

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S
STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION
July 2015**

- General Statute 115C-210 established an advisory council to the State Board of Education (SBE) to be known as the “State Advisory Council on Indian Education in 1987. Subsequently, the SBE developed a policy to implement the establishment of the Council as an advisory body to the SBE on matters on Indian education
- Functions of the Council:
 - Review annually relevant data on American Indian students using reports made available to the Council by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). The review includes but is not limited to data on academic performance, growth, suspension and expulsion events, dropouts, and graduation rates.
 - Advocate for meaningful programs to reduce and eventually eliminate low achievement and concurrent high attrition rates among American Indian students.
 - Prepare an annual report that includes an action plan and make an annual presentation to the SBE to advise the SBE on ways to meet the educational needs of American Indian students more effectively based on the SBE’s strategies, policies, and information.
 - Present and share the annual report with the Indian Tribes and Indian organizations referenced in Article 71A of the General Statutes and organizations holding membership on the North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs at the statewide Indian Unity Conference and with the North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs, along with an action plan based on recommendations.
 - Work closely with DPI, Tribal Leaders, and Title VII Coordinators to improve coordination and communication between and among programs
 - Improve consultations among the SBE, DPI, and American Indian tribal communities, students, parents, and educators.
 - Advise the SBE on any other aspect of American Indian education when requested by the SBE to do so
- Membership: This Council is composed of fifteen members, as follows:
 - Two legislative members (one senator appointed by the president Pro Tempore of the Senate and one representative appointed by the Speaker of the House)
 - Two Indian members from higher education to be appointed by the Board of Governors of the University system
 - One Indian member from the North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs to be appointed by the Commission

- Eight Indian parents of students enrolled in public schools and two Indian educators from public elementary/secondary schools to be appointed by the SBE from a list submitted by the North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs
 - Indian members of the Council shall be broadly representative of North Carolina Indian tribes and organizations, specifically, the Eastern Band of Cherokee, Lumbee, Coharie, Waccamaw-Siouan, Haliwa Saponi, Meherrin, Person County Indians, 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.
 - Membership representing the eight education regions is not addressed in statute or policy.
 - Terms of office:
 - Legislative members, the higher education members, and the member from the North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs shall serve for an unspecified term at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities
 - The terms for public school educators and the Indian parents appointed shall be for a period of two years and no member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.
 - The Council elects a chairperson from its membership.
 - The Council meets at least three, but no more than four, times a year. Emergency meetings may be called by the chairperson.
 - For more questions about this Council, please contact the Deputy State Superintendent's Office at (919) 807-3435.
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Members	Member Designation	Term	Region	Occupation/Title
Members appointed by the North Carolina State Board of Education (from recommendations by the NC Commission on Indian Affairs)				
Trina Bennett	Parent	2014 – 2016 (2 nd term)	Piedmont Triad	Lumbee Indian parent
Katherine Chavis	Parent	2014 – 2016 (2 nd term)	Sandhills	Lumbee parent
Chenoa Davis	Parent	2014 – 2016 (1 st term)	North Central	Haliwa-Saponi parent
Margo Howard	Parent	2013 – 2015 (1 st term)	Northeast	Meherrin parent
Alisa Hunt-Lowery	Parent	2013 – 2015 (1 st term)	North Central	Lumbee parent
Karen Goins Kueny	Parent	2014 – 2016 (2 nd term)	Sandhills	Lumbee parent
Kamiyo Lanning	Parent	2013 – 2015 (1 st term)	Western	Eastern Band of Cherokee parent
Sharon Williams	Parent	2013 – 2015 (1 st term)	Piedmont Triad	Coharie parent
Veronica Graham	Educator	2013 – 2015 (1 st term)	Sandhills	Waccamaw Siouan educator
Kara Stewart	Educator	2013 – 2015 (1 st term)	North Central	Sappony educator
Executive Appointments				
Dorothy Crowe	NC Commission of Indian Affairs representative	2012 – 2014 (1 st term)	Piedmont Triad	NC Commission of Indian Affairs representative
Ryan Emanuel	UNC system representative	2015 – 2019 (1 st term)	North Central	NC State University, Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources
Heather (Kim) Sellers	UNC system representative	2014 – 2018 (1 st term)	North Central??	University of North Carolina Pembroke
Jim Davis	Legislative representative	Membership concurrent with legislative term	Western	North Carolina General Assembly Senator
Charles Graham	Legislative representative	Membership concurrent with legislative term	Sandhills	North Carolina General Assembly Representative