



Pawnee Nation Governing Documents Committee
Quarterly Report to the Pawnee Business Council
3rd Quarter
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I. COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Committee assists in reviewing documents and making recommendations for revisions for Commissions and Boards.

The PN Governing Documents Committee is composed of the following members: Cynthia Butler, Chair; Walter Echo-Hawk, Co-Chair; Denise Miller, Member; Lisa Gover, Member; Joseph Reed, Member; and Victoria Lefthand, Member.

II. Meetings:

The Committee has met on the following dates during the third quarter: July 5, 11, 25; August 2, 8, 15, 22, 29; and September 12, 19, 28

III. Quarterly Goals and Objective:

a. Description on Activities Conducted

- i. **PN Constitution Convention:** The Committee has been working on the planning for the Convention. Weekly meetings have been time for planning of notice of agenda, news releases in the Pawnee Chief and the website, scheduling, Tribal forum planning, and other administrative duties for the Convention.

The Delegates of the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention met on the following dates: July 31; August 6, 7, 13, 14, 27, 28; and September 10, 24.

LIST OF DELEGATES FOR THE CONSTITUTION CONVENTION: The list of delegates includes their bands.

Walter Echo-Hawk (Kitkehahki)	Victoria LeftHand (Chau)
Jordan Kanuho (Chau)	Denise Miller (Kitkehahki)
George Gardipe (Skiri)	Joseph Reed (Chau)
Carol Chapman (Skiri)	Pat Leading Fox (Skiri)
Cynthia Butler (Skiri)	Gilbert Beard (Skiri)
Dawna Hare (Pitahawirata)	Bruce Pratt (Skiri)
Gene Evans (Skiri)	Linda Jestes (Kitkehahki)
Sammye Kemble (Pitahawirata)	Marcus Barnoskie (Kitkehahki)
Lisa Gover (Skiri)	Jessica Leading Fox (Skiri)



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Charles Ruling His Son ()	Carlton Gover (Skiri)
Carol Nuttle (Skiri)	Aaron Prim (Skiri)
Misty Nuttle (Kitkehahki)	Nila Whiteshirt (Chau)
Jenifer Littlesun (Skiri)	Electa Redcorn (Pitahawirata)
Meghan Cunningham (Chau)	Janeen SunEagle (Pitahawirat)
Illiana Veter (Chau)	Marcus Freejo (Skiri)
Chris McCray (Skiri)	Clifford Shilling ()
Reva Howell (Pitahawirat)	David Littlesun (Kitkehahki)
James Rice (Skiri)	Louise Stevens (Skiri)

Attached are the meeting minutes for each delegate meeting. The Convention does have a webpage on the Pawnee Nation's website. Please visit the site at <https://pawneenation.org/government/constitution-convention/>, where you will find information shared with the delegates, such as the orientation videos, resources, meeting dates, convention news and more. This is a webpage that also has the suggested revisions from the convention for the Pawnee membership to review and potentially vote on.

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July 31, 2022, 2:00p.m., Pawnee Nation Microsoft TEAMS

I. **Call to order & Invocation**

Meeting Called to order at 2:07 p.m. Dr. Gene Evans gave the invocation

II. **Roll Call- Establishment of Quorum**

Cynthia Butler called the roll: Aaron Prim- Present, Carlton Gover- Present, Chris McCray- Present, Cynthia Butler- Present, David Littlesun- Here, Dawna Hare- Here, Denise Miller- Here, Electa Redcorn- Here, Gene Evans- Here, Gilbert Beard- Present, James Rice- Here, Jenifer Littlesun- Present, Joseph Reed- Here, Lisa Gover- Present, Marcus Barnoskie- Present, Marcus Freejo- Present, Meghan Cunningham- Present, Misty Nuttle- Here, Nila Whiteshirt-Present, President Walter Echo-Hawk-Present, Sammye Kemble- Present, Victoria lefthand- Present. **Quorum Established.**

III. **Approval of Agenda**



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Motion made by Misty Nuttle to approve the Constitution Convention meeting agenda for July 31, 2022, seconded by President Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: Aaron Prim- yes, Carlton Gover- No, Chris McCray- Yes, Cynthia Butler- Yes, David Littlesun- Yes, Dawna Hare- No, Denise Miller- Yes, Electa Redcorn- No, Gene Evans- Yes, Gilbert Beard- Yes, James Rice- Yes, Jenifer Littlesun- Yes, Joseph Reed- Yes, Lisa Gover- Yes, Marcus Barnoskie- Yes, Marcus Freejo- Yes, Meghan Cunningham- Yes, Misty Nuttle- Yes, Nila Whiteshirt- Yes, President Walter Echo-Hawk- Yes, Sammye Kemble- Yes, Victoria Lefthand- Yes. Motion carries.

IV. **New Business**

a. Discussion and Selection of a Chairman/Chairwoman for the Convention

Motion made by Denise Miller to elect a Chair for in-person meetings only, seconded by Sammye Kemble.

