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FEBRUARY 2016 TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

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ALSO PRESENT

Chairman Harvey Godwin, Jr.
Dock Locklear
Ron Oxendine
Sharon Blue
(The following proceedings took place on Thursday, February 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: We'd like to welcome you here tonight. I'd like for Dr. Reginald Oxendine -- if you'll, please, stand and lead us in prayer.

(A prayer was given by Mr. Reginald Oxendine.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: We ask Mr. Larry Townsend -- please, remain standing, to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: We ask Ms. Sweat to lead us in our tribal preamble.

(The preamble to the tribal constitution was read.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you. You may be seated. Madam Secretary, roll call.

MS. JAN LOWERY: LaKishia Sweat?

MS. LAKISIHA SWEAT: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Here.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt? Alton Locklear?
MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Here.
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MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Here.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine? Jarrod Lowery?
MR. JARROD LOWERY: Here.
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MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear? Reginald Oxendine?
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MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, here. Bill Brewington?
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Here.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Hammonds Blanks?
MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Here.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Janet Locklear?
MS. JANET LOCKLEAR: Here.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?
MR. FRANK COOPER: Here.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson? Shelley Strickland?
MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Present.
MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?
MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Barbara Lowery?

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Here.

MS. JAN LOWERY: We have a quorum.

MR. TERRY HUNT: Mr. Speaker, Lesaundri Hunt called me right before we started. He's not going to be here tonight because he had eye surgery. He wanted me to relay that to y'all.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Do you move that we excuse him?

MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes. And also Daniel Jones and Areatha.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker, also got a call from Mr. Bobby Oxendine. He's currently out of town. Something came up.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Motion on the floor --

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: -- that we excuse absent council. All in favor, let it be known by saying aye.

(The council voted.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any oppose? Thank you.

We'd like to welcome the audience today. The council knows they're welcome. They got an obligation to be here except in cases like we had tonight -- but I think we got a couple
previous council members with us tonight, so we're glad to have you with us, Ms. Pearlene, Ms. Louise. Do we have any others? Mr. Kernis? Okay. Mr. Kernis. Our chairman -- hopefully he will be with us. He's back there. Is the chairman back there in the corner? Okay. I see him. He's not baptist, although he must be baptist. We'd like to say we're glad to have you with us.

We want to welcome our tribal members. Your presence here tonight tells us you're concerned, and I don't think you would be here tonight because of personal reasons. I hope you're here tonight concerned about the tribal business of our Lumbee people, so we're glad to have you with us. At this time, we'll look at our agenda. If everyone would, take your agenda for tonight, and go down below committee reports.

I have one more item to add there. It's comments from Mr. Ron Oxendine, the CEO of our Lumbee Tribe Enterprise. Mr. Chairman and the president of LTE asked me to put that out on the agenda tonight, and Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, and Mr. Ron, I would ask that you -- and I did it tonight because we need to talk about it, but from now on, see if we can't work through the program to committee -- we do have an economic development
committee and make them aware of your presence here, so then it's just a matter of going to them and them coming to me to put it on the agenda, so I would ask that you -- and I'm not saying you overstepped because you did request it, but I ask that you go through the appropriate committee to make a presentation, and especially if that presentation later on requires some action, and no action will be taken tonight, but something will be said tonight that will have to go to a committee for action, so we ask that you, please, take that into consideration. After committee reports, we will allow Mr. Ron to make some comments. Okay. Do I hear a motion?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: So moved.

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

(Ms. Areatha Patterson arrived to the council meeting.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. All in favor of the agenda as presented, please, say aye.

(The council voted.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any oppose? Okay. If you would -- I hope you've had time to review tribal council minutes -- and on this, I talked with Ms. Belinda, and I'm asking her to provide this package to you that request it.
I get it on my computer, and I pull up the pages I need, and I make my notes on mine, and you probably couldn't read them, but if you request from her that you want a package tonight at the meeting, she will provide it, but otherwise, we will allow you to just pull it up on your computer. In the past, every night I come up here, I'd already have my stuff out, and if this one falls in there, I'd get confused, so please work with Ms. Belinda on that. Thank you. She will provide it if you request it.

What's the wishes of -- any comment or changes or corrections on our minutes?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Make a motion we approve.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Second.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I don't know who made that. Mr. Townsend made that second, I think. All in favor of that, say aye.

(The council voted.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any oppose? Thank you. Motion carries. Our next item is community comments. We got two comments, and we'd like for those folks when you come to the mic, remember that you're presenting your concern to the tribal council, and that you have three minutes, and also, for you to state your topic of what you will discuss and what district you represent. So at this time, we call Mr. Lynn Jacobs.
MR. LYNN JACOBS: Honorable council, Chief, members of the Lumbee Tribe that are present. Thank you for this time. It won't take but a minute. I've been getting calls for the last month.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Your topic and district, please.

MR. LYNN JACOBS: It is -- my district is District 2, and my topic is the supreme leaders -- supreme court decision. The people are wondering when some action's going to be taken. That was it. They haven't heard anything. The ethics committee hadn't had a meeting yet, and they just feel left out. That was it.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you. Like I said, that will be moved to the ethics committee. Ms. Peggy Jacobs?

MS. PEGGY JACOBS: Good evening. Peggy Jacobs, District 13, doing the right thing. I know some of you are saying, she's still here, and I am, and my goal is still the same. We need to work together. There's some good people on this council. What you need to do is make a U-turn, get off the wrong road, and get on the right road. We got a good start here with the new chairman. He's going to take us far if we work with him, and I encourage every one of you to do your best and work with him. Thank you.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you. We appreciate
those comments. At this time, we have a special presentation, and I turn the floor over to Councilman Jarrod Lowery.

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to call up to the podium here a young lady that has a presentation for us. Would you, please, come up to the podium? I would like for everyone to give us her undivided attention. Thank you.

