



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Enrollment Commission**  
2608 Government Center Dr.  
Manistee, MI 49660

**Resolution #17-1011-342**

*Adopting the 2017-2018 Enrollment By-Laws*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is empowered by Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to establish laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is empowered by Article IV, Section 7(f) of the Constitution of the Tribe to create subordinate organizations and to delegate to such organizations the power to manage the enterprises of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did by the Enrollment Ordinance, Ordinance #04-200-01, create the Enrollment Commission to be a regulatory body and delegated to that Commission specified powers to establish enrollment procedures and policies by Tribal Council Resolution #02-0529-03; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Commission is obligated by Ordinance to amend or reissue its bylaws on an annual basis; and


WHEREAS, the Enrollment Commission did by motion adopt amendments and updates to its bylaws for 2017-2018 at a regular meeting, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

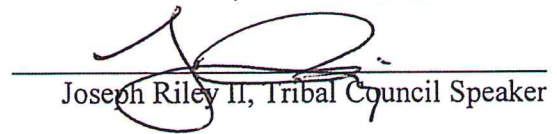
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves and adopts the Enrollment Commission 2017-2018 By-Laws.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT due to position title changes within the Enrollment Department, all references to the "Enrollment Officer" shall be replaced with the "Enrollment Department."

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 11, 2017, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Sandra Lewis, Tribal Council Recorder

  
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Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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Enrollment Commission



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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**

2608 Government Center Drive  
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**ENROLLMENT COMMISSION**

**By-Laws 2017-2018**

**Article I. Title; Authority; Purpose.**

- 1.01. *Title.* This entity shall be known as the "Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Enrollment Commission," and may be referred to as the "Enrollment Commission." The official office and mailing address is: 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, Michigan 49660.
- 1.02. *Authority.* The Enrollment Commission was created by:
- a. Delegated authority in Article V of the Enrollment Ordinance, Ordinance #04- 200-01.
  - b. Tribal Council Resolution #02-0529-08 in accordance with Section 6 of the Commissions Ordinance, Ordinance #04-150-01.
- 1.03. *Purpose.* As identified in Tribal Council Resolution # 02-0529-08 and the Enrollment Ordinance, the purpose of the Enrollment Commission is to make determinations regarding eligibility for enrollment, blood quantum determinations, and disenrollment matters, and to ensure the integrity of the enrollment processes and procedures.

**Article II. Commissioners.**

- 2.01. *Members.* The Enrollment Commission shall have five (5) members who are enrolled with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and are at least twenty-one (21) years old. The term of office for a member of the Enrollment Commission shall be four (4) years.
- 2.02. *Vacancy of member.* An individual appointed to the Commission shall fill the term of the vacant office. Provided that, appointment to a vacancy shall be made as set forth in Section 7 of the Commissions Ordinance.
- 2.03. *Officers.* The Enrollment Commission shall have the following officers who shall be elected by the members of the Enrollment Commission. No member may serve in two (2) officer positions simultaneously.

- a. *Chairperson.* This officer shall be responsible for:
  1. Calling all meetings.
  2. Presiding at all meetings.
  3. Authorizing monthly reports to Tribal Council.
  4. Signing all correspondence and representing the Enrollment Commission at all meetings with outside entities, unless by motion, the Enrollment Commission designates another member to act as a representative at a meeting with outside entities.
  5. Conducting elections of the Vice Chairperson and Secretary.
  
- b. *Vice Chairperson.* This officer shall be responsible for:
  1. Acting in the capacity of the Chairperson with those duties and responsibilities in the absence of the Chairperson.
  2. Acting in the capacity of the Secretary with those duties and responsibilities in the absence of the Secretary, but shall not be responsible for both offices simultaneously. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Secretary, the Vice Chairperson shall temporarily appoint a Secretary for the purposes of that meeting.
  3. Conducting elections of new officers if the Chairperson has resigned or is removed.
  
- c. *Secretary.* This officer shall be responsible for:
  1. Preparing all minutes and reports of the Enrollment Commission.
  2. Presiding at duly called meetings in the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.
  3. Conducting elections of new officers if the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson have resigned or are removed.

### **Article III. Duties and Responsibilities**

- 3.01. The Enrollment Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- a. *Fair and Equitable Process.* Ensure that the enrollment process is as fair and equitable as possible.
  - b. *Application.* Review each application, the recommendations of the Enrollment Officer, and make its determination in writing stating the reason(s) for acceptance or rejection of the application.
  - c. *Audit.* Conduct an audit report as required under Article XV of the Enrollment Ordinance.
  - d. *Hearings.* Hold hearings regarding all enrollment determinations and audit recommendations and render a written decision.
  - e. *Eligibility Criteria.* Ensure that the Constitutional tribal member eligibility criterion is met by all applicants and members of the Tribe.