Vote: Aaron Prim- Yes, Carlton Gover- Yes, Chris McCray- No, Cynthia Butler- No, David Littlesun- Yes, Dawna Hare- Yes, Denise Miller- Yes, Electa Redcorn- Yes, Gene Evans- Yes, Gilbert Beard- Yes, James Rice- Yes, Jenifer Littlesun- No, Joseph Reed- No, Lisa Gover- Yes, Marcus Barnoskie- Yes, Marcus Freejo- No, Meghan Cunningham- Yes, Misty Nuttle- Yes, Nila Whiteshirt- Yes, President Walter Echo-hawk- Yes, Sammye Kemble- Yes, Victoria Lefthand- No. Motion Carries.

b. Discussion and Action on Delegate 2nd In-person meeting (Labor Day Weekend)

Motion made by Joseph Reed to move the 2nd in-person meeting date to September 9th, 10th, and 11th, seconded by Meghan Cunningham.

Vote: Aaron Prim- Yes, Carlton Gover- Yes, Chris McCray- Yes, Cynthia Butler- Yes, David Littlesun- Yes, Denise Miller- Yes, Gene Evans- Yes, Gilbert Beard- Yes, James Rice- Yes, Jenifer Littlesun- Yes, Joseph reed- Yes, Lisa Gover- No, Marcus Barnoskie- Yes, Marcus Freejo- Yes, Meghan Cunningham- Yes, Misty Nuttle- Yes, Nila Whiteshirt- Yes, President Walter Echo-Hawk- Yes, Sammye Kemble- Yes, Victoria Lefthand- Yes. Motion carries.

c. Discussion and Action on Voting on Amendments

Official voting takes place on First Convention days.

d. Discussion and Action on Extension for the Convention

Recommendation made to wait until the first in person meeting to take place to decide.

e. Discussion on Article II- Purpose discussion



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Motion made by Lisa Gover to add the word “all” before rights to Article II, Purpose, Section 1, seconded by Denise Miller.

Vote: 19- Yes, 2- No. Motion carries.

f. Discussion on Article III- Membership discussion

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to strike “of Oklahoma’ and to strike “member” and replace with “citizens” throughout the document, seconded by Misty Nuttle.

Vote; 20- Yes, 1- No

V. **Call for Recess**

Motion made by Misty Nuttle to call for recess of the Convention, seconded by President Walter Echo-Hawk. Motion carries to recess at 5:15P.M

Vote: 17-Yes, 4- No

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Saturday, August 6, 2022 * 9 AM – 12 PM * PN Teams App

- I. **Call to Order** – the meeting was reconvened from recess at 9:06 AM.
- II. **Invocation** – Sammye Kemble gave the opening invocation.
- III. **Roll Call of Delegates**

Roll call to establish a quorum was called: Aaron Prim – here, Bruce Pratt – absent, Carlton Gover – excused, Carol Chapman – absent, Carol Nuttle – absent, Chris McCray – here, Cliff Shilling – excused, Cynthia Butler – here, David Littlesun – here, Dawna Hare – here, Denise Miller – here, Electa Redcorn – here, Gene Evans – here, George Gardipe – here, Gilbert Beard – here, Illiana Vetter – absent, James Rice – here, Jeneen SunEagle – absent, Jenifer Littlesun – here, Jessica Leading Fox – absent, Jordan Kanuho – absent, Joseph Reed – here, Linda Jestes – absent, Lisa Gover – here, Louise Stevens – absent, Marcus Barnoskie – here, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – here, Misty Nuttle – here, Nila Whiteshirt – absent, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – absent, Sammye Kemble – here, Victoria LeftHand – here and Walter Echo-Hawk – here. **Quorum established.**

Present: Phil Gover, Virgil Wade, Jamie Nelson, Chad Smith, and Brian Kirk

IV. **Approval of Agenda**



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Motion was made by Joseph Reed to amend the agenda to move Article II and III to the beginning of the agenda and the other items to the bottom of the agenda, seconded by Sammye Kemble.

Vote: 16 yes, 4 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Walter Echo-Hawk to approve the agenda for August 6, 2022, seconded by Joseph Reed.

Vote: 16 yes, 4 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of July 31, 2022 minutes

Motion was made by Denise Miller to approve the meeting minutes for Constitution Convention for July 31, 2022, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: 17 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain. Motion carries.

VI. New Business

1. Finish up Article II discussion

The delegates continued discussion on Article II – Purpose.

Motion was made by Joseph Reed to table discussion on Article II until the end of the agenda, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

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

2. Discussion on Article III – Membership

The delegates began discussion on Article III – Membership.

**Jennifer Little sun was excused at 4:43 PM*

Motion was made by Joseph Reed to call for a vote of the delegates who thinks there need to be changes to membership, seconded by Meghan Cunningham.



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Vote: 16 yes, 3 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

Continued discussion on membership.

Motion was made by Joseph Reed to table the rest of the agenda until tomorrow's meeting, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.
Vote: 16 yes, 3 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

3. Discussion on creating delegate workgroups

VII. Old Business

- 1. Finalize voting rules**
- 2. Update meeting calendar**

VIII. Call for Recess

Motion was made by Cynthia Butler to recess the Convention, seconded by Joseph Reed.
Vote: 16 yes, 3 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries to recess at 12:03 PM.

