

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****Title:** Membership for the State Advisory Council on Indian Education**Type of Executive Summary:**

Action     
 Action on First Reading     
 Discussion     
 Information

**Policy Implications:**

- Constitution \_\_\_\_\_  
 General Statute #115C-210  
 SBE Policy #EEO-B-001  
 SBE Policy Amendment  
 SBE Policy (New)  
 APA # \_\_\_\_\_  
 APA Amendment  
 APA (New)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services) and Ms. Priscilla J. Maynor (Director, Office of the Deputy State Superintendent)

**Description:**

The General Assembly in 1988 passed House Bill 2560 that established a fifteen-member State Advisory Council on Indian Education. The purpose of this Council is to advise the State Board of Education on ways to meet more effectively the educational needs of Indian students; to advocate meaningful programs to reduce and eventually eliminate low achievement and concurrent high attrition rates among Indian students; to prepare and present an annual report on the status of Indian education to the State Board of Education and to the various Indian tribal organizations at the statewide Indian Unity Conference; to work closely with the Department of Public Instruction to improve coordination and communication between and among programs; and to advise the State Board of Education on any other aspect of Indian education when requested by the State Board.

American Indian educators and parents on the Council serve staggered two-year terms but not more than two consecutive terms and the remaining members serve unspecified terms at the discretion of their appointing authorities. Nominees to the Council are submitted by their respective tribal organizations to the chairman of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs who then submits recommendations to the State Board of Education for approval of the appointment.

Legislation requires that American Indian members of the Council be broadly representative of North Carolina Indian tribes and organizations, specifically, Coharie, the Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi, Sappony, Waccamaw-Siouan, the Cumberland County Association for Indian People, the Guilford Native American Association, the Metrolina Native American Association and any other Indian tribe gaining State recognition in the future.

Four members' terms will expire June 2008. Three members are being recommended for appointment to the Council. These individuals will serve for two years. One member is being recommended for reappointment.

**Resources:**

State Appropriations for expenses of the Council including the cost of publishing the annual report.

**Input Process:**

American Indian tribal communities and organizations and the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

**Stakeholders:**

American Indian students attending public schools, parents, tribal communities, public school administrators and teachers.

**Timeline For Action:**

Presented for discussion at the June 2008 State Board meeting and for action in July 2008.

**Recommendations:**

The State Board is asked to approve the individuals submitted by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs for membership to the State Advisory Council on Indian Education.

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Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

- Data Projector/Video (Videotape/DVD and/or Computer Data, Internet, Presentations-PowerPoint preferred)

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- Audio Requirements (computer or other, except for PA system which is provided)

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- Document Camera (for transparencies or paper documents – white paper preferred)

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Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Postponed \_\_\_\_\_ Revised \_\_\_\_\_

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**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Policy Manual**

**Policy Identification****Priority:** Effective and Efficient Operations**Category:** Advisory Committees**Policy ID Number:** EEO-B-001**Policy Title:** Policy regarding Indian Education Council appointments and responsibilities**Current Policy Date:** 02/04/1988**Other Historical Information:****Statutory Reference:****Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Reference Number and Category:**

STATE BOARD POLICY STATEMENT ON INDIAN EDUCATION

The State Board of Education adopts the following statements as official policy for Indian education in the public schools of North Carolina:

1. Establish a State Council

The State Board of Education will seek legislative authority to establish a State Advisory Council on Indian Education. The Council should be comprised of fifteen (15) members (eight Indian parents of students enrolled in public schools, two Indian representatives from higher education, two Indian educators in the public schools, one Indian member of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs and two legislators, one each from the House and Senate.) Council members should be chosen from the memberships of North Carolina Indian tribes and Indian organizations, specifically, the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, Lumbee, Coharie, Waccamaw-Sioun, Haliwa, Saponi, Meherrin, and Person County Indians, the Cumberland County Association for Indian People, the Guilford Native American Association, the Metrolina Native American Association and any other Indian tribes gaining state recognition in the future. The Board of Governors of the UNC System should appoint the representatives from higher education. The State Board of Education will appoint the following members from a list submitted by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs: a representative from its membership, eight Indian parents of students enrolled in the public schools and two Indian educators from the public schools. The chairperson should be elected by the membership of the Council.

The State Board of Education will request funds from the General Assembly to support the Council activities. The Council will prepare an annual report to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly.

