

Quarterly Report to the Pawnee Business Council 4th Quarter

October, November, December 2022

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.

The Committee does have an opening for two more potential positions on the Committee and is advertising these positions until they are filled.

II. Meetings:

The Committee has met on the following dates during the fourth quarter: October 3, & 12, November 7 & 28.

III. Quarterly Goals and Objectives:

- a. Description on Activities Conducted
 - i. **PN Constitution Convention**: The Committee has continued working on the planning for the Pawnee Nation Constitution 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: October 8 & 22, November 12 and December 3.

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

Walter Echo-Hawk (Kitkehahki) Gene Evans (Skiri)

Jordan Kanuho (Chaui) Sammye Kemble (Pitahawirata)

George Gardipe (Skiri) Lisa Gover (Skiri)

Carol Chapman (Skiri) Victoria LeftHand (Chaui)

Cynthia Butler (Skiri) Denise Miller (Kitkehahki)

Dawna Hare (Pitahawirata)

Joseph Reed (Chaui)



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Pat Leading Fox (Skiri)

Gilbert Beard (Skiri)

Bruce Pratt (Skiri)

Marcus Barnoskie (Kitkehahki)

Jessica Leading Fox (Skiri)

Carol Nuttle (Skiri)

Misty Nuttle (Kitkehahki)

Jenifer Littlesun (Skiri)

Meghan Cunningham (Chaui)

Chris McCray (Skiri)

James Rice (Skiri)

Aaron Prim (Skiri)

Nila Whiteshirt (Chaui)

Electa Redcorn (Pitahawirata)

Janeen SunEagle (Pitahawirat)

Marcus Freejo (Skiri)

Louise Stevens (Skiri)

Convention moderators are Phillip Gover and Virgil Wade.

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.

Saturday, October 8, 2022 Virtual Meeting of 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,



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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.

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.



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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 Pitahauirata, 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 in favor of 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
- 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.



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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.

Saturday, October 22, 2022 Virtual Meeting of Delegates Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Constitution Convention Delegates was called to order at 9:15 AM.

II. Opening Invocation

Mrs. Electa Redcorn gave the opening invocation.

III. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

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



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Stevens – present, Marcus Barnoskie – present, Marcus Frejo – absent, Meghan Cunningham – excused, Misty Nuttle – present, Nila Whiteshirt – present, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – absent, Sammye Kemble – present, Victoria LeftHand – present, Walter Echo-Hawk – excused, **Quorum established with (18) delegates present, (9) absent, and (9) excused.**

Present: Phil Gover, Virgil Wade, and Chief Frank Adson.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Carol Nuttle to approve the meeting agenda for the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Virtual Meeting on October 22, 2022, seconded by Victoria Lefthand.

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

V. Approval of Minutes

a. PN CC In-Person Meeting September 24, 2022

Motion was made by Carol Nuttle to approve the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention In-Person Meeting minutes for September 24, 2022, seconded by Jenifer Littlesun.

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

b. PN CC Virtual Meeting October 8, 2022

Motion was made by Denise Miller to approve the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Virtual Meeting minutes for October 8, 2022, seconded by Victoria Lefthand.

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

VI. Old Business:

a. Discussion and/or action on Article V Duties

Motion was made by Misty Nuttle to approve the revisions to Article V – Duties of Officers and move the article to the Convention floor, seconded by Aaron Prim.



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

VII. New Business:

 a. Discussion and/or action on Article VII – Forfeiture, Recall, Suspension, Removal

Motion was made by Carol Nuttle to create a workgroup to work on Article VII – Forfeiture, Recall, Suspension, Removal, seconded by Misty Nuttle.

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

Delegates will be given until October 8th by 5 PM to volunteer for the workgroup. The announcement will be posted in Discord and sent by email.

Volunteers so far: Sammye Kemble, Carol Nuttle, George Gardipe, Nila Whiteshirt, Denise Miller and Marcus Barnoskie.

b. Discussion and/or action on Article VIII - Nasharo Council

Motion was made by Jenifer Littlesun to create a workgroup to work on Article III – Nasharo Council, seconded by Misty Nuttle.

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

Delegates will be given until October 8th by 5 PM to volunteer for the workgroup. The announcement will be posted in Discord and sent by email.

Volunteers so far: Misty Nuttle, Sammye Kemble, Electa Redcorn, Jenifer Littlesun and Denise Miller.

The Delegates had discussion on cancelling the November 4th and 5th In-Person meeting dates. The consensus was to cancel the meeting dates.

VIII. Recess

Motion was made by Carol Nuttle to recess, seconded by Misty Nuttle.

Vote: 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent. Motion carries to recess at 11:48 AM.



