

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians/Election Board
Open Meeting Minutes
May 15th, 2025

I. Call to order:

A. Kathy made a motion to begin the Open session meeting at 7:16 P.M.

- Roll Call

Kathy Gibson – Present	Laura Echelbarger – Present	Janine Sam – Absent
Shawwna Gonzalez – Present	Lee Ivinson – Present	

Janine joined the meeting at 7:21 P. M.

II. Others Present: Tribal members: Carlene Deverney (1020), Al Metzger (890), Beth Mc Clellan (2915), Bill Ossignac (3877), Delia Ross (2446), Joanne Green (3580), LeAnn Austin (3878), Machelles Gibbs (1252), Martha Howell (3635), Sandy Mezeske (0018), Sara Agosa (4478), Stacey Cheney (992), Valerie Macdonell (4340), Tina McClellan (2917), Vicki Laporte (3384), Karen Love (2494), Shannon Crampton (1747), Anna Agosa (4463), Chelsea Densmore (3225), Dwan Humphrey (3517), Jolene O'Signac (3866), Stephanie Chau (4477), Vicki Sam (4841), Michael Burmeister (954).

III. Minutes Approved: None

IV. Discussion

Kathy: Yeah. Thank you. And Janine is absent at the moment, and now I would ask each tribal member if they would please unmute themselves, state their name and their tribal ID.

Lee: Shawna, could you?

Shawwna: I can go through.

Kathy: Yeah, go ahead, Shawwna and call on each one.

Lee: In an orderly fashion, if you could, request them to announce their name. Thank you.

Shawwna: I can do that, so I have 1-414-554-1409 number. Can you unmute or?

Carlene Deverney: Carlene Deverney, 1020.

Shawwna: And then I have Al Metzger.

Al Metzger: Al Metzger, 890.

Shawwna: OK. Thank you. And then I have Beth McClellan.

Beth McClellan: Beth McClellan, 2915.

Shawwna: Thank you. And then I have Bill Ossigniac.

Bill Ossignac: Bill Ossignac, 3877.

Shawwna: Thank you. And then Delia Ross.

Delia Ross: Delia Ross, 2446.

Shawwna: Thank you. And then I have Joanne Green.

Joanne G.: Joanne Green, 3580.

Shawwna: And then. Thank you. And then I have Leanne A.

Kathy: LeAnne, if you could please state your name and your tribal ID. Otherwise we'll have to ask you to exit. I guess remove her. Please, Shawwna. She can join in again if she can.

Shawwna: Right. I'll put her in the waiting room and then we can come back to her. Thank you. All right. And then I have Michelle.

Michelle G.: Michelle Gibbs, 1252.

Shawwna: Thank you, 1252 and then. I have Martha Howell.

Martha H.: Martha Howell, 3635.

Shawwna: Thank you. And then I have Sandy Mezeske.

Sandy M. Sandy Mezeske, 0018.

Shawwna: Thank you. And then I just have to scroll.

Shawwna: Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa: Are you going to let people in? Because I know one person was waiting. Are you going to periodically check the queue? Because people will be trickling in.

Shawwna: Yeah, I'm going to keep an eye on it.

Sara Agosa: OK, my name is Sara Agosa 4478.

Shawwna: Thank you. Yep. After we get done doing this list, then I'll go back to the waiting room. And then I have Stacy Chaney.

Staci Cheney: Staci Cheney, 992.

Shawwna: Thank you.

Lee: Shawwna, if you could go back to the room, we have an election Board member waiting.

Shawwna: Do we OK.

Shawnna: All right. Did that let him in?

Lee: No.

Shawnna: I haven't done this before. Bear with me.

Laura: If you disable the waiting room they'll pop in, but then anybody will pop in automatically.

Shawnna: If I just, I don't know why, but I can't See the waiting room though.

Janine Sam: It's me.

Kathy: OK. Thank you, Janine.

Shawnna: Janine OK.

Lee: So she is in.

Kathy: OK. Go ahead, Shawnna. Thank you.

Shawnna: Ok, I have Tina McClellan payment.

Tina McClellan-Payment: Tina McClellan Payment, 2917.

Shawnna: I have phone number 4757. Are you there?