MS. JADA BROOKS: Good evening. This presentation is regarding sort of a progress report or update about the project that we presented to you last year, the Intertribal Talking Circle for the Prevention of Substance Abuse in Native Youth. I just wanted to give you a brief summary to jog your memory for those of you who may not recall the project. The project is funded by NIH, specifically, the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. It's a five-year study, and it began in 2013. It's a multi-site study using a community-based, participatory-based research methodology, and the sites involved include Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Minnesota, and the tribes involved include the Choctaw, Lumbee, and Ojibwe or Chippewa.

The primary investigators are John Lowe, Cherokee. He's a distinguished professor at Florida Atlantic University, and Julie Baldwin.
She's also Cherokee, and she's a professor, and she's now at Arizona State University. She used to be in Florida as well. She just moved. The co-investigators include myself and two others, Ms. Michelle Johnson James, who's Choctaw. She's in Minnesota, and Gary Lawrence, who's also Choctaw, and he's in Oklahoma. We have some project staff at all of the three sites, but we wouldn't be able to conduct our project without them. We wanted to -- I have a couple of our -- well, Amy is our -- we have a facilitator, two facilitators, actually, who conduct the project, and I'll talk a little more about them in a minute.

So I just wanted to give you an update about the activities that we've completed so far. The first year, we developed a community partnership committee. I think we discussed this the last time, and they have assisted us with the community needs assessment and tailoring of the intervention manual, and the committee members are Bruce Barton, Tammy Davenport, Linda Emmanuel, Connie Locklear, Jason Locklear, and (inaudible.), and we have a couple of those here with us tonight. We really appreciate their involvement in this
project. We would not be able to have a
culturally-appropriate study without their input,
so we wanted to recognize them.

We have also partnered with the Public
Schools of Robeson County. We have two schools we
are working with. One school received the actual
intervention, and the other school is the standard
education intervention, and we have one of the
facilitators here tonight with the Fairgrove
School, who is a standard education site, and
that's Amy Hunt. She actually leads the AWARE
program, and she's at that school, and she does a
fantastic job.

We have been successfully recruiting and
implementing this project since this past fall.
We had over 15 students, I think, at each site in
the fall, and we're around 10-12 now for spring
session. We're just beginning that session this
week, and we plan to finish up that some time late
spring,-- and we're really thrilled to be involved
in this project. We hope you're as thrilled as we
are to have our tribal youth involved in this
opportunity. It's a great opportunity, and we
believe that we're going to be able to impact
their lives in a positive way.
We also submitted and were accepted to present at the Southeastern Indian Studies Conference in April, so I don't know if many of you are familiar with that, but it's typically held here in the county, and we will be having our principal investigators and some of the other project survey panel at the conference in April. Do you have anything to add?

DR. DEESE: We just appreciate the schools and the students. The students are learning a lot. They're really concerned with the tribal history and with looking outward to be progressive and how to make decisions and problem solving. It's a wonderful program at both sites, and we appreciate the families, the communities, and the school support in this.

MS. JADA BROOKS: I do have a plaque to present, so let me go get that.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Chairman, if you would come forward.

MS. JADA BROOKS: Okay. I don't know if everyone can hear me, but this is a presentation of a plaque. It was given to me by Dr. Jim Benson, who's also known as Uncle Jim. He serves as a lead interventionist for the study. He's also a tribal member and elder and leader of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees in Oklahoma. He
presented to me -- he presented this plaque last year, and I haven't been able to present it to the tribe, but I did want to do that tonight.

It's a Cherokee Syllabary by Sequoyah, and to me, this symbolizes the different -- symbolizes differences. Differences exist in many forms, whether language, tribal affiliation, or culture. Through this project, we've been able to set aside our individual differences and unify as native peoples toward a greater goal: to provide our children, our future, with the tools to be successful. My hope is that this plaque will be a reminder to you as tribal leaders and tribal chairman of the importance of focusing on unity rather than individual differences.

(Pause.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: My wife asked me why I wore this new sports coat she bought me for my birthday, so when I get home, I'm going to tell her I had my picture taken. I didn't know that was going to happen, so, Dock, it worked out. At this time, we're going to go into committee reports. Our first report, our only committee report, is finance. Ms. Janie?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes. The finance committee had two budget amendment ordinances that came out of
committee. The first ordinance is CLLO-2015-0917-01, Budget Amendment #7. The second amendment is CLLO-2015-0917-01, Budget Amendment #8, NAHASDA Budget. If you go down to the sixth whereas:

Whereas, The following NON-PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT FUND is to be used to address the following, (see below).

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: The amendment is attached.

Therefore, Be it enacted by the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina hereby allocate $88,213.00 from non-program funds, and,

Therefore, Be it enacted by the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina the following ordinance shall be cited as "NON-PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT FUNDS."

Therefore, Be it enacted by the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina the following ordinance shall be amended and cited and "FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015-SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 LUMBEE TRIBAL BUDGET ORDINANCE."

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: That's Amendment 7? So you're presenting Amendment 7 to the council?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Amendment 7 is being
presented from the finance committee. We need no second since it's coming from committee. What's the wishes of the council?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes, Mr. Jarrod?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I make a motion to amend this budget amendment. I make a motion that we move from the second TBA [sic] where it says $15,000 to line 7000 and add to the $16,671.12. That's my motion.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: The motion on number 7 has been presented. Do I hear a second?

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Second.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Now, the amendment is we take line item, Community Events, and move it up to line 7000, which I hope all of you can see that. Any comment on that? Any comment on that?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: May I speak on that, Mr. Speaker?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Jarrod?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker? I know we just went over it in the committee, and I have been told that Mr. Al Locklear has been very instrumental in the line 7000, and we really do appreciate that. I just want to hear for the $15,000 to be used later on in the year,
but we had already talked as a council before about increasing the tribal -- what the chairman and what each one of us gets per month, so this year would go up from $100 to $200 a month, and what we will be able to do when the other $200,000 comes in later in the month is replace the $15,000 that we're moving now. So that's basically my motion, and I'd love to have your support.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any comments? Anyone else?