It shall be the duty of the State Advisory Council to:

- A. Advise the State Board of Education on ways of more effectively meeting the needs of Indian students.

- B. Advocate for meaningful programs to attack the low achievement and concurrent high attrition rates among American Indian students.
- C. Prepare an annual report on the state of Indian education to be presented to the State Board of Education and to Indian tribal organizations at the statewide Indian Unity Conference.
- D. Work closely with the Division of Indian Education in the Department of Public Instruction to increase coordination and communication among and between programs.

## 2. Programs for Indian Education

The State Board of Education through the State Department of Public Instruction will perform the following:

- A. Conduct on an annual basis an indepth analysis of the performance of Indian student on the annual testing program, on the competency test, on promotion tests in grades 3, 6 and 8 and on other performance measures available to the Department.
- B. Consult with Indian organizations regarding funding for special Indian projects.
- C. Encourage local schools systems to better utilize data and information regarding the needs of Indian students enrolled in the public schools.
- D. Make continued effort to expand and strengthen the Division of Indian Education in the Department of Public Instruction.

## 3. Curriculum Sensitivity

The State Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to improving American Indian education by:

- A. Encouraging the Department of Public Instruction to conduct periodic reviews of curriculum materials and develop materials for teachers.
- B. Developing appropriate Indian Education Curriculum materials for use by classroom teachers.
- C. Conducting periodic review of the Standard Course of Study and the Teacher Handbook for inclusion of additional information, if necessary, regarding the history and culture of Indians.

## 4. Indian Involvement in Public Education

The State Board of Education will:

- A. Encourage local boards of education to select Indians to participate on committees and councils appointed by local boards of education.
- B. Encourage local boards of education to employ Indians in positions for which they have the training and experiences.
- C. Encourage the Textbook Commission to recommend textbooks that recognize the history and

contributions of Indians.

D. Select and appoint Indians to boards and committees over which the State Board of Education has appointment authority.

## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION

Member	Tribal/Urban	County of Residence	Race	Term	Term (1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Occupation
**Claire Hunter Morrow	Meherrin	Rowan	AI	7/06-6/08	1st	Parent/Educator
Rhonda Truitt	Occaneechi	Alamance	AI	7/07-6/09	2nd	Parent/Educator
Daniel Bell	Coharie	Orange	AI	***		UNC Bd. Of Gov. Rep.
Earlene Stacks	Metrolina	Mecklenburg	AI	***		NC Comm. of Indian Affairs
Marcia H. Hollifield	Eastern Band of Cherokee	Graham	AI	7/07-6/09	1st	Parent/Educator
*Brian K. Brooks	Lumbee	Robeson	AI	7/06-6/08	2nd	Parent
*Brenda Dial Deese	Lumbee	Robeson	AI	7/06-6/08	2nd	Parent/Educator
Ginger Stone	Coharie	Sampson	AI	7/07-6/09	2nd	Parent/Educator
Louise Maynor	Lumbee	Robeson	AI	***		UNC Bd. Of Gov. Rep.
Katina Lynch Rolon-Lopez	Haliwa-Saponi	Halifax	AI	7/07-6/09	2nd	Parent/Educator
*Jill Ammons Rogitz	Lumbee	Hoke	AI	7/06-6/08	2nd	Parent/Educator
Gwendolyn Locklear	Triangle Native American Society	Wake	AI	7/07-6/09	1st	Parent
Ronnie Sutton	Lumbee	District 85	AI	***		NC House of Representatives
Vacant				***		NC Senate
Kara Stewart	Sappony	Person	AI	7/07-6/09	1st	Parent/Educator

\*Term expires

\*\*Eligible for re-appointment

\*\*\*Serve as the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities

Recommended for Appointment	Tribal/Urban	County of Residence	Race	Term	Term (1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Replacing
Diane Goins	Lumbee	Robeson	AI	7/08-6/10	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brian K. Brooks
Velina H. Ebert	Guilford Native American Association	Guilford	AI	7/08-6/10	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brenda Dial Deese
Teresa Jones	Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Cumberland	AI	7/08-6/10	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jill Ammons Rogitz

Recommended for Re-appointment	Tribal/Urban	County of Residence	Race	Term	Term (1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Occupation
**Claire Hunter Morrow	Meherrin	Rowan	AI	7/08-6/10	2nd	Parent/Educator