

# Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 4, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland

Commission Name	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs
Name of Commission Chair	Chair Auriel A. Fenwick
Commission Administrator/ Staff Present	Keith Colston, Administrative Director Elizabeth Hines, Director of Ethnic Commissions Agnes M. Smith, Project Coordinator
Guest Speakers	
List of Attendees	Chairwoman Auriel A. Fenwick, Vice Chair Thomas W. Windsor II, Virginia Busby, Guy Wells, Leanora Winters Ashley Minner (Candidate)
Absent	Kathryn E. Robbins Fitzhugh, Robert F. Killen, Wanda Lee, Sherry Majors

The Meeting was called by Chairwoman Auriel A. Fenwick. Prayer by Administrative Director Keith Colston. Vice chair Thomas Windsor II noted that the agenda for the meeting has been set.

## Topics

### ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

### E. KEITH COLSTON ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Summary Of Discussion	Assistant Director Colston's report gave a synopsis of the meetings attended, festivals, conference calls, site visits, etc. since the previous meeting. He noted that his Assistant Director's Report will be made available on-line as well as any approved minutes.	
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

### SWEATLODGE

### COMMISSIONER GUY WELLS

Summary Of Discussion	Commissioner Guy Wells noted there was nothing new to report. The Lodge is up and running at ECI. Trying to get it up and going in Western Maryland.	
Conclusions		
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### REPATRITATION

### COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA BUSBY

Summary Of Discussion	Commissioner Virginia Busby noted that the remaining 7 individuals were to be buried on December 28 but inclement weather prevented. The remaining will be buried in the spring (waiting on parks manager). Thanks were given to the Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Historical Trust for the positive information. This has been 20 plus years trying to get remains reburied through the Historical Trust. The Committee was created in 2007 with 5 Indian Commission/5	
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	<p>Historical Trust. Agreements are through the Secretary of the Department of Planning. All remains are wrapped in red cloth and put in the ground. The remains came to the Trust through various ways. Remains are discreet. Remains curate by Trust buried at Jefferson Patterson Park origin unknown. The commission is the gatekeeper if anyone would like to go and have a ceremony. Working with the Trust there was always respect given (Native People). It was noted that the Governor is always dedicated in knowing what our issues are. The community is proud.</p>		
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JOHN SMITH TRIAL

COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA BUSBY

Summary Of Discussion	<p>Commissioner Busby noted that there is new water access (National park Studies) for water trails. There is a water access report. (Web-Link on Website)</p>		
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REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT WORK (FORM)

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR KEITH COLSTON

Summary Of Discussion	<p>Administrative Director Colston noted that this includes dance, art, etc. The needs assessment has 30 questions. This form is utilized by MCIA and communities and it can be formatted to fit your need. Since there is no funding for the request for a demographic study this can access the needs of the communities. At this time there were two responses and awaiting six. The Commission is trying to create a database. MOTA (can connect to 24 other persons) community volunteers to help disseminate survey.</p>		
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INTRODUCTION OF NEW CANDIDATES

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR KEITH COLSTON

Summary Of Discussion	<p>Introduction of Ms. Ashley Minner and Ms. Patricia Carson.</p>		
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Everyone welcomed by Chairwoman Auriel Fenwick.

**Announcements**

Native Americans Social Gathering  
February 16, 2013  
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Passing of Michael Wolfe (Passed Away Last Week). Active with BAIC

Black History Month at Department of Natural Resources  
Guest Speak Dr. Hussein  
February 21, 2013  
12:00 Noon

DNR recruiting for police officer & police officer cadets (18-20)  
Richard Allen  
410-260-8058 or [rallen@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:rallen@dnr.state.md.us) (ends Thursday)

Town of Eastville VA (oldest records in country)  
May 25-26 (court records will be opened)  
Pow-Wow both days (flyer forthcoming)

Piscataway Conoy Tribe First Council Meeting following recognition

Administrative Director Colston will be reaching out to meet with tribal councils.

BAIC Valentine's Day Youth Dance (Ages 11-17)

February 15, 2013  
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
113 South Broadway  
Baltimore, Maryland

Announcements will be put on the web-site.

Motion to Adjourn  
1<sup>st</sup> Commissioner Virginia Busby/2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Guy Wells

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.