Vicki Laporte: Vicki LaPorte, 3384.

Shawnna:

Thank you.

Laura: You still have 231-215-2739.

Karen Love: Karen Love, 2494.

Shawnna: All right. Did I miss anybody?

Sara Agosa: Excuse me, I'm getting messages that a few people wanted to be let in. So were they booted off and just the board member was let in.

Shawnna: No. I figured it out.

Lee: All right, they're coming back.

Shawnna: All right. So right now we're just stating names and your tribal ID number for those that just came in. And I'm just kind of calling on people. So can I have Shannon Crampton? Can you say your name and Tribal ID?

Shannon Crampton: I just had turned my mic on Shannon Paul Crampton, 1747.

Shawnna: Thank you. And then I have Anna Agosa.

Sara Agosa: Her audio is still trying to connect. She's calling in out of state.

Shawnna: OK, we'll skip her and come back. Leanne A. Were you able to connect?

LeAnne Austin: Yes, I couldn't unmute before Leanne Austin 3878.

Shawnna: Thank you. And Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea D. Chelsea Densmore, 3225.

Shawnna:

And then Dwan Humphrey.

Dwan Humphrey:

Yes, Dwan Humphrey, 3517.

Shawnna: Thank you.

Shawnna: And let's see, Jolene, O, Signac.

Jolene Osignac: Jolene Signac, 3866.

Shawnna: I'm going to say Stephanie Chau.

Stephanie Chau: Yep, that's correct. Stephanie Chau, 4477. Thank you.

Shawnna: And then Anna Agosa, were you able to connect?

Anna Agosa: Anna Agosa, 4463.

Shawnna: All right. Did I miss anybody?

Laura: It looks like you got everybody, Shawna. That's.

Kathy: So thank you everybody for joining us tonight. So what we're going to do now, we did have two tribal citizens that submitted questions. So we're just going to kind of go through them in general. One of the questions or one of the answers to one of the questions is there was reference about not following the administrative order. If you read the administrative order **#21-00280**, it's an order regarding election disputes and challenges. That was issued by the tribal court and it says when election disputes and challenges are decided by the election board, an appeal or review can be made to the tribal court. The court recognizes the importance of the tribal elections in its possession. And the need for resolution of these matters in a fair and expeditious manner. The administrative order sets forth the process and timeline for disputes and challenges to be resolved that are filed in tribal court. So tribal court election and disputes is something different than the election board elections and disputes. So just wanted to state that so there was some confusion and some of the questions that were present and at the end we will go through and tribal citizens will have 5 minutes to speak per our regulations. If the questions were not already asked for. If the information that was submitted prior to that, our regulations request 48 hours prior to we will take note of those and answer them at the next open Election Board meeting. So some of the questions the one question that was pertaining to that there was some incorrect

information that Election Board regulations are different than the administrative order from the tribal court, the tribal court administrative order pertains to the tribal court. It does not pertain to the election board. So there's two separate issues.

Kathy: Another question was asked regarding swearing in of partial election. The election board will not be doing that. The challenges that are going to be held. On the 27th, it does affect the whole election, so therefore there will be no partial swearing in. So that was another question. Another one so we don't ever steal any records. So that was misinformation. Our records are not sealed. Our records are open to tribal citizens to view; they have to make an appointment with the election board. So 2 board members may be present. The challenges that are currently pending that the hearing is on the 27th, those are not public record as of yet because those hearings have not been held. So therefore, if you want to schedule something regarding that, you would have to wait till after May 27th to schedule something with the election board. And then we will work with your schedule and work with our schedule.

Staci Cheney: Kathy, this is Staci Cheney. I just have a quick question.

Kathy: OK. So Staci, I'm just going to say right now and I don't want to be rude or cut anybody off, but just so you know, you have 5 minutes to talk and what happens is you can't keep coming in and out of conversations according to our regulations, page 58, Section 3 meetings that each person will have allotted. 5 minute comment period. So you have one time to speak. So if you're choosing to speak now, Laura is going to be our time keeper. You're more than free to do that, but you will not be able to comment again.

Staci Cheney: It's more of a procedural question. I just wanted to know are you is this what you're saying right now? Are these the total totality of the answers you're going to give per the questions that were asked or are you going to go into more detail?