A comment for -- Ms. Anita?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, so my understanding the changing that he's requesting here is basically to increase the amount of money coming to the tribal council members?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes, ma'am.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Didn't sound good, did it? Okay. Just wondering.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: The regular proposal if I'm not mistaken, Ms. Janie, was $100 a month for travel, and this would increase it to?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: $200.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: $200 a month for travel and expenses, meeting expenses. Any other comments? Do I hear a call to question?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Call to question, Mr. Speaker.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Second on the question?
MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Second.
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Roll call.
MS. JAN LOWERY: LaKishia Sweat?
MS. LAKISIHA SWEAT: No.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?
MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?
MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt? Alton Locklear?
MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: No.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?
MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine? Jarrod Lowery?
MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?
MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear? Reggie Oxendine?
MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: Yes.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill Brewington?
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Pass.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Blanks Hammonds -- Hammonds Blanks?
MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.
1 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janet Locklear?
2 MS. JANET LOCKLEAR: Yes.
3 MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?
4 MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.
5 MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson.
6 MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.
7 MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?
8 MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: No.
9 MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?
10 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No.
11 MS. JAN LOWERY: Barbara Lowery?
12 MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Yes.
13 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Amendment passed. Now we go back to the original amendment as changed. Any further comment on Amendment 7, Budget Amendment #7?
14 MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Call for question.
15 MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Roll call.
16 MS. JAN LOWERY: LaKishia Sweat?
17 MS. LAKISIHA SWEAT: No.
18 MS. JAN LOWERY: Terry Hunt?
19 MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.
20 MS. JAN LOWERY: Janie Oxendine McFarland?
21 MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.
22 MS. JAN LOWERY: Lesaundri Hunt? Alton Locklear?
23 MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: No.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Jonathan Locklear?

MR. JONATHAN LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bobby Oxendine? Jarrod Lowery?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Larry Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Douglas Locklear? Reggie Oxendine?

MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Jan Lowery, yes. Bill Brewington?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Pass.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Daniel Jones? Anita Hammonds Blanks?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Janet Locklear?

MS. JANET LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Frank Cooper?

MR. FRANK COOPER: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Areatha Patterson?

MS. AREATHA PATTERSON: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Shelley Strickland?

MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: No.

MS. JAN LOWERY: William Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: No.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Barbara Lowery?

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Bill Brewington?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Pass.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Okay. Carried. Motion carries.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Amendment #7 has been approved. Ms. Janie will now present Amendment #8.

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Amendment #8. The sixth whereas:

Whereas, The following NAHASDA Budget Amendment is to be used to address following, (see attachment).

Therefore, the NAHASDA budget is amended in the amount of $281,677.60 to the "FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015-SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 LUMBEE TRIBAL BUDGET ORDINANCE", and,

Therefore, Be it enacted by the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina the following ordinance shall be Amended and Cited as "FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015-SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 LUMBEE TRIBAL BUDGET ORDINANCE."

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Janie, you're presenting that from the committee?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: It's been brought from
committee, Amendment #8. It needs no second. Any
discussion on that at this time?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Anita?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have a question.

Last year, the -- this tribal council did a budget
amendment, and what was presented to us was grant revenue
carryover, Grant Year 13-14, and I'm reading from the
document we received from the administration, and this says
Grant Year 13-14, budget balance less Grant Year 14-15
carryover. That amount was $3.5 million. My question is
how then do we have this document with the grant year
carryover for the year 13-14 for $5.4 million? How did it
increase?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Janie, can you speak to
that?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: I -- not really because it
was brought to my attention just shortly, and I don't know
if anyone from finance is here.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Sharon, can you step
forward and speak to that?

MS. SHARON BLUE: Okay. The document that you
have -- the total carryover amount, which we have projects
within there, is $3.7 million. Of that $3.7 million,
$281,000 needs to be reallocated to our budget that just
ended.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Stay still unless somebody's got a question.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Wait a minute. Anybody else? Then I'll let Ms. Anita go again. Anyone else?

Anyone else on this issue? Okay. Ms. Anita?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: My question is, Ms. Sharon, with last year, the carryover amount minus the carryover for 14-15 was only $3.5 million. How then can it this year have increased to $5.4 million? That's the part I don't understand.

MS. SHARON BLUE: Where is the $5 million coming from?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: It's on this document you gave us with -- for this amendment.

MS. SHARON BLUE: On the first page. On the first page, the total revenue is $3,746,202. Of that amount,-- and that's the only amount we're saying we carried forward for this period. Of that amount, only $281,677.60 needs to be reallocated. If you look at your document, the items that are in yellow are carryover projects, and then the gray color is the proposed allocation of the $281,000.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Sharon, I think her question is how it's got $3 million and another's got $5
million. I think that's the questions she's trying to get cleared up.

MS. SHARON BLUE: I don't see the five.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Will you come up here and let Ms. Anita show it to you so we can move on?

(Pause)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Go back to your mic, Ms. Sharon. If you would, go back to your mic and clear it up for all of us.

MS. SHARON BLUE: Does anyone have a copy of the 14-15 budget?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: That's why it's good to have your finance officer to deal with this kind of thing. Ms. Sharon, if you'd feel more comfortable, I'll ask Ms. Janie to move that we table this and go back to committee and let you meet with the committee and clear this up and bring it back to the full council. I hate for us to vote on something tonight that you're not clear on, that we're not clear on.

MS. SHARON BLUE: Yeah.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: I'd like to offer an alternate motion. Rather than approve this document that we -- for some time now, we haven't had veterans services, and that money is in the budget. If you turn to page -- bare with me a moment -- page 4 under veterans. It's been
some time that we've finally gotten HUD's approval to reinvest back into our veterans services, and I do know that the veterans department is of need of this $60,000 --

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: So your motion --

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: My motion is to --

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: -- is to approve the veterans portion?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: -- to approve the veterans portion, which is $60,799.88, and the rest of it will be tabled.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Second the motion.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Townsend seconds that.

Any discussion? We were tabling this from this amendment except for the veterans portion. Any discussion? No call for question?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Question.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Roll call vote, please. This is on the veterans portion.

MS. JAN LOWERY: LaKishia Sweat?

MS. LAKISIHA SWEAT: Yes.

