

LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday, July 16, 2026 / 6:30pm
Tribal Complex/Livestreamed

Meeting Called To Order: Vice Chairman, Bobby Emanuel

Invocation: Homer Fields

Pledge of Allegiance: Carrington Locklear

Preamble: Eric Chavis

Roll Call: Chocajuana Oxendine

Ethics Statement read by Vice Chairman, Bobby Emanuel

Welcome: Vice Chairman, Bobby Emanuel recognized former Speaker Bill James Brweington, Lumbee Tribe Supreme Court Justices Eric Freeman and Ed Brooks, former NC General Assembly House of Representative member Charles Graham, former PSRC superintendent Johnny Hunt, and all in attendance.

Council Members Present at Roll Call: 17

Billy Oxendine

Graylen Mitchell

Harold Smith

Jody Bullard

Carrington Locklear

Larry Chavis

Rubalena Locklear

Johnny Bell

Bobby Emanuel

Chocajuana Oxendine

Josephine Doss

Homer Fields

Sharon Hunt

Nanci Locklear

Mary Locklear

Larry Soles

Eric Chavis

Quorum established

Jody Bullard made a motion to excuse Speaker, Alex Baker in reference to tribal business.

Homer Fields 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Sharon Hunt made a motion to move the special recognition and presentations after the reviews.

Jody Bullard 1st the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Sharon Hunt made a motion to review and approve the June Tribal Council emergency called business meeting minutes and actions.

Jody Bullard 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Eric Chavis made a motion to review and approve the agenda.

Graylen Mitchell 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tribal Administrator Ronnie Locklear provided the following updates to the Tribal Council on behalf of the Chairman:

- Mr. Locklear informed the Council that the BIA were on site July 7th and 8th and Nikki Bass is leading the team of BIA, there were seven members in total. Everything went smoothly, the team will set up a Zoom meeting and discuss in detail how they would like to move forward and what their next steps will be.
- He also informed council of the First Annual Farmer's Market on the tribal complex on July 18th from 8am.-1pm.
- Mr. Locklear announced that the State of the Tribe Address is scheduled for June 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Boys & Girls Club and invited all Council members and the public to attend.
- Mr. Locklear reminded the Council the last two nights of Strike at the Wind will take place on July 17th and 18th. Ticket holders for the rained out showing could come to either night and their tickets will be honored. He extended an invitation for all Council members and the public to attend.
- Mr. Locklear spoke of the grand opening of the Lumber River State Park Wire Pasture Access on August 21st from 10am.-1pm. Mr. Locklear invited all tribal council and the public to attend.
- Mr. Locklear spoke about a survey Trillium sent out and urged all tribal council to complete the survey.

- Lastly, Mr. Locklear stated Chairman Lowery wanted to wish the teams the best in their trek toward the World Series and hopefully they would bring the World Series Championship back to Robeson County and make our Lumbee Nation proud.

PRESENTATION

Acknowledgement of the West Robeson Under Six Diamond Youth Baseball North Carolina State Champs

Council presented the team with shirts. Pictures were taken with Vice Speaker, Bobby Emanuel.

Acknowledgment of the West Robeson Minors 10 and under Diamond Youth Baseball North

Carolina State Champs. Council presented the team with shirts. Pictures were taken with Vice

Speaker, Bobby Emanuel. Acknowledgement of the Dixie Youth State Champs 13 and under. The

team was not present, they were playing in Louisiana for the championship. Acknowledgement of

the Pembroke All Star Girls 15 and under. The team won the North Carolina Dixie Softball State

Bella Division. Council presented the team with shirts and pictures were taken with Vice Speaker,

Bobby Emanuel.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Bill James Brewington-Trust/Integrity

Marty Blanks-New Enrollment Criteria

Kay Freeman/Trillium-Surveys/Data

Dark Feather Hunt-HUD Expansion/1st Tribal Lending Don Scott-Economic Development

Hillary Locklear-Accountability Charles Graham/Former House of Representatives

Billy Oxendine made a motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Larry Chaivs 2nd the motion.

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Carrington Locklear made a motion to come out of closed session.

Jo Doss 2nd the motion.

VOICE VOTE

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VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

CALANDER REVIEW

Jody Bullard made a motion to suspend the rules to allow committee meetings on the week of the Tribal Council Business Meeting in July.

Larry Chavis 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

June 19

Office closed for Juneteenth

Senior Ms. Lumbee Pageant at GPAC, 6:30PM

June 20

District 20 Community Day at Pembroke Recreation Center, 3:00-6:00PM

June 21st

Father's Day

June 22

District 4 and 5 Community Meeting at Lumbee Lodge, 6:00PM

June 23

Special Election 6:30AM to 7:30PM

June 25

Economic Development Meeting (LTH Quarterly Report) 6:30PM

June 27

Lumbee Warriors Association's Military Ball at Southeast North Carolina Agriculture Center, 6:00 to 11:00PM.

June 28

Gospel singing the Rock Church of God

June 29

Little/Junior Miss Pageant

June 30

LRDA Elders Lunch

Chairman's State of the Tribe Address at Pembroke Boys & Girls Club 6:00PM

July 1

Lumbee Tribal Holdings annual shareholders meeting at Pembroke Boys & Girls Club 11:00AM

July 7

Health and Human Services Committee meeting 6:30PM

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee meeting 7:30PM

July 4

Strike at the Wind

July 9

Finance Budget Hearing 6:30PM

July 13

Constitution and Ordinance Committee meeting 6:30PM

July 14

Finance Committee Meeting 6:30PM

Housing Committee Meeting 7:30PM

July 16

Tribal Council Business Meeting 6:30PM

July 21

Federal Recognition Committee meeting 6:30PM

Sandra Dial made a motion to adjourn

Jody Bullard 2nd the motion

VOICE VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR

CARRIED

Sharon Hunt gave the benediction.