



PAWNEE NATION CONSTITUTION CONVENTION

Saturday, January 7, 2023

In-Person and Virtual Meeting of the Delegates

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairwoman Cynthia Butler called the meeting to order at 9:42 AM.

II. Opening Invocation

Mr. James Rice gave the opening invocation.

III. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

The roll was called to establish a quorum: Aaron Prim – here, Bruce Pratt – here, Carlton Gover – resignation, Carol Chapman – absent, Carol Nuttle – excused, Charles Ruling His Son – absent, Chris McCray – excused, Cliff Shilling – absent, Cynthia Butler – here, David Littlesun – resignation, Dawna Hare – here, Denise Miller – here, Electa Hare – here, arrived at 11:11 am, Gene Evans – here, George Gardipe – here, Gilbert Beard – here, arrived at 1:28 PM, Illiana Vetter – absent, James Rice – here, Jeneen SunEagle – excused, Jenifer Littlesun – here, Jessica Leading Fox – absent, Jordan Kanuho – absent, Joseph Reed – here, Lisa Gover – here, Louise Stevens – excused, Marcus Barnoskie – here, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – here, Misty Nuttle – here, Nila Whiteshirt – absent, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Sammye Kemble – absent, Victoria Lefthand – here, arrived at 9:52 AM, and Walter Echo-Hawk – here. **19 Present, 10 Absent, 4 Excused, and 2 Resignations. Quorum is established for the Convention Floor.**

Present: Phillip Gover, Jamie Nelson, Chad Smith, Geneva Horsechief

Guests: Ella Blackowl and Ramona Horsechief

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to approve the agenda for January 7, 2023, seconded by Denise Miller.

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

V. Approval of Minutes

a. PN CC Virtual Meeting December 3, 2022

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Virtual Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2022, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

VOTE: 12 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

VI. New Business

a. Update from Workgroups (Article III, Article VII, Article VIII)



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Article III Workgroup: Denise Miller gave a brief update on what the status of the what the workgroup has been working on.

Article VII Workgroup: Lisa Gover an update on the work the workgroup is doing.

Article VIII Workgroup: There was no update for this workgroup. They have not met yet.

The workgroups will be presenting at the next Community forum on January 14th to gather more input from the tribal membership.

b. Discussion and action on Article V – Duties of Officers

Motion made by James Rice to make revisions to section iv and (iii), seconded by Misty Nuttle.

VOTE: 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 0 absent. Motion Carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to move Article V – Duties of Officers to the Convention Floor, seconded by Denise Miller.

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

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve Article V – Duties of Officers in its entirety to recommend to the Pawnee people, seconded by Gene Evans.

VOTE: 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 0 absent. Motion Carries.

Call for a break at 11:14 AM

Called the meeting back to order at 11:34 AM

Establishment of a quorum: 7 in-person, 9 online, quorum established.

c. Discussion and action on Article VI – Vacancies

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to approve Article VI – Vacancies and recommend to the Pawnee people, seconded by Denise Miller.

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

Call for lunch break at 12:15 PM.

Call the meeting back to order at 1:28 PM.



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d. Discussion and action on Article IX – Courts

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to table Article IX – Courts, seconded by Denise Miller.

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

SECTION 8:

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the revisions to Section 8, seconded by Jenifer Gover Littlesun.

VOTE: 10 yes, 5 no, 1 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

SECTION 6 – Judicial Review:

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to approve the language revised in Section 6, with further review of the Dawna Hare vs Karla Knife Chief PN Court decision, with the possible further revision(s) after the review to forward to the next Saturday virtual meetings, seconded by Denise Miller.

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

Call for a 5 minute break at 2:55 PM.

Call the meeting back to order at 3:05 PM.

Quorum established.

e. Discussion and action on Article X – Bill of Rights

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to table Article X – Bill of Rights and move back to the delegates for further discussion, seconded by Aaron Prim.

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

f. Discussion and action on Article XI – Amendments

VOTE 1:

Yes to keep at 50 – 2

No to do a percentage – 12

1 abstain



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VOTE 2:

2% - 13 for, 1 no and 1 abstain

10% - 0

Vote for 2% carries.

VOTE 3:

Yes to keep at 50 or raise to 100 – 4

No to do a percentage – 10

1 abstaining

Vote to do a percentage.

VOTE 4:

4% - 8 yes, 6 no, 1 abstain.

Motion carries for 4%.

Motion made by Jenifer Gover Littlesun to strike approved by and submitted to the Secretary of the PBC, seconded by Denise Miller.

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

Motion made by Denise Miller to accept the language revised in Article XI – Amendments and to move to the Pawnee people, seconded by Jenifer Gover Littlesun.

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

- g. Discussion and action on Article XII – Meetings**
- h. Discussion and action on Article XIII – Adoption**
- i. Discussion and action on Article XIV – Savings Clause**
- j. Discussion and action on Article XV – Severability**

VII. Recess

Motion made by Jenifer Gover Littlesun to table the remaining Articles and to recess, seconded by Gene Evans.

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