

Recognition Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2007

Chairman Paige Archer, Meherrin, called the August 21, 2007, Recognition Committee Meeting of the Virginia Council on Indians to order at 2:10 p.m. Others present were Chief Gene Adkins, Chickahominy Indian Tribe Eastern Division; Mitchell Bush, Onandaga; Chief Anne Richardson, Rappahannock Tribe; Dr. Helen Rountree, consultant; counsel to the Committee, Jack Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General; members of the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Inc. petitioning group: Chief Lynette Allston, Assistant Chief Archie Elliot, Teague Allston, Leroy Hardy, Jr. and William Wright. Committee members absent were Powhatan Owen, Chickahominy, because of conflicting meetings and Frank Richardson, Rappahannock, because of employment related time conflicts. Dr. Carole Nash, consultant, was also absent.

Chief Gene Adkins gave the Invocation.

Chief Gene Adkins moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion to approve the July 17, 2007, Minutes. The motion carried.

Chief Gene Adkins moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion to amend the Agenda to include Edward Branch and William Wright related to Criterion 4: Provide a complete genealogy of current group members, traced back as far as possible. The motion carried.

Discussion followed related to Agenda Item III, Clarification of Elizabeth (Betsy) Turner as a Nottoway Ancestor. Chief Gene Adkins moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion that Chief Lynette Allston presented documentation that satisfied the Recognition Committee that Chief Lynette Allston's ancestor Elizabeth (Betsy) Turner is validated as Chief Allston's Nottoway ancestor. The roll call vote was as follows: Chief Gene Adkins-yes; Mitchell Bush-yes; Paige Archer-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed related to Edward Branch's Nottoway Tribal ancestry documentation. Chief Gene Adkins moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion to continue the discussion of Edward Branch's Nottoway Tribal ancestry documentation until the next Recognition Committee Meeting, and to accept submission of further documentation of his Nottoway ancestry.

The next meeting of the Recognition Committee is scheduled for September 18, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Central, 3207 N. Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Paige Archer  
Chairman