IX. Closing Remarks (Invocation)

Closing remarks and the closing invocation was given by Joseph Reed.

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Sunday, August 7, 2022 * 2 PM to 5 PM * PN Teams App

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM.
- II. **Invocation** – Joseph Reed gave the invocation.
- III. **Roll Call of Delegates**

Roll call to establish a quorum was called: Aaron Prim – here, Bruce Pratt – here, Carlton Gover – absent, Carol Chapman – absent, Carol Nuttle – absent, Chris McCray – here, Cliff Shilling – excused, Cynthia Butler – here, David Littlesun – here, Dawna Hare – here, Denise Miller – here, Electa Redcorn – here, Gene Evans – here, George Gardipe – here, Gilbert Beard – here, Illiana Vetter – absent, James Rice – here, Jeneen



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SunEagle – absent, Jenifer Littlesun – here, Jessica Leading Fox – absent, Jordan Kanuho – absent, Joseph Reed – here, Linda Jestes – absent, Lisa Gover – here, Louise Stevens – absent, Marcus Barnoskie – here, Marcus Frejo – arrived at 2:15 PM, Meghan Cunningham – here, Misty Nuttle – absent, Nila Whiteshirt – absent, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – absent, Sammye Kemble – excused, Victoria LeftHand – here and Walter Echo-Hawk – here. **Quorum established.**

Present: Phil Gover, Virgil Wade, Jamie Nelson, Chad Smith, and Brian Kirk

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Joseph Reed to approve the agenda for August 7, 2022, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: 20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

V. Old Business

1. Article III (continuing discussion)

Constitution Convention Delegates continued discussion on Article III – Membership.

Motion was made by Denise Miller to focus on the top two choices of membership/citizenship for continued discussion, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: 19 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

Membership Discussion Vote:

Option 1 – Descendancy	16
Option 2 – Making 4/4	16
Option 3 – Marshaling	7
Option 4 – Lowering Blood Quantum	1

The delegates continued discussion on Option 1 and Option 2.

**Electa Redcorn was excused at 4:15 pm.*

Motion was made by Joseph Reed to table the last three agenda items until the next meeting, seconded by Lisa Gover.



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

- 2. Finalize voting rules**
- 3. Update meeting calendar**

VI. New Business

- 1. Discussion on creating delegate workgroups**

VII. Call for Recess

Motion was made by Cynthia Butler to recess the Convention, seconded by Joseph Reed.
Vote: 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries to recess at 5:13 PM.

VIII. Closing Remarks (Invocation)

Closing remarks and the closing invocation was given by Marcus Frejo.

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Saturday, August 13, 2022 * 9 AM – 12 PM * PN Teams App

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.
- II. Invocation – Lisa Gover gave the invocation.
- III. Roll Call of Delegates

Roll call to establish a quorum was called: Aaron Prim – here, Bruce Pratt – excused, Carlton Gover – absent, Carol Chapman – here, Carol Nuttle – absent, Chris McCray – excused, Cliff Shilling – excused, Cynthia Butler – here, David Littlesun – here, Dawna Hare – arrived at 9:23 am, Denise Miller – here, Electa Redcorn – excused, Gene Evans – excused, George Gardipe – here, Gilbert Beard – here, Illiana Vetter – absent, James Rice – here, Jeneen SunEagle – arrived at 9:38 am, Jenifer Littlesun – here, Jessica Leading Fox – excused, Jordan Kanuho – absent, Joseph Reed – here, Linda Jestes – excused, Lisa Gover – here, Louise Stevens – excused, Marcus Barnoskie – here, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – excused, Misty Nuttle – excused, Nila Whiteshirt – 9:15 am, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – excused, Sammye Kemble – here,



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Victoria LeftHand – here, Walter Echo-Hawk – here, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – here, Tim Jim – absent, David Kanuho – absent, Morgan Littlesun – absent, Frank Adson – absent and Billie Horsechief - absent. **Quorum established with (19) delegates present, (7) absent and (11) excused.**

Present: Phil Gover, Virgil Wade, Jamie Nelson, Carrie Peters, and Chad Smith.

IV. Approval of Agenda

ADD: Item VII, New Business, Discussion and/or Action of Delegate Attendance

Motion was made by Victoria LeftHand to add to New Business, Delegate Attendance, seconded by David Littlesun.

VOTE: 13 yes, 3 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes August 6, 2022

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the meeting minutes for August 6th, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

VOTE: 15 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstain. Motion carries.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes August 7, 2022

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 7, 2022, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

VOTE: 16 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstain. Motion carries.

VI. Old Business

1. Selection of a Chairperson for the In-Person Convention

The Delegates continued discussion on the selection of a chairperson for the in-person meetings of the convention. It was suggested that Cynthia Butler fill the position. She has accepted and left it up to the delegates for a decision.



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Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the selection of Cynthia Butler to serve as the Chair of the in-person meetings of the Convention, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: 13 yes, 1 no, 4 abstain and 1 absent. Motion carries.

2. Finalize voting rules

The delegates continued discussion on finalizing rules for voting during the Convention.

