

DRAFT MINUTES
Recognition Committee
June 19, 2007

Chairman Paige Archer called the June 19, 2007, Recognition Committee of the Virginia Council on Indians Meeting to order at 2:00p.m. Others present were Recognition Committee Members, Mitchell Bush and Powhatan Owen; consultants, Dr. Carole Nash and Dr. Helen Rountree; counsel to the Committee, Jack Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General; members of the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Inc. petitioning group, Chief Lynette Allston (former Council Chairman), and Archie Elliot. Also present was Allard Allston.

Powhatan Owen gave the invocation. Then Powhatan Owen moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion to approve the January 16, 2007, minutes with the addition that then-consultant, Mitchell Bush, was absent because of illness. The motion was carried.

The Recognition Committee then began the review of the Petitioners' documentation related to Criteria 2 and 4 with an intended progression through Criterion 1, Criterion 3, and Criterion 5, in that order.

Powhatan Owen moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion that the Petitioners had provided sufficient documentation to validate that the historical Nottoway Tribe was one of the "historical Indian groups that lived within Virginia's current boundaries at the time of that group's first contact with the Europeans". The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the genealogies and documentation of five members of the petitioning group.

There was a consensus of the Committee on the following:

1. Sallie Williams Wiggins was a Nottoway Reservation allottee and therefore a documentable Nottoway Indian, and Lynette Lewis Allston is documentarily her descendant.
2. Millie Woodson/Bozeman Turner was a Nottoway Reservation allottee and therefore a documentable Nottoway Indian, and Leroy Hardy is documentarily her descendant.
3. Three members of the petitioning group did not submit sufficient documentation to validate their descendancy from the historic Nottoway Indian Tribe.

The Committee informed the members of the petitioning group present of the need to submit further supporting documentation for the three members whose descendancy from the historic Nottoway Tribe was not validated.

At the next scheduled meeting on July 17, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., the Committee will continue the review of the petitioning group's documentation related to Criteria 2, 4, 1, 3, and 5.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The place of the July 17, 2007 meeting is to be arranged.

Paige Archer
Chairman