Kathy: I don't know how much detail we need to go into because there are general questions, so specifics for us violating our regulations for partial swearing in, we are not violating our regulations. That's strictly up to the election board to determine if we want to do a partial swearing in or not in this instance. We are not doing a partial because the hearing for the challenges that will be taking place on the 27th affects the whole election. Therefore, there will be no partial swearing yet.

Staci Cheney: Because I'm hearing you say challenges on the 27th of May. Is that plural for the hearings?

Kathy: You've heard we will have one hearing that will involve 2 challenges.

Staci Cheney: OK, that's what I was asking. Thank you.

Kathy: You're welcome.

Sara Agosa: Kathy, I also have a procedural question.

Kathy: OK. So again, I'm just going to say if.

Sara A.: It's just a procedural question and I have the right to ask. You're giving responses without stating the questions you're giving responses without stating the questions. It gives Members no contacts. That's absolutely unfair, you should state the question in its entirety and then your response would not censor the question. Thank you.

Kathy:

So another question was why did the election Board use business days instead of consecutive days again, in our regulations, it says business days, so therefore we are using business days because that's what our regulations reflect in the administrative order from the Court, they declare something different. They just specify days. They do not say consecutive days. They do not say business days and that's something a tribal court, the administrative order that does not pertain to the election board. The election Board uses business days. And again the I guess just to reiterate in what Sarah was asking, why is the election board refusing A partial swearing in? Again, we are not refusing a partial swearing in the legal grounds in the Constitution we have. Responsibility to prescribe the process for the elections and when a challenge has been presented that has the potential to impact the entire election. And again, that's what this challenge does. It has the impact to affect the entire election. Therefore, that's why we are not doing partials. And again, umm, the one question is when can they come? Somebody come up to view again? The challenges that are taking place that will be held on the 27th, we can't. It's closed right now because we have not had that determination. Therefore, if you want to come up now, you can and view some of the other challenges that we had addressed. But the hearing challenges that are on the 27th, you will not be able to do those. So you would just need to send an e-mail to the Election Board, putting sometimes that you will be available to come up and view or want to look at those. Uhm. I'm looking at some of these others. Just another note as well. The Administrative Court order is not current with our regulations. That was from regulations back in 2020. So there is a difference. If you look at the section number and the chapter number, there is a difference. So it doesn't reflect what our current right is.

Kathy: Janine, did you want to go ahead and jump in? Do you have some?

Laura: I think, too before Janine, those with some of the responses. I just wanted to point out, since we were talking about the administrative order in the second paragraph, if you look at the last. Sentence this administrative order sets forth the process and timeline for disputes and challenges to be resolved that are filed in the tribal court. The current challenge is in the hearing is the election boards hearing. So I just wanted to make sure I think that was something that was misunderstood.

Kathy: Thank you, Laura.

Kathy: I got a message from a tribal citizen that's asking for the link. Was zoom trying to?

Shawnna: We have some new tribal members to get added. I think Vicki Sam, I think I wrote her down.

Kathy: OK. Yeah. Let's just take a minute and get that link out there again, please.

Laura:

The link is on our election board, LRBOI page. It's also shared on many of the social media pages. I'm. I'm not sure where you want it put out. They can go to the LRBOI Election Board page too.

Kathy: All right. OK, perfect. Thank you.

Laura: And then, if Shawwna wants to go through all the people.

Kathy: Go ahead, Shawwna.

Shawwna: Can you just state your name and your Tribal ID number please.

Vicki Sam : Yep. Vicki Sam 4841.

Shawwna:

And then I want to say there was one other number that got added 7940066. Or did I already call on that one?

Michael Burmesiter: Michael Burmeister 945.

Shawwna: I think that was everyone is was there anybody else knew that came in that hasn't stated your name and your tribal ID number.

Kathy: I'm going back to the questions here. So the one question, like I said, we've already answered. Please let us know your schedule, open office hours or appointment so that the tribal member can review. They put written complaint but it is a challenge and again May 27th after May 27th. If you want to review all the challenges that were submitted or the outcome, you would need to e-mail the election board, make an appointment with us. And give us a couple of optional dates that you're available so we can make sure we're available and it works for all.