James Rice was excused from the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to approve the 1/3 quorum, by simple majority vote, Option A for moving motions to the Convention floor, seconded by Denise Miller.

Vote: 13 yes, 3 no, 2 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Chapman to add a notice clause of voting to the delegates before a vote is made on the Convention Floor by minimum of four (4) days to two (2) weeks' notice by email calendar invitation and the discord app, seconded by Lisa Gover.

Vote: 15 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

Motion made by Marcus Barnoskie to vote consensus on each option 1, 2, and 3 of each of the delegates, seconded by Carol Chapman.

Vote: 8 yes, 5 no, 2 abstain and 1 absent. Motion carries.

Jenifer Littlesun and Joseph Reed were excused from the meeting at 12:00 PM.

3. Update meeting calendar

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to cancel next week's Convention and delegate to the Governing Documents Committee for suggested calendar, seconded by Sammye Kemble.



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Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

Motion made by Denise Miller to table the remainder of the agenda for tomorrow's agenda discussion, seconded by Victoria LeftHand.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

4. Discussion on creating delegate workgroups
5. Discussion on Article II – Purpose
6. Discussion on Article III – Membership

VII. New Business

1. Discussion and/or Action on Attendance

VIII. Call for Recess

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to call for recess, seconded by Denise Miller.

Vote: 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries to recess at 12:40 PM.

IX. Closing Remarks (Invocation)

Closing invocation was given by Walter Echo-Hawk.

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Sunday, August 14, 2022 * 2 PM – 5 PM * PN Teams App

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 2:07 PM.
- II. Invocation – The invocation was given by Jordan Kanuho.
- III. Roll Call of Delegates

Roll call to establish a quorum was called: Aaron Prim – here, Bruce Pratt – excused, Carlton Gover – arrived at 2:50 PM, Carol Chapman – arrived at 2:15 PM, Carol Nuttle – arrived at 3:02 PM, Chris McCray – here, Cliff Shilling – excused, Cynthia Butler – here, David Littlesun – here, Dawna Hare – here, Denise Miller – here, Electa Redcorn – here, Gene Evans – excused, George Gardipe – here, Gilbert Beard – here, Illiana Vetter



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– absent, James Rice – here, Jeneen SunEagle – arrived at 2:29 PM, Jenifer Littlesun – here, Jessica Leading Fox – absent, Jordan Kanuho – here, Joseph Reed – here, Linda Jestes – excused, Lisa Gover – here, Louise Stevens – arrived at 2:30 PM, Marcus Barnoskie – absent, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – here, Misty Nuttle – excused, Nila Whiteshirt – excused, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – excused, Sammye Kemble – here, Victoria LeftHand – here, Walter Echo-Hawk – here, Charles Ruling His Son – excused, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – absent, Tim Jim – absent, David Kanuho – absent, Morgan Littlesun – absent, Frank Adson – absent and Billie Horsechief – excused. **Quorum established with (23) delegates present, (7) absent and (7) excused.**

Present: Phil Gover, Virgil Wade, Jamie Nelson, Carrie Peters, and Chad Smith.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Denise Miller to approve the meeting agenda for August 14, 2022, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: 17 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

V. Old Business

1. Discussion and/or Action on Finalization of Voting Rules

Consensus on voting options:

- Option 1 – 1/3 Quorum to constitute a quorum, simple majority vote of those present (14 present, 8 majority) 5 votes
- Option 2 – 1/2 delegates to constitute a quorum, simple majority of those present (21 present, 11 majority) 4 votes
- Option 3 – 2/3 delegates to constitute a quorum, simple majority of those present (28 present, 15 majority) 3 votes
- Option 4 – 2/3 delegates to constitute a quorum, super majority of those present (28 present, 19 majority) 3 votes
- Option 5 – 1/2 delegates to constitute a quorum, super majority of those present (21 present, 14 majority) 6 votes

Motion was made by Victoria LeftHand to approve option 5 1/2 delegates to constitute a quorum, super majority of those present, seconded by Cynthia Butler.



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Vote: 20 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Walter Echo-Hawk to approve a clause for re-opening a vote on the Convention floor for delegates, seconded by Lisa Gover.

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

Louise Stevens was excused from the meeting at 3:20 PM.

Motion was made by Victoria LeftHand to add language when a vote closes on the Convention floor, seconded by Lisa Gover.

Vote: 20 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Victoria LeftHand to pass the rules to the Convention floor for approval, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: 20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

2. Discussion on creating delegate workgroups

Motion was made by Lisa Gover to table the discussion on creating delegate workgroups until the in-person convention, seconded by Meghan Cunningham.

Vote: No vote was taken. Motion carries.

3. Discussion on Article II – Purpose

Motion was made by Denise Miller to approve Article II, Purpose, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: 17 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Walter Echo-Hawk to move Article II, Purpose to the Convention floor for discussion and/or action, seconded by Denise Miller.

Vote: Motion was withdrawn.



