

**Bristol Community College
Fall River, Massachusetts**

**Board of Trustees
Mini-Retreat Minutes**

April 3, 2023

I. Call to Order

The Bristol Community College Board of Trustees Mini-Retreat was scheduled in person for on Monday, April 3, 2023, in the Ryckebusch Faculty Staff Lounge in the Commonwealth College Center Building on the Fall River Campus at 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, Massachusetts. The retreat was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

Trustees present: Joan Medeiros, Chair; Renee Clark; Valentina Videva Dufresne, Secretary; Joseph Ferreira; Jeffrey Karam, Vice Chair; James Mathes; Todd McGhee; and Lynn Motta.

Trustees absent: Frank Baptista; Pamela Gauvin, Esq.; and Samuel Horton.

II. Professional Development: Local Native American History

Chair Medeiros welcomed all to the Mini-Retreat.

President Laura Douglas spoke about the need for a professional development presentation today that would focus on local Native American history. There is only 1% of Native American learners in the U.S. and they have the lowest educational attainment level. Their high school dropout rate is double that of other ethnic groups and they have a 49% graduation rate. We have invited a special guest who can provide us with a better cultural understanding and history of local Native Americans.

Chief Development Officer Judi Urquhart introduced Dr. Cedric J. Woods, Director of the Institute for New England Native American Studies at UMass Boston. The following are highlights of Dr. Woods presentation.

Contemporary Native Peoples in the Commonwealth
Indigenous Homelands and Western Colonization

Origins of European Views of Indigenous Lands in the Americas: Doctrine of Discovery

- Papal Bull "Inter Caetera," issued by Pope Alexander VI on May 4, 1493
- <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-resources/spotlight-primary-source/doctrine-discovery-1493>
- The Vatican repudiates 'Doctrine of Discovery,' which was used to justify colonialism
- March 30, 2023 1:38 PM ET
- By Bill Chappell

What Does the Doctrine of Discovery have to do with us?

- US Supreme Court in the 1823 case Johnson v. McIntosh, Chief Justice John Marshall’s opinion in the unanimous decision held "that the principle of discovery gave European nations an absolute right to New World lands.”
- City of Sherrill, New York v. Oneida Indian Nation of New York (544 U.S. 197)

Indian Lands after 1790 in the US

Indian Intercourse Act of 1790

Indian Resistance to Encroachment on lands/warfare/removals

Indian Removals (1830s) and the Creation of Indian Territory

Large Scale Land Sales and Plains Indian Wars

Indian Allotment Act (Dawes Act) 1887

Indian Reorganization Act (1934); ends federal allotment of Indian lands

Indian Termination Act

American Indian Education and Self-Determination Assistance Act

MA Native Lands

- King Philip’s War and its aftermath
- American Revolution
- Mashpee Revolt; driven by land sales of tribal lands/Indian town resources by General Court and encroachment of neighbors
- Allotment of Native lands begin (1849)
- Massachusetts Indian Enfranchisement and Allotment Act of 1870; no end to taxation of Native lands owned by descendants of allottees

Several distinct Native Peoples inhabited what is now Massachusetts and points south.

Tribal territories of Southern New England. Around 1600.



