



PAWNEE NATION CONSTITUTION CONVENTION

Saturday, October 8, 2022
Virtual Meeting of the Delegates

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM and the invocation was given by Joseph Reed.

II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Roll call to establish a quorum was called: Aaron Prim – present, Bruce Pratt – present, Carlton Gover – present, Carol Chapman – present, arrived at 10:03 AM, Carol Nuttle – present, arrived at 9:30 AM, Charles Ruling His Son – absent, Chris McCray – excused, Cliff Shilling – absent, Cynthia Butler – present, David Kanuho – resigned, David Littlesun – present, Dawna Hare – present, Denise Miller – present, Electa Redcorn – present, Gene Evans – present, George Gardipe – present, arrived at 9:17 AM, Gilbert Beard – present, Illiana Vetter – absent, James Rice – present, Jeneen SunEagle – excused, Jenifer Littlesun – present, Jessica Leading Fox – absent, Jordan Kanuho – present, Joseph Reed – present, Linda Jestes – excused, Lisa Gover – present, Louise Stevens – present, Marcus Barnoskie – present, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – present, arrived at 9:32 AM, Misty Nuttle – excused, Nila Whiteshirt – present, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – excused, Sammye Kemble – absent, Victoria LeftHand – present, arrived at 9:15 AM, Walter Echo-Hawk – present, **Quorum established with (24) delegates present, (7) absent, (5) excused and (1) resignation.**

Present: Phil Gover, Virgil Wade, and Chad Smith

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Denise Miller to approve the meeting agenda for October 8, 2022, seconded by Joseph Reed.

Vote: 18 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. Virtual Meeting September 10, 2022

Motion was made by Denise Miller to approve the meeting minutes for September 10, 2022, seconded by Aaron Prim.

Vote: 19 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.



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b. In-Person Meeting September 24, 2022

Motion was made by Denise Miller to table the Constitution Convention In-Person meeting minutes for September 24, 2022, seconded by Lisa Gover.

Vote: 18 yes, 1 no, 3 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

V. Discussion and/or Action on Resolution #22-54, Request for Convention Extension

The delegation was updated on the extension request that was approved by Pawnee Business Council Resolution #22-54 to extend the Convention to run through January 31, 2024.

VI. Discussion and/or Action on Creating a Workgroup for Election Structure

Discussion only, no action by the delegates.

VII. Presentation on Article III Membership

The workgroup gave an update and shared information that was collected from the membership surveys.

With 42 participants, here is a breakdown on the current information.

25 women and 17 men

15 live off Pawnee land, 23 live within the Service Area, 3 live on Pawnee land

8 Chaui, 6 Kitkahaki, 5 Pitahaurata, 22 Skidi

21 favor the term Citizen, 19 favor Member

29 say that Blood Quantum has an impact on their lives, 10 say there is no impact

1 person favors keeping the status quo, 17 favor eliminating Blood Quantum, and 9 favor making everyone fullbloods

3 do not favor descendency, 37 favor descendency

33 do not believe that having connections to the Pawnee community should be a factor, 8 do believe that having a connections to the Pawnee community should be a factor

36 do not believe that language and culture should be a stipulation for membership, 4 do believe that language and culture should be a stipulation for membership, 1 was undecided

1 does not want to make personal sacrifices for enlarging the Pawnee Nation, 39 do want to make personal sacrifices for enlarging the Pawnee Nation

24 do not favor dual enrollment, 17 do favor dual enrollment



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24 do not favor including Wichita and Arikara heritage, 12 do favor including Wichita and Arikara heritage and 5 were undecided.

VIII. Discussion and action on Article V Duties

Motion was made by Denise Miller to table for further discussion on Article V – Duties of Officers until the next meeting, seconded by Carol Nuttle.

Vote: 23 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

IX. Discussion and action on Article VI Vacancies

Motion was made by Joseph Reed to leave Article VI – Vacancies as is and recommend for the convention floor, seconded by Denise Miller.

Vote: 22 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

X. Recess

Motion was made by Joseph Reed to recess, seconded by Bruce Pratt.

Vote: 23 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries to recess at 12:07 PM.

The closing invocation was given by Ms. Carol Nuttle.