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4. Discussion on Article III – Membership

Motion was made by Sammye Kemble to table the remainder of the agenda until the next meeting, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: 19 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

5. Discussion and/or Action on Attendance

VI. New Business

1. Discussion on Article IV – Pawnee Business Council
2. Discussion on Article V – Duties of Officers

VII. Call for Recess

Motion was made by Denise Miller to recess, seconded by Sammy Kemble.

Vote: 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries to recess at 5:32 PM.

VIII. Closing Remarks (Invocation)

The closing invocation was given by Aaron Prim.

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Saturday, August 27th, 2022 at 9 AM

- I. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.
- II. Invocation** – The invocation was given by Ms. Lisa Gover.
- III. Roll Call of Delegates**

Roll call: Aaron Prim – present, Billie Horsechief – absent, Bruce Pratt – present, Carlton Gover – absent, Carol Chapman – absent, Carol Nuttle – present, Charles Ruling His Son – absent, Chris McCray – excused, Cliff Shilling – excused, Cynthia Butler – present, David Kanuho – absent, David Littlesun – present, Dawna Hare – present, Denise Miller – excused, Electa Redcorn – present, Gene Evans – present, George Gardipe – excused, Gilbert Beard – present, Illiana Veter – absent, James Rice – present, Jeneen SunEagle – present, Jennifer Littlesun – present, Jessica Leading Fox – absent, Jordan Kanuho – present, Joseph Reed – present, Linda Jestes – excused, Lisa Gover – present, Louise



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Stevens – present, Marcus Barnoskie – present, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – excused, Misty Nuttle – excused, Nila Whiteshirt – present, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – excused, Sammye Kemble – absent, Victoria Lefthand – present, and Walter Echo-Hawk – present. **Quorum established with 19 present, 11 absent and 8 excused.**

Present: Phillip Gover, Virgil Wade, Jamie Nelson, and Chad Smith.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Victoria LeftHand to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes August 13, 2022

Motion made by Victoria LeftHand to approve the meeting minutes of August 13, 2022, seconded by Aaron Prim.

Vote: 17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Motion carries.

2. Approval of Minutes August 14, 2022

Motion made by Aaron Prim to approve the meeting minutes for August 14, 2022, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: yes, no, abstain. Motion carries.

VI. New Business

1. Discussion, Action, and/or Vote on Proposed Delegate Calendar

Motion made by Victoria LeftHand to have meetings Saturday, September 12 1 – 3 PM bi-weekly, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: 15 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

Motion made by Victoria LeftHand for convention to be Saturday and Sunday, seconded by Carol Nuttle.



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Vote: 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to add a Tribal Forum on January 14, 2023, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

Motion made by Victoria LeftHand to approve the calendar with changes, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

Vote: 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to table the remainder of the agenda items and to recess due to lack of a quorum, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries to recess at 12:48 PM.

Mr. Marcus Barnoskie gave the closing invocation.

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Sunday, August 28th, 2022 at 2 PM

Call back to order from recess at 2:09 PM and Walter Echo-Hawk gave the invocation.

Roll call: Aaron Prim – here, Billie Horsechief – absent, Bruce Pratt – present, Carlton Gover – absent, Carol Chapman – absent, Carol Nuttle – here, Charles Ruling His Son – absent, Chris McCray – here, Cliff Shilling – excused, Cynthia Butler – here, David Kanuho – absent, David Littlesun – here, Dawna Hare – excused, Denise Miller – here, Electa Redcorn – here, Gene Evans – here, George Gardipe – here, Gilbert Beard – here, Illiana Veter – absent, James Rice – here, Jeneen SunEagle – arrived at 2:33 PM, Jennifer Littlesun – here, Jessica Leading Fox – absent, Jordan Kanuho – arrived at 2:21 PM, Joseph Reed – excused, Linda Jestes – excused, Lisa Gover – absent, Louise Stevens – arrived at 2:30 PM, Marcus Barnoskie – here, Marcus Frejo – arrived at 2:32 PM, Meghan Cunningham – here, Misty Nuttle – excused, Nila Whiteshirt – here, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – excused, Sammye Kemble – absent, Victoria Lefthand – here, and Walter Echo-Hawk – here. **Quorum established with 22 present, 10 absent and 6 excused.**



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Present: Phillip Gover, Virgil Wade, Jamie Nelson, and Chad Smith.

2. Discussion, Action and/or Vote on Delegate Attendance and Meetings

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to adopt the language as written for the attendance, meetings and vacancy rules, seconded by Victoria Lefthand.

Vote: 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 1 absent. Motion carries.

VII. Old Business

1. Vote to move Preamble to Convention floor
2. Vote to move Article I to Convention floor
3. Vote to move Article II to Convention floor

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to move the Preamble, Article I and Article II to the Convention floor, seconded by Denise Miller.

Vote: 17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

4. Discussion on Article III – Membership

The Convention Committee continued discussion on Article III, Membership.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to establish a workgroup dealing specifically with the membership questions, conduct a survey of tribal members and from that develop proposed questions to bring forth to the convention, seconded by Denise Miller.

Vote: 16 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain and 1 absent. Motion carries.

Motion made by Electa Redcorn to select the workgroup with the criteria discussed in the meeting, seconded by Denise Miller.