#### **Article IV. Meetings**

- 4.01. *Meetings.* The Enrollment Commission shall have scheduled at least one (1) meeting per month. The Commission shall establish the regular meeting schedule no later than the last meeting prior to the end of the calendar year for the next calendar year. The schedule shall be posted upon adoption at all Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Service Locations. The meeting place shall be at 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, Michigan 49660 unless notified otherwise to all members at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.
- 4.02. *Special Meetings.* The Chairperson may call special meetings by giving twenty-four (24) hours' notice to all members. Such notice shall be in writing when possible; however, the Chairperson or Secretary may telephone all members and follow-up with written notice at the earliest possible time. Members may attend special meetings by telephone. Special meetings may be called for the purpose of conducting business that, if delayed until such time as a regular meeting is held, it would be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the Tribe, its members or the regulated activity.
- 4.03. *Closed Session.* The Enrollment Commission shall discuss all decisions regarding an individual's eligibility for enrollment in closed session.
- 4.04. *Quorum.* The Enrollment Commission shall have three (3) members present, one being an officer, to make a quorum at meetings. The Enrollment Commission may promulgate

regulations that identify other procedures for the conducting of hearings of the Commission and the number of members necessary to conduct the hearing.

4.05. *Agenda.* Every meeting shall be conducted in accordance with an agenda that has been prepared by the Enrollment Department. The Enrollment Commission by majority vote may accept additional items for the agenda at the time of the meeting, which were not given prior notice. Each agenda shall contain the following sections, and any other sections as may be necessary to clearly identify the business to be conducted:

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Agenda
- c. Approval of Minutes
- d. Old Business
- e. New Business
- f. Adjournment

4.06. *Minutes.* The minutes shall be drafted to clearly identify:

- a. The date and time the meeting was called to order;
- b. The members present, and whether the Chairperson is/is not present;
- c. The adoption of the agenda, and any amendments;
- d. The action taken regarding each agenda item; and
- e. The date and time the meeting was concluded, and the manner in which it was concluded (i.e., loss of quorum, completed, etc.).

- 4.07. *Disclosure of Minutes to Tribal Council.* The Enrollment Commission shall forward all open session meeting minutes to the Tribal Council. Closed session meeting minutes shall be retained by the Enrollment Department. The closed session meeting minutes shall not be disclosed to any person or entity other than the Enrollment Commission and Enrollment Department, with the exception of allowing access of the information pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Enrollment Ordinance.

#### **Article V. Employees; Liaison**

- 5.01. *Employees.* The Enrollment Commission does not have the power to employ individuals.
- 5.02. *Liaison.* The Liaison for the Enrollment Commission shall be responsible for communications between the Tribal Council and the Enrollment Commission.
- a. *Commission.* The Enrollment Commission shall choose a liaison from among its members who is responsible for interacting with the Tribal Council liaison to bring issues to the Tribal Council, and to bring issues from the Tribal Council to the Commission.
  - b. *Tribal Council.* The Tribal Council liaison shall be responsible for identifying a contact number and office location at which the entity may leave documents, messages, requests, and other like information.
  - c. *Regulated Area.* The Enrollment Department shall identify a contact person to which correspondence, requests, and other like material shall be sent.

#### **Article VI. Amendment; Repeal.**

- 6.01. *Amendment.* These Bylaws shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Enrollment Commission for amendments. All amendments must be presented at least one (1) meeting prior to action and must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Amendments are final when presented and approved by the Tribal Council through a resolution created and submitted by the Commission.
- 6.02. *Repeal.* These Bylaws may be repealed by the presentation of a request to the Tribal Council by the Commission in the form of a resolution containing the reasons a repeal of these bylaws is necessary. The Commission must approve the repealing resolution by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Further, the Tribal Council may unilaterally repeal these bylaws by amendment to the creating Ordinance or by adoption of a resolution calling for the repeal of the Commission's bylaws.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Charmaine Stone, as Chairperson of the Enrollment Commission, do hereby certify that the Enrollment Commission adopted these amended Bylaws by motion at a regular meeting on September 27, 2017.

Charmaine Stone  
Enrollment Chairperson

09-27-2017  
Date

I, Sandra Lewis, as Tribal Council Recorder do hereby certify that the Tribal Council, approved these Bylaws by the adoption of Tribal Council Resolution #17-1011-342.

Sandra Lewis  
Sandy Lewis, Tribal Council Recorder

10-11-17  
Date