

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
MARYLAND COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS (MCIA)  
MEETING  
March 3rd, 2008  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
45 Calvert Street  
Conference Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

**MINUTES  
Of  
March 3, 2008**

**Commissioner Present**

**Auriel Fenwick  
Thomas Windsor II  
Virginia Busby  
Kathryn E Robbins Fitzhugh  
Cornelius Allen Reddeer  
Guy Wells  
Wanda Lee  
David Holland**

**Commissioners Absent**

**MCIA Staff**

**E. Keith Colston  
Carmen Pratt**

**Audience Present**

Rico Newman	Bob Gajdys	Vikki Childs	Linda Coates
Chief Rudy Hall	Mary Hall	Annetta Schott	Lu Stancill
Susan ?	Petra Stanton	William Miles	Tony Bridges
Richard W. Allen	Yesenia Roman	Karen Monath	Izzy Patoka
Tony White			

**ABBREVIATED MINUTES**

**CHAIRWOMAN AURIEL FENWICK – OPENED MEETING AT 7:12 PM**

**COMMISSIONER THOMAS WINDSOR II – READING OF THE MINUTES  
REFERENCE (FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2008)**

**CORRECTIONS SITED – BY COMMISSION BUSBY, CHAIRWOMAN  
FENWICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR E. KEITH COLSTON**

**COMMISSIONER REDDEER – 1<sup>ST</sup> MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES WITH  
CORRECTIONS**

**COMMISSIONER HOLLAND** – 2<sup>ND</sup> MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS, MOTION APPROVED

**CHAIRWOMAN FENWICK** – SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR INVOCATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – REQUEST – REMEMBRANCE OF COMMISSIONER WINDSOR’S MOTHER AND JOHNNY HEDGEPEETH PASSING

CHIEF RUDY HALL – INNOVATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – INTRODUCTION OF FIRST PRESENTER

JAME EDWINJIN – SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR, TO PRESENT ON RECRUITMENT AND JOB PLACEMENT

**COMMENT AND DISCUSSION REFERENCE PRESENTATION:**

**COMMISSIONER WINDSOR** – *CONTACT INFORMATION*

CARMEN PRATT- *RECOMMEND SENDING JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS TO MCIA*

**COMMISSION LEE-** *COUNCIL OF THREE RIVERS AS POSSIBLE JOB PLACEMENT*

**COMMISSION WINDSOR** – *QUESTIONED ON ISSUE OF STATE OR FEDERAL RECOGNITION INVOLVED IN REQUIREMENT*

RESPONSE – *GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES “NO”*

RICHARD ALLEN – *QUESTION SELF-IDENTIFICATION*

CHIEF RUDY HALL – *RECOMMENDED CONTACTING ANN WILSON AS POSSIBLE RESOURCE FOR JOB PLACEMENT*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – INTRODUCTION OF SECOND PRESENTER

LT. HOPP – MARYLAND STATE POLICE, REPRESENTING SUPERINTENDENT COLONEL TERENCE SHERIDAN – RECRUITMENT AND JOB PLACEMENT

**COMMENT AND DISCUSSION REFERENCE PRESENTATION**

**COMMISSION BUSBY-** *QUESTIONED COMMITMENTS AND OBLIGATION OF APPLICANTS*

RESPONSE – *2 YEAR COMMITMENT*

**COMMISSIONER WINDSOR** – *QUESTIONED BENEFIT COMPARISONS OF DIFFERENT AREAS.*

RESPONSE – *VARIES FROM ONE JURISDICTION TO ANOTHER*

**COMMISSIONER WINDSOR** – *QUESTIONED AGE REQUIREMENT*

RESPONSE – *PHYSICAL AND TESTS REQUIREMENTS FULFILLED, AGE NOT A FACTOR (LATE 50’S WAS MENTIONED)*

E. KEITH COLSTON – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT, HAND-OUT TO COMMISSIONERS, VISIABLE ON MCIA WEBSITE

**DISCUSSION**

*NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS*

**CHAIRWOMAN FENWICK** – 10 MINUTE RECESS, RETURN AT 8:12 PM

**OLD BUSINESS**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – LEGISLATION – UPDATE ON HB 128, HB 83

**CHAIRWOMAN FENWICK** – REPTRIATION – UPDATE ON VOTE TO MOVE FORWARD ON JOINT REVIEW COMMITTEE WITH MHT

**COMMISSIONER WINDSOR** – NOMINATED RICO NEWMAN FOR 1 OF 5 FOR REVIEW COMMITTEE

**CHAIRWOMAN FENWICK** – STATED MCIA HAS NOT OFFICIALLY SOLICIATED INDIVIDUALS FOR REVIEW COMMITTEE, **COMMISSIONER’S WINDSOR** NOMINATION NOTED FOR PUBLIC RECORD

BOB GAJDYS – COMMENTED ON TIME LINE OF ACTION SINCE TERM OF NEW COMMISSIONERS REFERENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

**CHAIRWOMAN FENWICK** – INFORMED OF ACTUAL TIME (NOVEMBER) FOR PLANS ON REVIEW COMMITTEE AND REPATRIATION PROCESS BETWEEN MCIA AND MHT

BOB GAJDYS – QUESTIONED PROCESS FOR “APPOINTEES” TO REVIEW COMMITTEE

**NEW BUSINESS**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – HB 782, Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives-Reorganization of Various State Entities

BOB GAJDYS – MASTER SGT. WOODROW “WOODY” KEEBLE - In two wars this hero was awarded 5 Purple Hearts, 2 Bronze Stars (1 w/ "V" for valor), 1 Silver Star, 1 Distinguished Service Cross, and a Combat Infantry badge. Twice was nominated by fellow soldiers for the Medal of Honor. Woody passed in 1982 and this ceremony will be to present his family with medals that were lost and/or never received.

ANNETTA SCHOTT – PRESENTED RICO NEWMAN WITH CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

WILLIAM MILES – THE LONGEST WALK 2 in MARYLAND, JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

TONY BRIDGES – FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS WEBSITE

**COMMISSIONER WINDSOR – INDIAN EDUCATION IN MARYLAND**

**DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

*RICO NEWMAN GAVE OVER-VIEW OF HIS EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF INDIAN EDUCATION IN MARYLAND THAT IS DISAPPEARING.*

*CARMEN PRATT MENTIONED CONTACTING NANCY GRASMICK WHO IS SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION IN MARYLAND*

**COMMISSIONER REDDEER SPOKE ON EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL FOR SCHOOLS**

**COMMISSIONER BUSBY GAVE HAND-OUT ON WEBSITES USEFUL FOR INDIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS**

*BOB GAYDYS ENCOURAGED AN EDUCATION PLAN AND SPEAKERS BUREAU*

*CHIEF RUDY HALL MENTIONED THAT AVERAGE PERSON IN MARYLAND SPECIFICALLY EASTERN SHORE DO NOT KNOW OF PRESENCE OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF MARYLAND. URGED MCIA TO BE MORE INVOLVED*

*RICO NEWMAN METIONED ‘STANDARDS OF LEARNING’ IN MARYLAND*

**COMMISSIONER FITZHUGH MENTIONED SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO “PRETEND” AMERICAN INDIANS DO NOT EXIST ON THE EASTERN SHORE**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – SMOKING CENSATION CLASS IN BALTIMORE MD  
MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

**CHAIRWOMAN FENWICK CALLED FOR ADJOURNMENT**

**COMMISSIONER WINDSOR – 1<sup>ST</sup> MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**COMMISSIONER HOLLAND – 2<sup>ND</sup> MOTION TO ADJOURN**

AJOURNMENT – 9:04 PM