Vote: 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent. Motion carries.

Volunteers for the workgroup:

Electa Redcorn

Denise Miller

Meghan Cunningham



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Marcus Barnoskie
Jenifer Littlesun
Gene Evans
Gilbert Beard

There will be a post in Discord of the announcement for volunteers that will close on Friday, September 2nd at 5 PM.

VIII. Call for Recess

Motion was made by Bruce Pratt, seconded by Cynthia Butler to recess.

Vote: 20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion carries to recess at 4:39 PM.

IX. Closing Remarks (Invocation)

The closing invocation was given by Chief Gilbert Beard.

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September 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order from recess at 9:06 AM.

II. Invocation - The opening invocation was given by Jordan Kanuho.

III. Roll Call of Delegates

Roll call to establish a quorum was called: Aaron Prim – here, Billie Horsechief – absent, Bruce Pratt – excused, Carlton Gover – arrived at 9:29 AM, Carol Chapman – excused, Carol Nuttle – present, Charles Ruling His Son – excused, Chris McCray – excused, Cliff Shilling – excused, Cynthia Butler – present, David Kanuho – absent, David Littlesun – excused, Dawna Hare – present, Denise Miller – present, Electa Redcorn – absent, Gene Evans – present, George Gardipe – excused, Gilbert Beard – present, Illiana Vetter – absent, James Rice – present, Jeneen SunEagle – absent, Jenifer Littlesun – excused, Jessica Leading Fox – absent, Jordan Kanuho – present, Joseph Reed – present, Linda Jestes – excused, Lisa Gover – excused, Louise Stevens – present, arrived at 9:24 AM, Marcus Barnoskie – present, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – present, Misty Nuttle – excused, Nila Whiteshirt – present, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – excused, Sammye Kemble – present, Victoria LeftHand –



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present, Walter Echo-Hawk – present, **Quorum established with (18) delegates present, (8) absent and (12) excused.**

Present: Phil Gover, Virgil Wade, Jamie Nelson, and Chad Smith.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Jordan Kanuho to approve the meeting agenda for September 10, 2022, seconded by Meghan Cunningham.

Vote: 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes August 27, 2022

Motion was made by Joseph Reed to approve the meeting minutes for August 27, 2022, seconded by Aaron Prim.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

2. Approval of Minutes August 28, 2022

Motion was made by Dawna Hare to approve the meeting minutes for August 28, 2022, seconded by Denise Miller.

Vote: 14 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

VI. New Business

1. Update on Workgroup for Membership

Mr. Joseph Reed gave an update for the Membership workgroup. The workgroup met September 8th for an hour to discuss some ideas on how to proceed with the research of the group. Their next meeting will be on the 14th for more discussion and work on some language for their proposal. Some of the other topics that were discussed were relinquishment and dual enrollment.

Mr. Jordan Kanuho asked if the workgroup would be recording the meetings and it would be possible to share the videos so he can keep up to date on the discussions on membership since he is not on the workgroup.



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Mr. Reed noted that they will be recording the meetings and will looking into how to share the videos.

2. Overview of the New Schedule

Motion was made by Denise Miller to approve the changes for the Community forum dates, seconded by Victoria Lefthand.

Vote: 14 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, and 2 absent. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and/or Action on Article IV – Pawnee Business Council

Motion was made by Walter Echo-Hawk to move sub-section 1 of Article IV to be the new sub-section 8; and sub-section 2 of Article IV to Article X Bill of Rights, seconded by .

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Walter Echo-Hawk to move Article IV Pawnee Business Council to the Convention floor, seconded by Joseph Reed.

Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and/or Action on Article V – Duties of Officers

Discussion only and there was a motion to table until the next meeting on October 8th.

VII. Call for Recess

Motion was made by Carol Nuttle to table Article V, Duties of Officers and to recess the meeting, seconded by Denise Miller.

Vote: 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries to recess at 2:52 PM.

VIII. Closing Remarks (Invocation)

Ms. Carol Nuttle gave the closing invocation.



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Saturday, September 24, 2022
In-Person Convention Meeting
Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center

I. Call to Order and Invocation

Chairwoman Cynthia Butler called the meeting of the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Floor to order at 2:11 PM.

II. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Roll call to establish a quorum was called: Aaron Prim – present, Billie Horsechief – resigned, Bruce Pratt – excused, Carlton Gover – absent, Carol Chapman – absent, Carol Nuttle – present, Charles Ruling His Son – excused, Chris McCray – present, Cliff Shilling – excused, Cynthia Butler – present, David Kanuho – absent, David Littlesun – excused, Dawna Hare – excused, Denise Miller – present, Electa Redcorn – present, Gene Evans – present, George Gardipe – present, Gilbert Beard – present, Illiana Vetter – absent, James Rice – present, Jeneen SunEagle – present, Jenifer Littlesun – present, Jessica Leading Fox – present, Jordan Kanuho – absent, Joseph Reed – present, Linda Jestes – excused, Lisa Gover – present, Louise Stevens – present, Marcus Barnoskie – present, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – present, Misty Nuttle – present, Nila Whiteshirt – excused, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – excused, Sammye Kemble – excused, Victoria LeftHand – present, Walter Echo-Hawk – present, **Quorum established with (20) delegates present, (10) absent, (7) excused and (1) resignation.**

Present: Phil Gover, Virgil Wade, Jamie Nelson, Skye Goodfox, Kortney Leading Fox and Chad Smith.