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MR. TERRY HUNT: Yes.

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MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: Yes.

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MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Yes.

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MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: Yes.

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MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Pass.

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MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Yes.

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MS. JANET LOCKLEAR: Yes.

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MR. SHELLEY STRICKLAND: Yes.

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MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Yes.

MS. JAN LOWERY: Barbara Lowery?

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Yes.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Motion carries for that portion of our amendment, so, Ms. Jan [sic], I instruct you to go back to the committee, and Ms. Sharon will help you figure that out hopefully. Okay. At this time, we call Mr. Ron forward who is the CO of our LTE, Lumbee Tribal Enterprise for his comments.

(Pause)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Ron, I ask before you start that you give our guests a little background on what LTE is and we council -- so you don't stand up there for a few minutes talking and we don't know what you're talking about. In layman's terms, tell us exactly why you're here, what you do, what LTE is.

MR. RON OXENDINE: Lumbee Tribe Enterprise, LLC is the for-profit part, as I describe it, for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and what that means is you have a company that is formed for our people that authorized -- who's function is to go out and obtain federal contracts, state and local for the government to create for-profit money or in your terms, unrestricted money, for use by the tribe. That is the simple layman's term for what Lumbee Tribe Enterprise is.
I will clarify one thing. I'm not the CEO. I do call myself the COO, the chief operating officer, but Mr. Terry Hunt is the president. He's the guy in charge, and he gets to explain everything I get to stand up here and say today. I presented out a brief for you that I want to walk you through, and it's got part of the history of us in there as well, and Mr. Speaker, there is an action needed for this presentation, but not for tonight. It's just for later -- but anyway.

First thing I want to tell you about is who the board of directors is that's part of Lumbee Tribe Enterprise. The board of directors actually provides the leadership and guidance to LTE, and if you go to page 2, former Chairman Paul Brooks, in this capacity is determined by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. He is currently still on our board. As you can see, I noted that this is a rotating position, so whoever the current presiding chairman is, that position is designated for him/her. Chairman Godwin -- he has a package that's been submitted to SBA for approval. That process takes about 90 days or earlier. He can't replace Paul Brooks until that package is approved by SBA. The chairman's package was submitted on
the 15th of December of 2015.

Also on the board is Gary Strickland. Gary
Strickland in September of 2011 was selected by
then chairman and appointed as the chairman
representative to the board. It's a permanent
position. I'll define permanent for you in the
next slide. Tammy Maynor is also a member and is
a permanent position. Terry Hunt is our president
and also our former economic development committee
chair. He's also in a rotating position.

Mr. Alton Locklear's package is pending to be
submitted, so that's what I'm really here to talk
about tonight. Brian Locklear is also a tribal
council appointee. In other words, he's your
representative to the board of directors for LTE.
Mr. Kernice Locklear is also a member or permanent
director, and I am a permanent director.

I'll tell you permanent means it's a 15-year
position, effective 1 September 2011. Now, why am
I here tonight? The reason I'm here is on the
next slide where we talk about an SBA meeting. On
the 4th of February of this month, Terry Hunt and
Tammy Maynor met with the Lumbee Tribe's Business
Opportunity Specialist up in Charlotte at the SBA,
Ms. Mia Fagley -- Fagley. Let me say that
correctly.

The purpose of that meeting was just to go do a face-to-face, let her know who Lumbee Tribe Enterprise is, listen to the people. We needed to get to know her because she just flew in from Denver, Colorado. She also had a lot of experience working with tribal companies as well as Alaska natives, so it was our or Tammy and Terry's opportunity to go meet with her face-to-face and sit down and go and talk about LTE in a get-to-know-you fashion. One of the things that Ms. Fagley brought up that is an issue with LTE is the structure. Now our structure, which means the board of directors, which I gave you the list on the previous page, there are two rotating positions that are on the board of directors: the chairman and also the economic development chair.

Now, in the past, there's always been an economic development chairman selected by the tribal council in January. That results in a Change of Management Package we have to submit to SBA for approval so that we can do our normal operations for LTE. I put down in red one of the things that that Change of Management Package
does. It kind of puts you in a limited operating situation where you're not fully able to benefit in the 8(a) Program. Okay. I'll explain that on the next slide.

What does that mean? When you do a Change of Management Package, the first things that you're not allowed to do: you're not able to create any joint ventures ergo any new companies where you see an opportunity to do work, nor are you able to submit a Mentor Protege package, and I'll tell you what these two packages are. A Joint Venture is when you team with a company to form a company for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina that will have 8(a) certification, and it will be an opportunity for that company to pursue specific or any specific contract. In addition to that, you're also allowed to be awarded up to three contracts before the joint venture comes to an end.

The board has a pending joint venture that's in place, but we're not able to submit that package right now because Chairman Godwin's package is going through the Change of Management process. Mentor Protege -- we've agreed to go through Mentor Protege with a company in Tampa, Florida. That Mentor Protege -- that means that
company will be our mentor, and they will help us acquire contracts and work with us and train us on business development and all the activities associated with trying to grow and the operations of a company. That is a formal SBA process. That's been agreed to occur, but again, we can't submit the package pending the Change of Management Package for Chairman Godwin.

What can you do? Continue to market and pursue contracts. What that means is you can continue to bid on 8(a), Small Business, and Full and Open opportunities, and you can also obtain Sole Source Contract Awards from the government, and when we say Full Source Opportunities, that's when you heard me talk about the opportunity to get $22.5 million-dollar contracts; sole source.

Okay. Today,— on the next slide, the board, as a result of our meeting with SBA, had a board meeting. The primary reason of that board meeting was to discuss the Change of Management Packet or issues of constantly doing Change of Management Packages. The board recommendations that came out today was obviously to retain Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina as a rotating position. That only occurs every three years
and/or six, so you don't have to do a change but once every three years.

