



GEORGIA COUNCIL ON AMERICAN INDIAN CONCERNS MEETING SUMMARY

Date: May 17, 2025

Time: 12:00pm

Meeting called to order by: Nealie McCormick

Council Members Present

Nalie McCormick, Chairman
Rhonda Bennett
Royce McCrary
Heidi Altman
Terry Raber
Frank Williams
Christian Dane – Program Manager (non-member)

Guests Present

Chief Vonnie McCormick, Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe
Terri Dension, Small Business Administration
Rosemarie Drake, Small Business Administration
Norberta Pendleton, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Tribal Council, Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee

The following action was taken at the Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns meeting on May 17, 2025:

The Council approved the March 24, 2025 meeting minutes.

The Council approved to adopt Rule 45-2-.04, the recommended guidelines for state recognition of Indian tribes, into the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia.

The Council approved the proposed contract, to begin July 1, 2025, and end on June 30, 2026, for the Program Manager position assigned to Christian Dane.

The Council approved the funding request from the State Parks and Historic Sites Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the following:

- Programming supplies for Sweetwater Creek State, Kolomoki Mounds, and Fort King George.
- Heirloom Seeds for the Indigenous Garden at Wormsloe State Historic Site.
- A new AV system for film at Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 1:06pm.