III. Introductions – No introductions were given.

IV. Delegate Rules and Process – No action.

V. Discussion and action on Preamble

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to approve the “Preamble” to be recommended to the Pawnee Membership for a vote, seconded by Joseph Reed.

Vote by roll call: Carol Nuttle – yes, Chris McCray – yes, Denise Miller – yes, Electa Redcorn – yes, Gene Evans - yes, George Gardipe - yes, Gilbert Beard - yes, James Rice - yes, Janeen Sun Eagle – yes, Jenifer Littlesun – yes, Jessica Leading Fox – yes, Joseph



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Reed – yes, Lisa Gover – yes, Louise Stevens – yes, Marcus Barnoskie – yes, Meghan Cunningham – yes, Misty Nuttle – yes, Victoria Lefthand – yes, Walter Echo-Hawk – yes, and Cynthia Butler – not voting.

19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 1 not voting, motion carries.

VI. Discussion and action on Article I Name

Motion made by Misty Nuttle to reopen Article I – Name on the Convention Floor for further review and/or revisions, seconded by Victoria Lefthand.

Vote by roll call: Carol Nuttle – yes, Chris McCray – yes, Denise Miller – yes, Electa Redcorn – yes, Gene Evans - yes, George Gardipe - yes, Gilbert Beard - yes, James Rice - yes, Janeen Sun Eagle – yes, Jenifer Littlesun – yes, Jessica Leading Fox – yes, Joseph Reed – yes, Lisa Gover – yes, Louise Stevens – yes, Marcus Barnoskie – yes, Meghan Cunningham – yes, Misty Nuttle – yes, Victoria Lefthand – yes, Walter Echo-Hawk – yes, and Cynthia Butler – not voting.

19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 1 not voting, motion carries.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve “Article I – Name” for a vote of the membership, seconded by Joseph Reed.

Motion was withdrawn.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to accept the change to “Article I – Name” and approve for a vote of the people, seconded by Chris McCray.

Vote by roll call: Carol Nuttle – yes, Chris McCray – yes, Denise Miller – abstain, Electa Redcorn – yes, Gene Evans - yes, George Gardipe - yes, Gilbert Beard - yes, James Rice - yes, Janeen Sun Eagle – yes, Jenifer Littlesun – yes, Jessica Leading Fox – yes, Joseph Reed – yes, Lisa Gover – yes, Louise Stevens – yes, Marcus Barnoskie – no, Meghan Cunningham – yes, Misty Nuttle – yes, Victoria Lefthand – yes, Walter Echo-Hawk – yes, and Cynthia Butler – not voting.

17 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain and 1 not voting, motion carries.

VII. Discussion and action on Article II Purpose



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Motion made by Denise Miller to recommend “Article II - Purpose” as is and approve for a vote of the people, seconded by Joseph Reed.

Vote by roll call: Carol Nuttle – yes, Chris McCray – yes, Denise Miller – yes, Electa Redcorn – yes, Gene Evans - yes, George Gardipe - yes, Gilbert Beard - yes, James Rice - yes, Janeen Sun Eagle – yes, Jenifer Littlesun – yes, Jessica Leading Fox – yes, Joseph Reed – yes, Lisa Gover – yes, Louise Stevens – yes, Marcus Barnoskie – yes, Meghan Cunningham – no, Misty Nuttle – yes, Victoria Lefthand – yes, Walter Echo-Hawk – yes, and Cynthia Butler – not voting.

18 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain and 1 not voting, motion carries.

VIII. Discussion and action on Article IV Pawnee Business Council

Motion made by Misty Nuttle to table “Article IV – Pawnee Business Council and to recess the meeting, seconded by Gene Evans.

Vote by roll call: Carol Nuttle – yes, Chris McCray – yes, Denise Miller – yes, Electa Redcorn – yes, Gene Evans - yes, George Gardipe - yes, Gilbert Beard - yes, James Rice - yes, Janeen Sun Eagle – yes, Jenifer Littlesun – yes, Jessica Leading Fox – yes, Joseph Reed – yes, Lisa Gover – yes, Louise Stevens – yes, Marcus Barnoskie – yes, Meghan Cunningham – yes, Misty Nuttle – yes, Victoria Lefthand – yes, Walter Echo-Hawk – yes, and Cynthia Butler – not voting.

19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 1 not voting, motion carries to table Article VI and to recess the meeting at 3:45 PM.

I. Recess

The closing invocation was given by Chief Gilbert Beard.

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Below are the Rules of the Convention that the Delegates have passed to set rules on voting and attendance.

