance 6:30pm.

Housing 7:30pm.

March 19 - Tribal Council Business Meeting 6:30pm.

March 22 – 27 RES Conference

March 28 – Wild Game Event, Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center

Billy Oxendine made a motion to adjourn the meeting

There were no objections

Graylen Mitchell gave the Benediction

Meeting Adjourned