



PAWNEE NATION CONSTITUTION CONVENTION

Saturday, February 11, 2023
Virtual Meeting of the Delegates

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairwoman Cynthia Butler called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

II. Opening Invocation

Ms. Lisa Gover gave the opening invocation.

III. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

The roll was called to establish a quorum: Aaron Prim – present, Bruce Pratt – excused, Carol Chapman – absent, Carol Nuttle – present, Chris McCray – excused, Cynthia Butler – present, David Littlesun – absent, Dawna Hare – present, Denise Miller – present, Electa Hare – absent, Gene Evans – present, George Gardipe – present, Gilbert Beard – excused, James Rice – present, Jeneen SunEagle – present, Jenifer Littlesun – excused, Jessica Leading Fox – absent, Jordan Kanuho – absent, Joseph Reed – excused, Lisa Gover – present, Louise Stevens – present, Marcus Barnoskie – present, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – excused, Misty Nuttle – present, Nila Whiteshirt – resigned, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Sammye Kemble – absent, Victoria Lefthand – excused, and Walter Echo-Hawk – present. **14 Present, 8 Absent, 6 Excused, and 1 Resignation. Quorum is established for the Convention Floor.**

Present: Phillip Gover, Virgil Wade, and Chad Smith

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to approve the agenda for February 11, 2023, seconded by Denise Miller.

VOTE: 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 2 absent. Motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes

a. PN CC Virtual Meeting January 7, 2023

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Virtual Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2023, seconded by James Rice.

VOTE: 9 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain and 2 absent. Motion carries.



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b. PN CC Virtual Meeting January 28, 2023

No official vote, consensus of the delegates was to table the meeting minutes for January 28.

VI. New Business

a. Discussion and action on Rescheduling the Community Forum

The delegates had discussion to have the next Community forum on March 4th and topics of discussion will be from the workgroups work on Articles III, VII and VIII.

b. Discussion and action on Article III – Membership

Discussion on task and purpose of the Membership workgroup. The delegates discussed expanding the scope and have the workgroup bring forward revisions based on their research.

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to expand the scope of the workgroup (Article III – Membership) with the charge to develop language for the Article to be ready by the February 25th meeting, seconded by Denise Miller.

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

Call for a 10-minute break at 10:25 AM and return at 10:35 AM.

Called the meeting back to order at 10:37 AM.

c. Discussion and action on Article VIII – Nasharo Council

Update from Denise Miller and Misty Nuttle on what the workgroup has been working on so far. There was mention of a survey that will be circulated by the workgroup to gather information. Discussion only, no action taken.

d. Discussion and action on Article VII – Forfeiture, Suspension, Recall, Removal

Update from Ms. Lisa Gover and Ms. Carol Nuttle. Discussion only, no action.

e. Discussion and action on Article IX – Courts

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

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to table the remainder of the agenda (Articles IX and X) until the next meeting, seconded by Denise Miller.



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

VII. Open Forum

The delegates had discussion on non-active members (delegates) of the convention and decided to send out the notices of removal per the rules of the convention.

The Governing Documents Committee will send out an updated calendar to the delegates.

VIII. Recess

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to recess, seconded by Lisa Gover.

VOTE: 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries to recess at 12:23 PM.

The closing prayer was given by Mr. Virgil Wade.