



PAWNEE NATION CONSTITUTION CONVENTION

Saturday, December 3, 2022
Virtual Meeting of the Delegates

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Convention delegates was called to order at 9:13 AM.

II. Opening Invocation

Mr. Bruce Pratt gave the opening invocation.

III. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Roll Call: Aaron Prim – present, Bruce Pratt – present, Carlton Gover – absent, Carol Chapman – absent, Carol Nuttle – excused, Charles Ruling His Son – absent, Chris McCray – excused, Cliff Shilling – absent, Cynthia Butler – present, David Littlesun – present, arrived at 10:00 AM, Dawna Hare – excused, Denise Miller – present, Electa Redcorn – present, arrived at 9:50 AM, Gene Evans – present, George Gardipe – present, Gilbert Beard – present, Illiana Veter – absent, James Rice – present, Jeneen Sun Eagle – excused, Jenifer Littlesun – present, arrived at 9:41 AM, Jessica Leading Fox – absent, Jordan Kanuho – absent, Joseph Reed – absent, Linda Jestes – resignation, Lisa Gover – present, arrived at 10:26 AM, Louise Stevens – present, Marcus Barnoskie – present, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – excused, Misty Nuttle – excused, Nila Whiteshirt – absent, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – resignation, Sammye Kemble – absent, Victoria Lefthand – excused and Walter Echo-Hawk – present. **Quorum established: 15 present, 12 absent, 7 excused and 2 resignations.**

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

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the December 2, 2022, meeting of the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention delegates, seconded by James Rice.

VOTE: 11 yes, 0 no, 0 absent, and 0 abstain. Motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes

a. PN CC Virtual Meeting November 12, 2022

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the meeting minutes for November 12 with corrections, seconded by James Rice.

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



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VI. New Business

a. Update from Tribal Forum, November 19, 2022

Cynthia Butler gave an update to the delegates on how the forum went on November 19th.

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

Article III – Membership Workgroup: Delegate, Marcus Barnoskie, gave an update on the data collected so far on the membership surveys.

Article VII – Forfeiture, Recall, Suspension, Removal Workgroup: Denise Miller gave an update on what the workgroup has been working on. Reported that another meeting has been scheduled.

Article VIII – Nasharo Council Workgroup: No update from this workgroup. The workgroup members were asked to get a meeting together within the next few weeks.

The workgroups will give a further update at the next in-person meeting on January 7th.

VII. Old Business

a. Discussion and/or action on Article IX – Courts

Motion made by Denise Miller to table Article IX – Courts, to gather further information on Sections 5 and 8, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

b. Discussion and/or action on Article X – Bill of Rights

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to table Article X – Bill of Rights, seconded by James Rice.

Vote: 11 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries.

c. Discussion and/or action on Article XI – Amendments

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to table Article XI – Amendments and ask the Attorney General to look at the possibility of removing this article and draft some proposed language, seconded by Denise Miller.

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



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Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to table other amendments or revisions to Article XI – Amendments regarding the number adult members to pass an amendment, get further information from the Attorney General on if other tribes have removed the Secretary of Interior in the past and what other ramifications may occur, seconded by George Gardipe.

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

The Attorney General arrived at the meeting and the delegates revisited Article XI – Amendments.

Motion made by Denise Miller to move Article XI – Amendments to the Convention Floor and to make a decision on the percentage or number of voters to pass an amendment, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

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

d. Discussion and/or action on Article XII – Meetings

Motion made by Bruce Pratt to move Article XII – Place of Meetings to the Convention Floor with revisions, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

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

e. Discussion and/or action on Article XIII – Adoption

Motion made by Denise Miller to strike Article XIII – Adoption from the Constitution and move the article to the Convention Floor, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

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

f. Discussion and/or action on Article XIV – Savings Clause

Motion made by Denise Miller for the recommendation of adding Article XIV – Savings Clause to the Constitution and move the article to the Convention Floor with revisions, seconded by Walter Echo-Hawk.

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

Ms. Misty Nuttle was excused from the meeting, leaving a quorum of 13 delegates.

g. Discussion and/or action on Article XV – Severability

Motion made by Lisa Gover to strike Article XV – Severability from the Constitution and move the recommendation to the Convention Floor, seconded by Gene Evans.



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

VIII. Recess

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

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries to adjourn at 11:53 AM.

Closing prayer given by Chief Gilbert Beard.