

**LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

For Thursday February 27, 2025 / 6:30pm
Tribal Complex/Livestreamed

Meeting Called To Order: Speaker, Alex Baker

Invocation: Graylen Mitchell

Pledge of Allegiance: Yvonne Dial

Preamble: Chocajuana Oxendine

Roll Call: Secretary, Chocajuana Oxendine

Ethics Statement read by: Speaker, Alex Baker

Welcome: Nanci Locklear welcomed the community leaders and guests. Newly Elected Tribal Council Member, Johnny Bell, Mary Locklear, former council member/speaker, Dewey McNeill, the administration, Judge Bell and everyone that joined by Livestream

Council Members Present at Roll Call: 19

Billy Oxendine

Graylen Mitchell

Gerald Goolsby

Pam Hunt

Harold Smith

Carrington Locklear

Larry Chavis

Yvonne Dial

Johnny Bell

Bobby Emanuel

Chocajuana Oxendine

Josephine Doss

Alex Baker

Homer Fields

Nanci Locklear

Mary Locklear

Larry Soles

Kristie Hunt

Rudy Locklear

Quorum established

Speaker Alex Baker announced that Ms. Kathy Hunt was to be excused with a dr's note.

There were no objections

Gerald Goolsby made a motion to approve the agenda

Billy Oxendine 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

Gerald Goolsby made a motion to approve the January Tribal Council Minutes & Actions

Larry Chavis 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations

Bonnie Rogers and Taylor Woodell gave a presentation on Project Salvation - Reedy Branch, to give every high school senior the opportunity to hear one gospel message about Jesus prior to graduation. The event will be held March 28, 2025 from 7-11 at the Robeson County Fair Grounds.

Corbin Eddings with the United Tribes of NC gave an update on the upcoming Unity Conference that will be held in Greensboro March 6-8.

Chairman's Report - Tribal Administrator, Ricky Harris went over important upcoming tribal events.

Committee Reports

CONSTITUTION AND ORDINANCE – BOBBY EMANUEL

CLLR-2025-0227-01 "SUPREME COURT OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA APPOINTMENT" MS. EMILY L. DEESE

ROLL CALL VOTE

19Y0N0ABS0RECUSE

MOTION CARRIED

Item came through committee

CLLR-2025-0227-02 "SUPREME COURT OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA APPOINTMENT" ATTORNEY RONETTE A. SUTTON

ROLL CALL VOTE

19Y0N0ABS0RECUSE

MOTION CARRIED

Item came through committee

Newly Elected Supreme Court Justices will be sworn in at a later date.

FINANCE – PAM HUNT

CLLO-2023-0921-03 "CIRCLE OF CULTURES BUDGET" AMENDMENT

ROLL CALL VOTE

19Y0N0ABS0RECUSE

MOTION CARRIED

Item came through committee

CLLO-2024-0829-01 "FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2024 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 LUMBEE TRIBAL BUDGET ORDINANCE" AMENDMENT

ROLL CALL VOTE

19Y0N0ABS0RECUSE

MOTION CARRIED

Item came through committee

CLLO-2024-0215-03 "HEALTHY NATIVE NORTH CAROLINIANS GRANT BUDGET" AMENDMENT
ROLL CALL VOTE
19Y0N0ABS0RECUSE
MOTION CARRIED
Item came through committee

CLLO-2024-1017-01 "DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT BUDGET" AMENDMENT
ROLL CALL VOTE
19Y0N0ABS0RECUSE
MOTION CARRIED
Item came through committee

CLLO-2025-0227-01 "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OFFICERS (NATHPO) BUDGET"
ROLL CALL VOTE
19Y0N0ABS0RECUSE
MOTION CARRIED
Item came through committee

Community Comments

Tracy Jacobs - District 20 - Spoke about a family members home that needs repairs due to a unit that was placed at the home from the Lumbee Tribe that cause damage (floors and mold). Speaker Alex Baker referred Ms. Tracy Jacobs and family member to the Housing Committee so that the issue could be discussed and addressed.

Tonya Wynn - District 9 - Spoke about the same family members home that Ms. Tracy Jacobs talked about with the same concerns.

Audreanna Sampson - Moss Neck District- Spoke about her home that the tribe put the HVAC in that now has the mold and floors falling in and is seeking the tribes assistance in getting her home back to normal living conditions. Speaker Baker stated that she would be placed on the next Housing Committee agenda for further discussion.

Wendy Moore (former tribal council member and vice chair) District - 5 - Spoke about the Rape Crisis Center and upcoming Golf Tournament that will be held on March 29, 2025.

Carla Monds - Mrs. Indigenous 2025 - District - Seeking support from the Tribal Council to attend the Gathering of the Nations.

Calendar Review

March 3 - Supreme Court Hearing, Richard Jones vs. Tribal Council - 7pm.

4 - Finance - 6:30pm. (*Election Board*)

C & O - 7:30pm.

17 - ANR - 6:30pm.

20 - Tribal Council Business Meeting - 6:30pm.

24 - Education (2hrs.) - 6:30pm. (*Tribal Consultation*)

27 - Housing - 6:30pm.

Larry Chavis made a motion to adjourn

Billy Oxendine 2nd the motion

There were no objections

Benediction was given by Homer Fields