The change of the economic development chair position -- we are recommending that it become a permanent position. Again, 15 years beginning 1 September 2011, but in addition to submitting that package, it will also require an update to our operating agreement for LTE. In other words, we would have to tell SBA how it changes, the way LTE's board will function, and that's also part of the package that we'll deal with. Now, what we're going to recommend or what will happen is that instead of the economic development committee chairperson being automatically assigned the board, which is also a Change of Management Package, what we're going to recommend to you is that we take or leave that position a second tribal council appointed position. In other words, you have another opportunity to go out and tell us who the person is you want to fill in that position. Who do you want?

Specifically, if you look at the next bullets, you'll see some options, and these are just recommendations. Mr. Alton Locklear is the current economic development committee chairman.
He is in line to take that position, and the tribal council can let him continue down that path and appoint him as the permanent representative to the LTE board. If you don't like that option, you have the option to go out and identify someone completely different, but that's why we want to give you basically 30 days to discuss, address, ask questions, or whatever to meet that deadline.

You see my last bullet down there. It's critical to me that you make this decision next month or by the next monthly meeting because it's anticipated that Chairman Godwin's package should be approved about that time, which means the Mentor Protege package that we've been waiting to submit -- it is critical because the proposal has been submitted -- can immediately be submitted and subsequently approved. Then, after that, the process could also take 60-90 days. Then we take your appointee and make that Change of Management Package for that permanent tribal council appointed position, and then you'll only have to do it one more time, so what we're trying to do is take every advantage that the SBA gives to LTE so we can fully participate in 8(a) -- where we can do joint ventures anytime we want. We can
establish -- you can do multiple Mentor Proteges although that's I don't think in our future -- at least use all the opportunities from SBA.

So that's what we're recommending to the tribal council, and again, I think 30 days should be enough time, Mr. Speaker. We'll leave that up for your action.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you.

MR. RON OXENDINE: Any questions or discussion for me?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any questions?

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker? I have a question.

MR. RON OXENDINE: Sure.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: It says on your handout here -- you're calling these permanent positions --

MR. RON OXENDINE: Defined that's 15 years.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: -- because your bylaws says 15, so why are you calling it permanent?

MR. RON OXENDINE: Well, that's my term.

Initially, when we talk about selecting the board of directors, that's back when we picked up that term. That was back in September 2011. We had permanent board members, rotating board members, and that's just kind of the dialogue I've continued with, but that permanent was
defined as 15 years from the start.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So am I -- anybody else?


MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So am I to understand the big issue here is the fact that economic development person gets chosen every year, and that's the three-month transition from person to person to person? That's the big issue?

MR. RON OXENDINE: Yes. And that's a process that takes roughly 90 days or more. The SBA advertises 90 days, but when you get your approval back, you get your approval back. Also, the key thing to note, and also to Al because I forgot to mention, whoever you select to go in this position has to go through the approval process like all the other directors have, and what that means is you got to provide three years of your income tax, you got to go through background checks, which you can't have any incidents, and I will say incidents because it doesn't necessarily have to be a felony. It could be any incident. I think some of you have heard about my definition of an incident previously from issues before.

Then you got to fill out all the SBA forms and the packages we have to do, so keep that in
mind as you talk as one of the things we got to do. We got to run one from LTE's perspective. We've got to run a background check after your nominee is provided so that we have our understanding. We don't want SBA to find something in the person's background before we do, and keep in mind, if you don't pass their criteria, then that person's got to approve another Change of Management Package, so it would behoove the council to talk about it, select the right person -- but it would be your appointee as our recommendation.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Can --

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: I have another question.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Go ahead.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: It's my understanding is that the reason that Terry Hunt is the president was because Brian didn't clear that, but he's still a member of the board of directors?

MR. RON OXENDINE: That's correct.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: How does he remain if he didn't clear?

MR. RON OXENDINE: SBA says he can be a board of directors because he's not in control. He's (Indicating)
the present boss of the company. You know, you can be a
ing voting member of the board of six, in this case, but you
can't lead the charge because again, it's called your
management structure.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: So is -- am I correct
in understanding that Mr. Hunt is the president of the
corporation?

MR. RON OXENDINE: That's correct.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: The LTE corporation?

MR. RON OXENDINE: Yes.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Does he have a
contract?

MR. RON OXENDINE: No.

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Just asking.

MR. RON OXENDINE: He doesn't need one.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you, Mr. Ron.

MR. RON OXENDINE: Thank you.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Council, if you would, take
your calendar out at this time. I know we're going to get
through it, and I'm asking Mr. Al to set up an economic
development meeting before this date so you all can attend
that meeting, and then we can come back on our next council
meeting -- I reckon the 17th of March. Many will be away
on the 10th, so let's go back to the 3rd. Go ahead and put
that down as a special call meeting to deal with this issue
only at this point. I'll let you know that will be March the 3rd because, Mr. Al, you can have your meeting before that time. We will get into other committee meetings a little later. Okay. At this time, we'll ask our tribal administrator to give us an update.

MR. DOCK LOCKLEAR: Mr. Speaker, fellow board members, a couple items I'd like to go over with you. First thing I'd like to say is we're in the process of doing some painting inside the building. From what I understand, there's not been any painting since the building was built, and we see some need to do that. You'll notice we also had some spots in our carpet that was torn and whatever, and we had someone come in and repair those places for us, and we also cleaned that carpet.

One thing that we found out -- we were having some problems with the microphones, and we had someone come in and take a look at that, and we found that when the system was set up, each of these mics is supposed to have a cord running from the mic straight to the system room back here. What they did when they put the mics in, they spliced them together, so when you have one mic goes out, all of them shuts down, and then you have to reboot the system to get them back up, and that's not always a good option, so we'll try to
find somebody or get somebody to give us an estimate on what it would take to resolve that problem and get it to where they work.

I'd like to thank Council member Jan Lowery and Dr. Cherry Beasley for coming in and doing our HIPPA training on the 17th and all the staff was involved in that process, and we just appreciate them doing that for us. One thing I'd like to report to the council is that we had to welcome the State Board of Elections and our tribal cards -- they are going to allow us to use them as identification in the next vote, though the senior card, because they don't have an expiration date on them, they won't let us use those, so what we'll probably have to do is do an ordinance to put an expiration date on that card, and then they'll allow us to use them.