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Ms. Nila Whiteshirt gave the closing invocation.

Saturday, November 12, 2022 Virtual Meeting of Delegates Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Constitution Convention Delegates was called to order at 9:14 PM.

II. Opening Invocation – The opening invocation was given by Misty Nuttle.

III. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Roll call to establish a quorum was called: Aaron Prim – present, Bruce Pratt – absent, Carlton Gover – absent, Carol Chapman – absent, Carol Nuttle – present, Charles Ruling His Son – absent, Chris McCray – excused, Cliff Shilling – absent, Cynthia Butler – present, David Littlesun – absent, Dawna Hare – absent, 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 – absent, 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 – present, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Reva Howell – absent, Sammye Kemble – absent, Victoria LeftHand – present, Walter Echo-Hawk – present, Quorum established with (20) delegates present, (14) absent, and (2) excused.

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

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the agenda, seconded by Misty Nuttle.

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

V. Approval of Minutes

a. PN CC Virtual Meeting October 22, 2022



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Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Virtual Meeting for October 22, 2022 with changes, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain. Motion carries.

VI. New Business:

a. Update from Tribal Forum, October 22, 2022

Cynthia Butler brought from the Governing Documents Committee the questions, concerns, and feedback from the October 22 Tribal Forum to the delegates. The delegates had discussing and forwarded some of the questions to the workgroups.

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

Motion made by Walter Echo-Hawk to strike from Article IX, Courts, to strike the word "current" and replace "established by Resolution 93-65" with "as established in this article", seconded by Lisa Gover.

Vote: 15 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain and 2 absent. Motion carries.

Motion made by Misty Nuttle to approve the suggested revisions made to Article IX – Courts, and table the Article for further review of Section 5, and have the Executive Director look at Section 8, 1, budget, seconded by Victoria LeftHand.

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

The delegates took a break at 12:04 PM and will return at 1 PM.

The delegates returned from break at 1:01 PM with 14 delegates present.

Discussion continued with Item c. Discussion and/or action on Article X – Bill of Rights.

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

Motion made by Denise Miller to table Article X, Bill of Rights, seconded by Carol Nuttle.

Vote: 11 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain and 1 absent. Motion carries.



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- d. Discussion and/or action on Article XI Amendments
- e. Discussion and/or action on Article XII Meetings
- f. Discussion and/or action on Article XIII Adoption
- g. Discussion and/or action on Article XIV Savings Clause
- h. Discussion and/or action on Article XV Severability

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to table the remaining Articles for the next meeting and move to the discussion to the next agenda, seconded by Denise Miller.

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

VII. Discussion and/or Action on Next Convention Meeting and Calendar

Raise of hands to approve the updated Convention calendar: 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 0 absent.

VIII. Recess

Motion was made by Cynthia Butler to recess, seconded by Carol Nuttle.

Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent. Motion carries to recess at 3:21 PM.

Mr. Walter Echo-Hawk gave the closing invocation.

Saturday, December 3, 2022 Virtual Meeting of 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



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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.

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.



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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.

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.



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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.

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.



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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.

The delegates of the Convention have formed three workgroups to work on the following articles of the Constitution. The workgroups will make recommended revisions to present to the Pawnee Nation citizens.

Article III Workgroup, Membership: (Members) Electa Hare, Denise Miller, Meghan Cunningham, Marcus Barnoskie, Jenifer Littlesun, Gene Evans, Gilbert Beard, and Joseph Reed.

Article VII Workgroup, Forfeiture, Recall, Suspension, Removal: (Members) Sammye Kemble, Carol Nuttle, George Gardipe, Nila Whiteshirt, Denise Miller, Marcus Barnoskie, Lisa Gover, and Joseph Reed

Article VIII Workgroup, Nasharo Council: (Members) Misty Nuttle, Sammye Kemble, Electa Hare, Jenifer Gover-Littlesun, Denise Miller, Gilbert Beard, and Lisa Gover.

- ii. **PN Governing Documents Scholarship Program**: The Committee will continue to raise funds for the Committee scholarship and will send out advertisement for the Fall 2023 semester. Will also be looking at revising the documents and focus on getting more information on the scholarship. Documents will be sent to the Pawnee Nation College, posted on the website and social media accounts and to the Education Higher Education clients.
- iii. **PN Law and Order Codes:** The Committee has been looking at the indexing and assigning Titles to the existing PN Laws approved by the PBC. There was a workgroup formed by the Executive Office and PBC President to do updates of the Codes and the Committee will be working with this workgroup for possible revisions to be made and updated. The first priority of the Governing Documents Committee will be to assign the Titles of the existing laws and add them to Codes.
- 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)



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- 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.