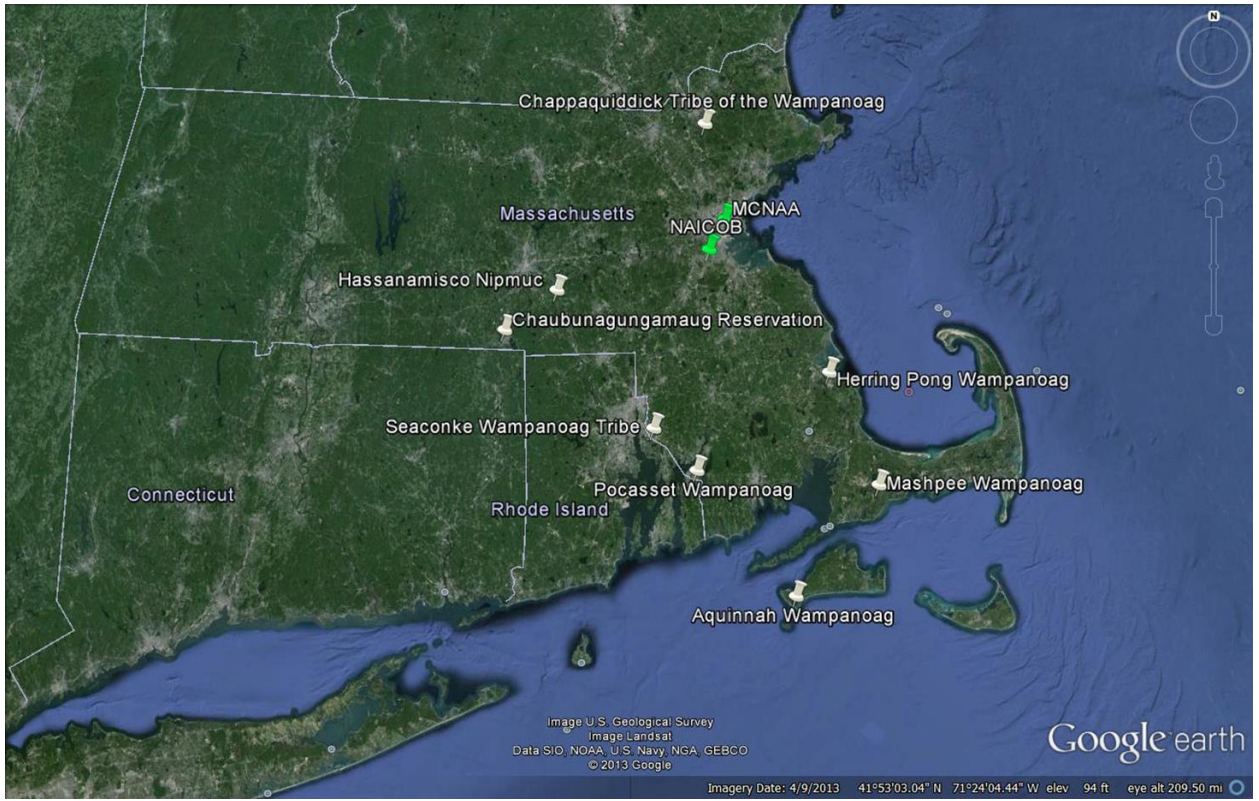
**Native Americans in Massachusetts
are of diverse tribal affiliations.**

Select tribal affiliation of Native Americans
in Massachusetts, alone or in combination
with other race

-	<u>2000</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>American Indian or Alaska Native totals</u>	<u>38,897</u>	<u>49,405</u>
<u>Cherokee</u>	<u>4,037</u>	<u>7,049</u>
<u>Wampanoag</u>	<u>2,121</u>	<u>*2,727</u>
<u>South American Indian</u>	-	<u>2,601</u>
<u>Blackfeet</u>	<u>1,521</u>	<u>2,275</u>
<u>Micmac</u>	<u>1,468</u>	<u>*2,265</u>
<u>Iroquois</u>	<u>1,464</u>	<u>1,976</u>
<u>Mexican American Indian</u>	-	<u>1,044</u>
<u>Nipmuc</u>	-	<u>644</u>
<u>Central American Indian</u>	-	<u>604</u>
<u>Canadian and French American Indian</u>	-	<u>362</u>
<u>Spanish American Indian</u>	-	<u>112</u>
<u>Aquinnah Wampanoag</u>	<u>343</u>	-

Sources: U.S. Census
2000. 2012-2016
American Community
Survey.

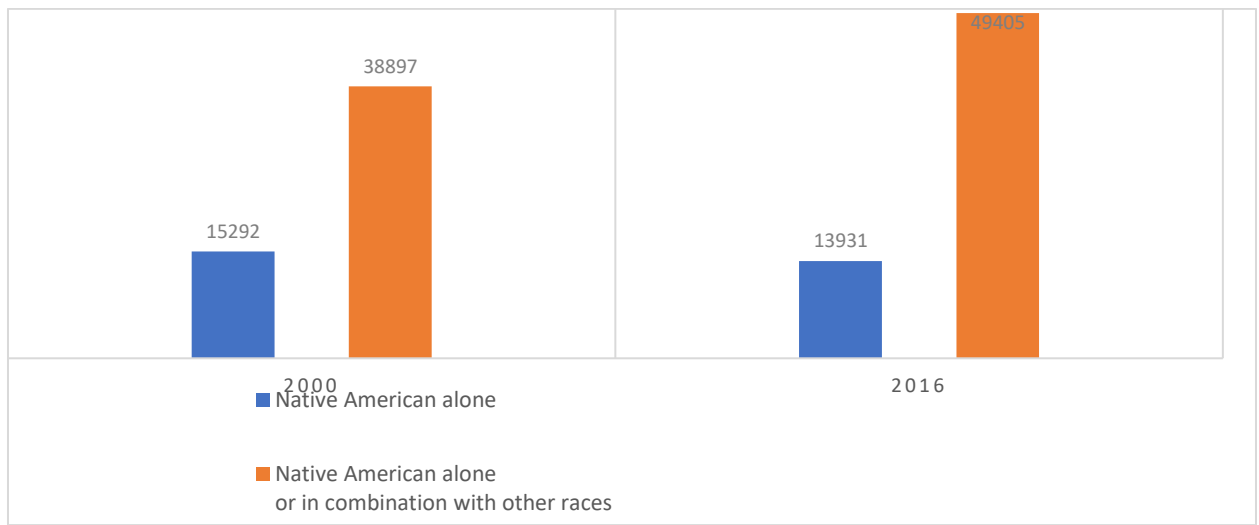
*2015 data: 2011-2015
American Community
Survey.