On the 9th of February, the Chamber of Commerce hosted a rise and shine breakfast in the tribal facility. This is the first of its kind. There was approximately 112 business and community leaders that attended that function this year. Mr. Speaker, Chairman Godwin, and Chancellor Cummings was the speaker for that day, and they challenged us and gave us some good, inspiring
comments, and we feel like that was a great success.

On the 16th of February, I met with the Pembroke Innovations Council. They asked me to come over as a representative of the Tribe. The Town of Pembroke is looking for some method of attracting more businesses and individuals to the town, and they're looking at some renovations to do some of the streets and possibly some work up there at the park, and they just wanted our input since we are located here in this area.

One other item I'd like to bring before the council is last week we met with the Red Cross. They would like to distribute smoke detectors to all the senior citizens of the county. The smoke detectors that they have will be presenting -- this is a five-year program. They have a ten-year lithium battery. They made a suggestion that since we have 14 districts that each of the council from those districts set up a meeting, and let us know when those meetings will be, and we'll get the representative, which is Pat Smart, to be in attendance, and also, if you could get the fire department from your district to be there to help them install those smoke detectors at the senior
citizen's residence.

If you'd like to do that -- I'm not standing up here telling you you have to do it. That's just a suggestion, so if you decide you want to participate in this, just let me know, and we'll coordinate a time with them and also getting the fire department set up.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any burning questions for Mr. Dock? I'll start with Ms. Barbara and go around.

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: I'd just like to say that I'll represent my district.

MR. FRANK COOPER: Same.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Any questions? Mr. Jarrod?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Administrator, I have one quick question. The budget amendment that was brought before us was proposed by the chairman or was brought by the administration, and Councilwoman Anita had a very good question, and my question is, why wasn't anybody from the administration able to answer the question about the budget amendment that was brought before us from the administration?

(Pause.)

MS. SHARON BLUE: I've got a response now. I brought up my email.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I think his question, Ms.
Sharon, is why did we have to wait to go back and research it and didn't have an answer when Ms. Anita brought it up.

MS. SHARON BLUE: I think that, that question should have been brought before me or to me before the meeting so I could've researched it. I was caught off guard.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. But you will meet with the finance committee?

MS. SHARON BLUE: Yes.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Anyone else? Thank you, Mr. Dock. Councilmen, if you would take your calendar out for February --

MS. ANITA HAMMONDS BLANKS: Mr. Speaker, I have a question concerning the constitution and ordinance committee. Just want to throw it out there. I know this was discussed in the committee, and it was about redistricting. I know they have the funds for redistricting, so I just wanted to ask a question. Has anything been done as far as starting the redistricting process?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Townsend, are you at a point in time ready to comment on that?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Absolutely. The answer is yes.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Thank you.
MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Mr. Speaker?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Townsend?

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: I would like to schedule a constitution meeting for --

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Hold on just a minute. If you would go to February, Ms. Barbara has asked that no one schedule anything on February 25th and give her your entire evening, so she's got that date, and she said she's going to need approximately 2-3 hours, and we don't want to be out all night. So put Ms. Barbara down for housing on February 25th, and I told her that would be the only one, and she talked like it would be a lengthy one. Now, Mr. Townsend. I just wanted to cover her.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: March 1st at 6:30, meeting of the constitution committee.

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: February 1st at 7:30.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: March 1st?

MS. JANIE MCFARLAND: I'm sorry. March 1st.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Finance. You've got constitution and finance. That's a lot in one night. Ms. Barbara?

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: I'd like 6-6:30.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: 6-6:30 unless anyone says otherwise, we do all our meetings at 6:30.

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: That's fine.
MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Constitution and finance at 6:30 and 7:30. We prorate an hour, but if it takes more, it takes more. Mr. Al?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: We have a special call meeting on the 3rd; is that correct?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Right.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: That doesn't give us many days to schedule a committee meeting. I was going to choose the 25th. Ms. Barbara, do you think you could give me 30 minutes of your time from 6:30-7:00 for economic development to discuss this issue for what we're having this special call meeting for?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: What about the 23rd, Mr. Al?

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: I think I can do 30 minutes because we're going to be having quite a few of these meetings for housing.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Also, I'd like to request if Ms. Barbara's going to keep us here for three hours that she provide food.

MR. LARRY TOWNSEND: Is that a motion?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Yes.

MS. LAKISIHA SWEAT: Second.

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: I can handle that.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Point taken, Ms. Barbara.

February 25th, economic development is going to meet from
6:30-7:00, and housing from 7:00 to 10:30-11:00. According to that book she sent me, you better get ready. Any -- Mr. Jarrod?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Mr. Speaker, federal recognition committee would like to have a meeting on Thursday, March 10th at 6:30.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: There will be quite a few people away at that time.

MR. FRANK COOPER: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to have education meeting committee right after his meeting.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: So we got recognition and education on the 10th? That's no conflict with any of your members? Any members? Conflict on that? Okay. Let's go through it. On February 25th, we got economic development at 6:30, housing at 7:00. On March 1st, we got constitution at 6:30, finance at 7:30. Then on March the 3rd, we have a special meeting to deal with the LTE issue, 6:30. On March the 10th, we got federal recognition at 6:30 and education at 7:30.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Mr. Maiden?

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Can I ask Ms. Belinda -- does the unity conference start that Thursday on the 10th?

MS. BELINDA BREWER: Yeah.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: What time does it all start
that day?

MS. BELINDA BREWER: Registration starts at 10:00, and I'm not sure what time everything else starts.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: That's why I asked was there any conflict for the two committees.

MS. JAN LOWERY: The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs has their meeting that morning, and then usually the grand entry's at like 1:30 that afternoon.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: He recommended the 8th. Is that okay with you?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: (Nonverbal response.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Move federal recognition and education back to the 8th because some are planning the attend the Indian Unity Conference, and that starts at 3:30 in the afternoon. Ms. Jan?

