

# **LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

For Thursday April 17, 2025 / 6:30pm  
Tribal Complex/Livestreamed

Meeting Called To Order: Vice Speaker, Bobby Emanuel

Invocation: Harold Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Homer Fields

Preamble to the Tribal Constitution: Jody Bullard

Roll Call: Secretary, Chocajuana Oxendine

Ethics Statement read by: Speaker, Albert Baker

Welcome: Speaker Alex Baker welcomed Chairman Lowery and staff, former council members, Fernie Lambert, Larry Townsend, Supreme Court Justices, Attorney Ronette Sutton and Ms. Emily Deese.

## **Council Members Present at Roll Call: 18**

Billy Oxendine

Gerald Goolsby

Harold Smith

Jody Bullard

Larry Chavis

Yvonne Dial

Kathy Hunt

Johnny Bell

Bobby Emanuel

Chocajuana Oxendine

Josephine Doss

Alex Baker

Homer Fields

Nanci Locklear

Mary Locklear

Larry Soles

Kristie Hunt

Rudy Locklear

*Quorum established*

Bobby Emanuel made a motion to approve the agenda

Gerald Goolsby 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

Jody Bullard made a motion to approve the March Tribal Council Minutes & Actions

Harold Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

### **Presentations/Recognition**

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The council recognized Miss Ava Cummings for placing second at the Regeneron Science Talent Search that was held in Washington DC. Her project focused on STACK 3 Disorder (a rare genetic muscle disease that primarily affects the Lumbee population. Johnna Locklear a student that attended Robeson Early College High School and currently attending NC State University as a senior and will be graduating as a valedictorian. Her major is International Studies and Anthropology.

*Gifts were given and Photos taken*

### **Chairman's Report**

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Spoke on the Executive Memo from the President Donald Trump (no new information to report) the draft was completed and sent to the Secretary's office at DOI. Gave dates on upcoming tribal events.

### **Committee Reports**

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

**CLLR-2025-0417-01** "ELECTION BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR DISTRICT 1: TRIBAL COUNCIL DISTRICTS 10, 11, 13, AND 19" *Daniel Locklear*

ROLL CALL VOTE

17YES0NO0ABS

CARRIED

*Jody Bullard stepped out*

**CLLR-2025-0417-02** "ADMINISTRATIVE COURT APPOINTMENT FOR DISTRICT 3: TRIBAL COUNCIL DISTRICTS 6, 7, 8, AND 20" *Samantha Oxendine*

ROLL CALL VOTE

18YES0NO0ABS

CARRIED

**CLLR-2025-0417-03** "ADMINISTRATIVE COURT APPOINTMENT FOR DISTRICT 1: TRIBAL COUNCIL DISTRICTS 10, 11, 13, AND 19" *Dominique Quenga – Dial*

ROLL CALL VOTE

18YES0NO0ABS

CARRIED

Swearing In Of Appointments – Administrative Court Chief Justice, Gary Deese,

*Pictures were taken*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-0007** "GENERAL ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE DUTIES OF COMMITTEES APPOINTMENTS, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AFFILIATED POSITIONS"

Gerald Goolsby made a friendly amendment to all appointment ordinance established add a line to the ones that doesn't have it. make reference to ORDINANCE NO: 2005-007 as it relates to confirmation. (refers to

not having to have a 2/3 vote requirement to pass out of a committee for an appointment, will just need a simple majority).

Accepted by Bobby Emanuel

Billy Oxendine made additional friendly amendment to add simple majority in the committee and in the full council business meeting.

All appointments shall be confirmed by a simple majority of the present tribal council members of the committee or full tribal council who are present at the time of confirmation with an established quorum. (retroactive to the one appointment that was passed that does not currently contain this language) Will not be in this ordinance but other ordinances will be able to be changed without having to change.

ROLL CALL VOTE

17YES1NO0ABS

CARRIED

### **Community Comments**

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*No Community Comments were given by tribal members*

Representative Chocajuana Oxendine gave comments on the loss of a "Trailblazer" in the community of Hoke County (Proctor Locklear) He was 92 years of age when he passed. He was a Veteran, retired educator and was the first Lumbee to graduate from NC State University. He worked with the Cohair tribe in Sampson County and also at Hawkeye and retired at Hoke County High School. He was also involved in the Future Farmers of America's program.

### **Calendar Review**

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May

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Cumberland County Feather Ceremony 6:00pm

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Finance 6:30pm.

Housing 7:30pm.

May 8<sup>th</sup> – C&O 6:30pm

Education 7:30pm.

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Tribal Council Business Meeting 6:30pm.

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Lumbee Day (Raleigh, NC) 6:30pm.

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day (Tribal Office Closed)

Gerald Goolsby made a motion to adjourn

There were no objections

Benediction was given by Larry Chavis