

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 21-002 AO

ORDER REGARDING ELECTION DISPUTES AND CHALLENGES

The election process is one of the most important functions of the Tribal Government. It ensures that the citizens/members have a voice in decisions regarding the present and future of the Tribe.

When election disputes and challenges are decided by the Election Board, an appeal/review can be made to the Tribal Court. The Court recognizes the importance of the Tribal Elections, and its process, and the need for resolution of these matters in a fair and expeditious manner. This Administrative Order sets forth the process and timeline for disputes and challenges to be resolved that are filed in the Tribal Court.

Section 3 of the Election Board Rules and Regulations provides for a timeline of five days for a notice of an Election Board hearing on a dispute or challenge. Decisions of the Election Board may be appealed to the Tribal Court within five days of the decision pursuant to the Election Board Rules and Regulations. This short timeline is necessary to quickly resolve disputes and challenges so that the election can be certified without undue delay.

The Court, through this Administrative Order, sets forth the process and timeline for cases that are filed in Tribal Court for a review of an Election Board decision. Once a case/request for review is filed, the Court must set a hearing within ten days. No adjournments will be granted except for extreme situations, even if the parties agree. The Court must render a decision within three days of the hearing. Counting of days shall be actual/consecutive days, with no distinction for holidays, weekends, or days when the Court is closed.

This timeline places heavy responsibilities on the parties as well as the Court; however, hearings must be scheduled without delay to allow the Tribe to avoid uncertainty in governing. In order to meet the deadlines, the Court will allow, and encourages, filing by fax or email. It is the party's responsibility to confirm that the Court has received the filing.



Hon. Angela Sherigan

5-26-21
Date



Spring Medacco, Tribal Court Administrator

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Date