MS. JAN LOWERY: I need the council to look or think of or help me with a date when so we can come, Dr. Beasley and I, can come and do the training on the HIPPA training for the council members, and that will take about an hour and fifteen minutes, and we can feed you that night, so if you would look. Apparently February seems to be filled up. Can we look at March? Is March 14th a good night?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: March 14th? All right. March 14th for HIPPA training.
MS. JAN LOWERY: Right.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: And dinner?

MS. JAN LOWERY: And dinner.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: What time you want to start?

At six?

MS. JAN LOWERY: That's fine.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: At six. Does six bother anyone since we got dinner?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Could we really do that at 6:30? It's kind of tough to get here by 6:00.

MS. JAN LOWERY: So 6:30?

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: We could, like, eat and train?

MS. JAN LOWERY: Right.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. Any others? Ms. Barbara?

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Yes. The 23rd.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Okay. We'll get to that in a second. We'll get to the announcements. That's an announcement. I got you. We'll get to it. I got that on my calendar.

MR. REGINALD OXENDINE: Mr. Speaker, on the 8th, is federal recognition at 6:30 and education at 7:30?

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Yes. Federal recognition at 6:30, education at 7:30. It may not take 30 minutes, so
that one may not take long. He may not need an hour, so
you might need to come early on that one. Any other
meetings? By the way, the public is invited to our
committee meetings. They are open to the public if you can
remember all those days. They can probably go on the
website and load them on there, right?

MS. JAN LOWERY: Yeah.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Anything else on the
calendar? Seems like we're busy people. At this time, we
call our chairman forward for comments. Anything I forget?
No. We're going to get to announcements.

CHAIRMAN GODWIN: Good evening. Thank you, Mr.
Speaker and distinguished Lumbee Tribal Council Members for
this opportunity tonight. I just wanted to bring four or
five things to your attention. One, the pow wow. We're
working on it. Very excited about it. We have 40 plus
volunteers, and some tribal employees are putting it
together. It's going to be a big challenge bringing it back
to the Indian Cultural Center because that's where it's
going to be. I thank Mr. Speaker for his efforts and
bringing some people together who have a lot of knowledge
about the culture center and the logistics of it. The
biggest thing will be transportation, parking. We got a
plan for that. We have utilities. We'll be hoping and
praying for good weather. We think we've got a backup plan
for that as well.

I don't know what you may be hearing out in
the community, but a lot of people are very, very
happy we're moving it back to the culture center.
A lot of people -- you know, I have to wear a lot
of different hats. Culture is one of them, but
the culture aspect of this, the culture center
itself -- our connection to the land as a people
is very important and critical at this point in
time, especially for our young people.

If you'll look up on the monitors there,
you'll see a mock up right now of what the
T-shirts may look like. We're still working on
this. Some students from Purnell Swett High
School are putting this together, but it's really
just a hawk and the silhouette of the moon and a
tree, which is kind of getting back to the
environment of the culture center with the trees
there and the full moon and the red tail hawk,
which is indigenous to our area and to our tribe.
They've got that piece worked out, and hopefully
they'll have that finished -- we've got
committees. Mr. John Oxendine has got -- he's
doing a fantastic job with the committees, and
they're all working together in the cold and the
rain to get everything put together. So this is kind of what the T-shirt will look like in black and yellow or on a red or yellow T-shirt at this point in time. That may change, but that's the silhouette of it.

I'd also like to mention a couple other things. Support, administrative support. I'm trying to make sure that we do due diligence on that. We have the tribal administrator here, Mr. Bosco, Ms. Tammy, finance director, Ms. Brewer, who is here, so I think we have all the administrative support here to answer any questions you may have. I would expand on her (indicating) comment a little earlier was that, if there's some disconnect, just give us a call. We're meeting before this meeting, we're meeting upon meetings to share information. The point I'm trying to make is if we don't have the answer for you that very minute, we have a staff here for you at your meetings that can get the information for you before the meeting's up, and if they can't, then that will be another discussion.

We also have if you notice tech support. Both of our tech people, Ms. Tonya Lowry and my brother back here,—
MS. JAN LOWERY: Joe.

CHAIRMAN GODWIN: Joe. What can I say. I know his name. I talk to him everyday. They're doing a great job, and they're getting the mics fixed, but you'll have tech support here for your meetings. For every committee meeting you have, you'll have tech support so we can be heard, and people can make sure they get the correct information. Working on things like this, that's going to expand. You'll be able to do more things up here, so we'll have tech support at every meeting and also security. She's sitting right back there from R&R, and she's done a great job for us, so we'll have tech and security support for you.

Tomorrow at 9:00, we're having a prayer -- pray in, whatever you want to call it. This will be our second one right here in these chambers. I think it's important, and I'd like for you all to come if you'd like. It will last for about 30 minutes. People give comments -- but I think it's important we get back to our core values, and that's one of them. I think we need prayer on everything that we're doing right now.

Lumbee Tribal Holdings. I want to expand just a little bit on what Mr. Ron Oxendine was talking about. He's talking about Lumbee Tribe
Enterprises. What we're doing right now is very, very, very important. We have the opportunity for the Lumbee Tribe to become prosperous with this mechanism in the future for the next nine years.

What that does is just bring contracts together. He goes out and he shops for the business and professionals. You have to have high-level security clearance for these contracts we're talking about. Nobody in this room can get them. You've got to have those kinds of federal clearances to do it, and some of it's kind of secret, so he can't tell us everything, and because of the contracts and the nature of them, it is what it is; not just getting the contracts.

There's another level that's called Lumbee Tribal Holdings. Once the contracts are secured, when the profits from those contracts start going to Lumbee Tribal Holdings, that's the critical part. That's the part when you take that profit and we decide as a committee and as a team what to do with that money; what programs do you want to build, what scholarships do you want to start, stipends for travel, and a lot of other things we haven't even thought about yet because we haven't got that far, but let me tell you that it's coming
very quickly.

