

# LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLO-2024-0919-01

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

## REPEAL OF ORDINANCE CLLO-2023-1221-01 "VIRTUAL USAGE FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS"

**WHEREAS**, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Lumbee Tribe") is a recognized American Indian Tribe of the State of North Carolina, subject to the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and its inherent powers of self-governance; and,

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina delegates all legislative authority to the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Lumbee Tribal Council previously enacted Ordinance CLLO-2023-1221-01 to regulate the use of virtual technology for committee meetings to increase transparency and encourage greater participation from our tribal community; and,

**WHEREAS**, It has come to the attention of the Tribal Council that the virtual access provision in this ordinance has been exploited in ways that threaten the sovereignty of our tribal government, including the abuse of recordings that have been used to undermine the authority of the tribal government; and,

**WHEREAS**, This misuse jeopardizes the integrity of tribal governance by eroding trust and creating divisions within the community, thus impeding the ability of the Tribal Government to govern effectively without outside interference; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council recognizes the critical importance of maintaining transparency and participation but must also protect the sovereignty of the Lumbee Tribe from external influences that seek to manipulate tribal matters for personal or political gain; and,

**WHEREAS**, Alternative means of ensuring transparency and community engagement, such as in-person attendance and structured communications, must be explored to strike a balance between transparency and the protection of the tribe's sovereignty; and,

**THEREFORE**, Be it enacted by the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina that Ordinance **CLLO-2023-1221-01** "Virtual Usage for Committee Meetings" is hereby repealed in its entirety, effective immediately.

### **Section 1: Purpose**

The purpose of this repeal is to protect the sovereignty of the Lumbee Tribe by eliminating the misuse of virtual meeting access, which has been used in ways that threaten tribal governance and erode the trust required for effective leadership.

### **Section 2: Sovereignty and Governance**

The Tribal Council affirms the importance of safeguarding the autonomy of the Lumbee Tribe by ensuring that governance processes are free from manipulation and abuse, while continuing to explore other avenues for transparency and community involvement.

### **Section 3: Alternative Solutions**

The Tribal Council will consider alternative methods to maintain transparency and community participation, including encouraging in-person attendance and creating structured avenues for communication and information sharing, which do not compromise the tribe's ability to govern effectively.

### **Section 4: Effectiveness**

This repeal takes effect immediately upon the completion of the posting of the Ordinance for thirty days after the adoption by the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

**CERTIFICATION**

THIS **CLLO-2024-0919-01** "REPEAL OF ORDINANCE CLLO-2023-1221-01 "VIRTUAL USAGE FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS" ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE 16 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024, BY A VOTE OF 10 YES, 6 NO, AND 0 ABSTENTION(S) 0 RECUSE.

Dewey J McNeill  
ATTEST: DEWEY J MCNEILL 9-19-24  
SPEAKER, TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA DATE

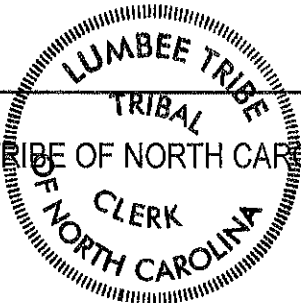
Nanci Locklear  
ATTEST: NANCI LOCKLEAR 9-19-24  
SECRETARY, TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA DATE

ATTEST: JOHN L. LOWERY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE  
CHAIRMAN, LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**POSTING**

THIS **CLLO-2024-0919-01** "REPEAL OF ORDINANCE CLLO-2023-1221-01 "VIRTUAL USAGE FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS", duly posted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 2024.

Belinda Brewer  
ATTEST: BELINDA BREWER 9/19/24  
TRIBAL CLERK DESIGNEE, LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA DATE



**ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS TO ADOPT  
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**10   FOR,   6   AGAINST,   0   ABSTENTION(S)**

District 1:	Billy Oxendine	NO
District 2:	Graylen Mitchell	ABSENT
	Gerald Goolsby	YES
District 3:	Harold Smith	YES
	Pam Hunt	ABSENT
District 4:	Jody Bullard	NO
District 5:	Wendy Moore	ABSENT
	Carrington Locklear	ABSENT
District 6:	Larry Chavis	YES
District 7:	Yvonne Dial	NO
District 8:	Kathy Hunt	ABSENT
District 9:	Dewey J McNeill	YES
District 10:	Bobby Emanuel	YES
District 11:	Chocajuana Oxendine	YES
District 12:	Josephine Doss	YES
District 13:	Alex Baker	NO
District 14:	Homer Fields	YES
District 16:	Nanci Locklear	YES
District 19:	Larry Soles	NO
District 20:	Rudy Locklear	YES
	Kristie Hunt	NO



Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina  
*The Desk of the Tribal Clerk*

**Record of Posting**

Tribal Ordinance: CLLO-2024-0919-01 REPEAL OF ORDINANCE CLLO-2023-1221-01  
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Posted Date: 9/19/2024


Presented to Tribal Chairman for Review: 9/19/24 HAND DELIVERED

Signature or Veto date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Veto: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

John L. Lowery \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Tribal Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

  
Belinda Brewer



Tribal Clerk Designee of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ Date

9/19/24  
Date