

# **LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

For Thursday August 21, 2025 / 6:30pm  
Tribal Complex/Livestreamed

Meeting Called To Order: Vice Speaker, Alex Baker

Invocation: Graylen Mitchell

Pledge of Allegiance: Larry Chavis

Preamble to the Tribal Constitution: Yvonne Dial

Roll Call: Secretary Designee, Chocajuana Oxendine

Ethics Statement read by: Speaker, Albert Baker

Welcome: Speaker Albert Baker gave a welcome to all that was in attendance, and those that joined via livestream.

Guest recognized former council member Lesaundri Hunt and former Senior Miss, Mabel Mosses.

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

Billy Oxendine

Graylen Mitchell

Gerald Goolsby

Pam Hunt

Harold Smith

Jody Bullard

Larry Chavis

Yvonne Dial

Kathy Hunt

Bobby Emanuel

Chocajuana Oxendine

Josephine Doss

Alex Baker

Homer Fields

Nanci Locklear

Mary Locklear

Larry Soles

Kristie Hunt

Rudy Locklear

## ***Quorum established***

Graylen Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda

Billy Oxendine 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR  
MOTION CARRIED

Graylen Mitchell made a motion to approve the July Tribal Council Minutes & Actions  
Jody Bullard 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

VOICE VOTE  
ALL IN FAVOR  
MOTION CARRIED

### **Presentations/Recognition**

Tribal Council gave Recognition to the 2025-2026 Miss Indian NC, Ms. Page Freeman. Miss Freeman spoke about her platform.

*Gifts were given and pictures taken.*

Recognition was to be given to Ms. Heather Strickland; Ms. Strickland was not in attendance (will reschedule her recognition at a later date).

Secretary Gabriel Esparza, NC Department of Administration gave a presentation on what his department is responsible for and also advocacy work in the American Indian Community

*A gift was given and pictures taken.*

North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs Executive Director, Greg Richardson spoke briefly and introduced his staff in attendance (Candace Lowry, and commissioners)

### **Chairman's Report**

Tribal Chairman gave a recap on the 2025 Gala and other upcoming events. The chairman spoke on the newspaper article in reference to the BIA's report, the Department of Interior favor the legislative route for Federal Recognition.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **CONSTITUTION AND ORDINANCE – BOBBY EMANUEL**

CLLO-2006-1116-02 "NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS DISTRICTS" AMENDMENT  
ROLL CALL VOTE

19YES0NO0ABS

CARRIED

**TRIBAL ORDINANCE NO. 2004-0003** "ORDINANCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE COURT" AMENDMENT

**CLLO-2006-1116-03** "ELECTION BOARD DISTRICTS" AMENDMENT

MOTION WAS MADE TO BLANKET VOTE THE TWO ITEMS

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR  
MOTION CARRIED

No one opposed

ROLL CALL VOTE

19YES0NO0ABS

CARRIED

## **Community Comments**

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*None given*

## **Calendar Review**

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August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Back to School Bash District 3 10:00am – 12:30pm. Rogers Screen Printing

August 25<sup>th</sup> – District 12 Health Workshop Meeting, Grey Pond Baptist Church – 6:00pm.

August 26<sup>th</sup> – Budget Work Session – 6:30pm.

August 28<sup>th</sup> – District Community Meeting 11&19 6pm.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Finance – 6:30pm.

ANR – 7:30pm.

September 4<sup>th</sup> – LTH Report – 6:30pm.

September 9<sup>th</sup> – Housing – 6:30pm.

C&O – 7:30pm.

September 11<sup>th</sup> – District Community Meeting 12 Grey Pond Baptist Church – 6pm.

September 18<sup>th</sup> – Tribal Council Business Meeting – 6pm.

September 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – 2025 Lumbee Pow Wow

Larry Chavis made a motion to adjourn

Billy Oxendine 2nd

There were no objections

Benediction was given by Homer Fields