Now there was a resolution that was made a couple years ago where there's five people on that committee. There's the chair, there's the administrator, the head of housing, and two tribal council members on it. When the resolution was passed, and I won't get into details of that, but the two tribal council members were removed, so you only had the chair, the administrator, and the head of housing on Lumbee Tribal Holdings, which will decide where this money's going to go, so I challenge you -- I know you've got all these meeting's scheduled, but I challenge you to have a board -- a tribal council board meeting to let's discuss this in detail, and you need to select two people that need to go on Lumbee Tribal Holdings. That's even more critical than the LTE. You got to have us representing that.

We got to plan together, we got to have your constituents involved. We're going to have to have focus groups out at your community centers -- what's important to the people because when this money starts flowing and we have a profit, we don't have to spend it right then, but we need a plan, and this Lumbee Tribal Holdings is the
apparatus for the plan and for these
disbursements, so I don't think we need to decide
tonight on a date to think about it, and see if we
can have a meeting in the next two weeks on the
board of the Lumbee Tribal Holdings.

Accountability, transparency, open
government. I had a meeting Tuesday with Senator
Richard Burr. He came to my business office in
Lumberton for an hour. He hadn't stepped foot in
Robeson County for five years, and he came in to
see us. It's a political year, he's running, I
get it. Federal recognition, I feel really,
really good about him being a champion for us.
He's one of the top five US Senators in the US
Senate right now, and if he wins, he'll be even
more powerful, and the man's the head of the
Intelligence Committee; he knows IT. He was
talking to me about some stuff I didn't even know
what he was talking about.

I feel good about our confederates there, and
with Congressman Hudson, I would ask Councilman
Jarrod, if I can work together with you on this
because we have to have a single message now, and
they're expecting leadership from the chair
position to champion with them, and we all got to
be saying the same thing, so if you allow me, I'd
like to work with you on that. Let's get the
message right -- so they're not going to do much
in this election, so it would be early 2017. We
can get a good push going with that plan, and we
push for it, and I think federal recognition needs
to be at the top of the list, not at the bottom of
the list. Lumbee Tribal Enterprises, Holdings --
that money could secure full federal recognition.
I'm telling you -- the next several generations --
some of the things we're talking about struggling
with with money and trying to find pennies here
and there won't be an issue anymore. We'll have
enough money to take care of our generations to
come.

The last thing I would say to you is this.
The last month or so, me and my wife -- she's at
home alone now. I'm spending more time away from
her than I want to, but I questioned myself
lately: Why did I decided to do this? Senator
Burr asked me that same question. That's the
first question he asked me: Why'd you decide to
run for tribal chair? I told him why, and he
understood what I was talking about. Here I got a
box from the little children of Red Hill
Apartments in Maxton.

The Honorable Harvey Godwin, Jr., and inside, are all these letters from kids, children, and you know what they want? All they asked for is a playground at Red Hill Apartments. Ms. Sweat, they're saying so we can stay out of the streets, so bad people that walk up and down the highway there can't snatch them, where they feel safe. They just want a playground. That's what you don't know with this LTE and Lumbee Tribal Holdings. You won't ever have to worry about something like this again. This is what it's about. This is what it's really about. Please, let's not lose our focus on that. Thank you.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, we will open the floor for announcements from our council. Ms. Barbara, I'm going to let you go first because I know you had a burning announcement, so you have the open floor.

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Yes. On February 25th down at the First Nations Boys and Girls Club, we're going to have a community meeting. We're inviting the tribal council to come on out. We'll have musicians out there, and we start at 6:00, and our meeting will be at 7:00. The 23rd, next Tuesday. It starts at 6:00. The people out
there's preparing soup and drinks. They provided water.
If they want to provide, I don't tell them no. Everybody
that would like to come is welcome to come.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: At 6:00?

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: Well, the music starts, and
then the food we're going to have ready.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: The 23rd. She had that 25th
meeting on her mind.

MS. BARBARA LOWERY: First Nations Boys and Girls
Club. It's on Singletary Church Road.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Ms. Belinda can send us a
reminder on that. All right. We'll go around. Any
announcements? Announcements? Mr. Jarrod?

MR. JARROD LOWERY: Really isn't an announcement,
but I just want to let everybody know that today the North
Carolina State Legislature and the United States Court of
Appeals redrew our congressional districts, all 13
districts in the state, so you need to check and see. We
all pretty much live in different congressional districts,
and we all have different congressmen, so Robeson County's
in the 9th, Hoke County's in the 8th, and Cumberland
County's split between the 7th and the 4th -- no -- excuse
me. Cumberland County's split between the 8th and the 9th,
so the maps are out. Get online and check it out, and I'll
give a full update about all that at our federal
recognition meeting. Thank you.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: If you got questions, just see Mr. Jarrod. He's got inside with the governor's office.

MR. WILLIAM MAIDEN: Mr. Speaker, if I might, as a reminder to the education committee with the unity conference coming up the weekend of the 10th, 11th, and 12th, there was a request for a scholarship funding, and that was sent to education, and I don't know if you had a chance to talk about it yet or not, and I know that you have a meeting that week before that, so I'd like, if you would, remember that. We have a representative here that's on the board up there, and they made that request; if you remember those letters I passed out to you.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: If you got anymore questions, just get with Mr. Maiden. I have one general announcement. In your package, you received a new copy of your committees. When I looked this one over, Ms. Belinda noticed there was three councilmen that was not on a committee, and it's required that all council serve on at least one committee, so I worked with some chairpersons, and I'm glad to say tonight, Ms. Sweat, all three were on at least one committee, so I thank you, chairmen, for working with me to fill those positions.

The only other announcement I have is after
the benediction, I need to meet with all those
that requested to attend the National Housing
Conference in May back in the break room. It
won't take me but a minute to tell you what's
going on, but all of those that requested to
attend the national conference. If nothing else,
I'm going to call a dear friend of mine up to the
podium. Mr. Bruce Barton, would you close us in
prayer? He's -- I worked for him for many years,
so I know he's capable. Mr. Barton?

(A prayer was given by Mr. Bruce Barton.)

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: I do need a motion to
adjourn.

MR. FRANK COOPER: Motion.

MR. ALTON LOCKLEAR: Second.

MR. BILL BREWINGTON: Meeting's adjourned.

(End of proceedings.)