Cities with the Largest American Indian Populations Massachusetts: Census 2000			
City / Town	American Indian (Alone)	City / Town	American Indian (Alone, or in Combination)
Boston	2,365	Boston	5,384
Worcester	769	Worcester	1,700
Lawrence	583	Springfield	1,473
New Bedford	579	New Bedford	1,288
Springfield	569	Lawrence	921
Mashpee	377	Brockton	876
Brockton	338	Cambridge	853
Lynn	332	Lynn	796
Cambridge	290	Lowell	676
Barnstable	283	Fall River	587

Counting only people who select “Native American” alone dramatically understates the true number of people with Native American ancestry.

of people selecting Native American alone and people selecting N.A. in combination with another category. Massachusetts.



Source: U. S. Census 2000. 2012-2016 American Community Survey

Expatriate Native populations

- First Nations Peoples from Canada (Micmac, Maliseet, Iroquois, other)
- Members of terminated, state and federally recognized tribes from other states and federally recognized tribes are also eligible if they are MA residents
- Maya and other indigenous Peoples from Mexico, Central, and South America

Native American Specific Health Resources in Massachusetts

- Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Health Services Unit-Indian Health Services (approx. 2,600 pop.)
 - Mashpee, Massachusetts
- Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Health Services (pop. 1,327 in 2018)
 - Aquinnah, Massachusetts
- Native American Lifelines (Urban Indian Health Organization)
 - West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Some MA Native Non-profit Organizations

- North American Indian Center of Boston
- Ohketeau Cultural Center
- Native American Lifelines
- Kinship Heals
- Greater Lowell Indian Cultural Association
- Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness
- Worcester Inter-tribal Indian Center

Some Native Massachusetts Tribes

- Aquinnah (Gay Head)
- Assonet Band of Wampanoags (Freetown)
- Chaubunagungamaug Nipmuck (Dudley/Webster)
- Chappaquiddick Wampanoag (across Islands and MA)
- Nipmuc Nation (Grafton)
- Herring Pond Wampanoag (Plymouth)
- Mashpee Wampanoag (Mashpee)
- Natick Nipmuc (Natick)
- Pocasset Wampanoag (Fall River, Troy)
- Massachusetts at Ponkapoag (Canton)
- Seaconke Wampanoag (Rehoboth)

Trustee McGhee asked if there has been a movement to change the Massachusetts State Seal. Dr. Woods said yes, it was started 30 years ago when a formal commission was created to look at it. It has just recently been re-established and is moving forward.

Chair Medeiros and Trustee Videva Dufresne asked what the most important areas are to address and what can we do. Dr. Woods said you must build awareness and provide access to information, improve and impact teacher training programs, and develop better connections with Native American communities to help them attend college.

Chair Medeiros thanked Dr. Woods for his insightful presentation.

III. Board Assessment Discussion

For the Board Assessment discussion, all Board Members and President Douglas broke up into two groups (Group A and Group B) to discuss specific questions. A member of

each group was asked to record the notes. After the group discussions, the Board reconvened.

(Trustee Videva Dufresne left the meeting at this time.)

Chair Medeiros asked each Board Member present and President Douglas to share an item on their “bucket list.”

Trustee Todd McGhee – Expand business and start a new podcast.

Trustee Clark – Travel to Italy and Hawaii.

Trustee Ferreira – Buy a bigger boat.

Trustee Karam – Travel to Europe.

Chair Medeiros – Buy a dachshund.

President Douglas – Take a South African safari.

Trustee Motta – Travel to Spain.

Trustee Mathes – Travel to New Zealand.

Chair Medeiros thanked all for attending. She said Ms. Wordell would type up the notes from each group which will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Medeiros declared the Mini-Retreat adjourned. The time was 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina Videva Dufresne
Valentina Videva Dufresne, Secretary

05/01/2023
Date Approved

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