RULES OF THE CONVENTION

Resolution #1

Create a 2-part rule and voting structure for the following areas:



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1. Constitutional Amendment creations and changes AND
2. Internal Delegate processes

Resolution #2

Voting for the Internal Convention Delegate process will be as follow:

1. Simple Majority of Delegates present for approval.
2. Quorum is established for voting of Delegates will be determined at the beginning of the meeting by a roll call of Official Delegates. At the time of a vote, Quorum is not met if the number of Delegates present falls below the following:
 - Quorum is set at:
 - a. 1/3 of All Delegates as approved by the Pawnee Business Council on the date of the vote.
3. Proxy voting is Not allowed.

Resolution #3 – Voting Rules

A. INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

1. 1/3 quorum with simple majority vote of those present (14 present, 8 majority)
 - i. With a minimum of 4 days' notice prior to when the voting will occur to be sent via email, calendar invitation, and placement on discord to include all the necessary information
 - ii. To be listed on the agenda as "Discussion and/or action"

B. COMMITTEE PROPOSAL TO CONVENTION

1. 1/3 quorum with simple majority vote of those present (14 present, 8 majority)
 - i. With a minimum of 4 days' notice prior to when the voting will occur to be sent via email, calendar invitation, and placement on discord to include all the necessary information
 - ii. To be listed on the agenda as "Discussion and/or action"

C. IN-PERSON CONVENTION on Proposed amendments

1. ½ delegates to constitute a quorum, super majority of those present (21 present, 14 majority)
 - i. With a minimum of 4 days' notice prior to when the voting will occur to be sent via email, calendar invitation, and placement on discord to include all the necessary information
 - ii. To be listed on the agenda as "Discussion and/or action"



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Reopen an issue that has been approved by vote at the in-person convention would require 2/3 vote of delegates present

All votes shall be final at the call of close of the vote by the Moderator. No late votes shall be counted. Unless a vote is reopened.

Resolution #4: Delegate Attendance and Meetings:

Attendance at Meetings: Delegates are expected to attend in person, or participate by telephone, or videoconference in all regularly scheduled Committee meetings. Delegates must attend in person, or participate by telephone, or videoconference in at least one half (1/2) of all regularly scheduled Committee meetings.

Removal and Vacancies: A delegate's position on the Committee becomes vacant upon his or her resignation, removal, incapacity, disability, or death, or upon the expiration of the Constitution Convention. Any delegate may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairperson Cynthia Butler of the Convention. The resignation takes effect at the time specified in the written notice. The acceptance of the resignation is not necessary to make it effective.

Delegates shall be removed by the Constitution Convention Committee if they fail to attend in person, or participate by telephone, or videoconference in at least three (3) of the regular meetings of the Committee and Convention days during any five (5) month period, unless they are or have been excused by the Governing Documents Committee. A delegate may also be removed for cause at any duly noticed meeting of the Constitution Convention Committee, and after being provided an opportunity for the delegate to be heard by the Constitution Convention Committee, upon the affirmative vote of a simple majority of those present (excluding the voting power of the delegate in question) and affirmed by the Business Council

Any vacancy occurring in the Constitution Convention Committee may be filled by appointment from the Business Council

Compensation: No salary or other compensation shall be paid to any person for serving as a delegate of the Constitution Convention.

THESE RULES BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

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There is a webpage for the Constitution Convention at <https://pawneenation.org/government/constitution-convention/>. Tribal members will be able to view the orientation videos, resources, news updates, view dates of the



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meetings and forums, meeting agendas and review the Articles that are being proposed for revision.

The Committee (Governing Documents) went to the PBC on September 26 to request an extension on the work that is being done. The PBC granted an extension by Resolution #22-54 until January 31, 2024.

The Membership workgroup is working on a survey to send out for tribal member input and the Nasharo Council will be holding Band meetings to discuss membership. The next Tribal Forum is scheduled for October 15th at 1 pm at the Roam Chief Event Center.

- ii. **PN Governing Documents Scholarship Program**: The Committee did not award a scholarship for the 2022 Fall semester. We will continue to raise funds for this scholarship and will send out advertisement for the Fall 2023 semester.
- iii. **PN Real Property Leasing Act, Statute 22-03**: The Governing Documents Committee reviewed the Pawnee Nation Leasing Act and made recommendations to the Business Council for review and approval. Once approved by the PBC, the document will be reviewed by the Secretary of Interior. We are awaiting that review and final approval of PBC.
- iv. **PN Gaming Ordinance, Statute 22-04**: In August 2022, as a part of the “Pathway to Prosperity”, the workgroup (made up of PBC members, the AG, TDC and Gaming representatives) who worked with Homer Law, suggested revisions for the Pawnee Nation Gaming Ordinance. These revisions were presented to the Governing Documents Committee and recommended for PBC approval.

b. New Objectives for Next Quarter

- i. Continue with planning of the Constitution Convention
- ii. To complete the Codification of Pawnee Laws (PBC Resolution #20-101)
- iii. Fundraise for the Scholarship Program
- iv. Continue the review for revisions to governing documents
- v. Review of the Pathway to Prosperity documents – TDC Articles of Incorporation
- vi. Revisions to the PN Election Act (withdrawal of a candidate)

IV. Financial Reporting

The financial report is recorded in the comprehensive report.