Laura: And then just to just to clarify that May 27th is the hearing date. We have 5 days to respond, which makes it like June 3rd. So technically you would have to wait for the election board to respond to the hearing.

Kathy: OK. And then the other question was is about sealing and again, we do not seal our records. Our records are not sealed, but if something has not been processed or heard in full, we cannot open it. Therefore, it's not a concluded case.

Lee: I'd like to add to that as well. You know in that for us, it really is to preserve the citizens. Right? Who's filing the challenge? The right to due process outweighs the individual right to read an incomplete report. So with all due respect to the individuals that have filed a challenge, we want to have it completed in totality. So it's a complete record that can be reviewed. Thank you.

Kathy: Ok, I believe looking and reviewing the questions that tribal citizens submitted, the questions have been answered. And if I've missed something, can any Election Board members help me out? But I believe. We covered the questions.

Lee: Kathy, I believe you have covered all of the bona fide questions that were submitted by individuals. Thank you.

Kathy: Thank you, Lee. So now what we will do is we will open it up for comments and Laura will keep time 5 minutes question.

Staci C.: OK, I am there's a question that you didn't address that I emailed on Monday, May 12th.

Kathy

OK, I guess I'm not seeing a question that was submitted.

Staci C.: The first was regarding it says about the election board waiting until 5:27 to hold the hearing. It's regarding how long you scheduled out the hearing. Do you have that question in front of you?

Kathy: I have that but it just says waiting until 5 business days to hold the hearing is an infringement on the citizens election rights period. It wasn't asked as a question.

Staci C. : Well, then I asked why it wasn't it scheduled sooner.

Kathy: Yeah, per your own regulations. Chapter 13 should take place shortly after five business days after the complaint had been notified, which was at least by Friday, 5/9/25, if not sooner. What is the justification for scheduling hearing so far out? So I guess you did ask questions, so my apologies. The reason it's scheduled so far is we have 5 days to schedule and then we have a minimum which, so we waited the minimum and then we gave the people that are challenging, so they have enough time, 10 days so they can do their research, get the documentation to bring forward to the challenge. I think that's only fair to give them time.

Staci C. : When you're giving them 12 business days.

Laura: Well, you're counting Monday as a business day and Monday isn't because it's a holiday, right? So technically, we went and I'll give you the reason why we decided to do it on a Tuesday. It's because the two candidates that need to be at the hearing, if we had done it on Friday, the Friday of a holiday week and it didn't seem like that would be conducive to them getting a day off an additional for the membership because we are offering viewing via zoom of this hearing that we felt like the day after the holiday instead of the Friday before the holiday weekend would be better. For everybody. So yes, we did add one additional day to the 10 day minimum.

Staci C. : And where did you see a 10 day minimum?

Laura: Regulations on page 52. Well, I'll read it. If a hearing is requested.

Page 52 Election board decisions, And then it's #3. If the hearing was requested and granted, the election Board should provide a minimum of 10 business days notice of the hearing. Which is what we did.

Kathy: The time started, so we got to be conducive of what time people are speaking as well.

Laura: I just want you to know that Chapter 13, Section 3 and 4 it says a minimum of five business days. It does say minimum. It doesn't say a maximum. Days.

Staci Cheney: And then it says a minimum of 10.

Kathy: So there is a difference between the two chapters.

Staci Cheney: Yeah, they conflict.

Kathy: And you're correct. One, it says minimum of five days. One says minimum of 10. So when we redo our regulations, we'll make sure we clarify that.

Staci Cheney: And there's also another conflict in the regs because it says that you use calendar days sometimes and then it says that you use business days, sometimes it's on Page 1. Thank you.

Kathy: Thank you.

Laura: Is that the end? Stacy.

Staci Cheney: Yeah, that that was the question I wanted to have you addressed. Thank you.

Sara Agosa:

I'm going to read my questions in their entirety, since that wasn't done when you were answering. My first question was this is the background. I read the regulations and nothing in the regulation states the election Board has the authority to seal challenges while they're in review and the election board is arguing that they're not sealing challenges. I would have to disagree because you are not granting Members rights to review the challenge, which is also, well, the written complaint in your regulations. Before the hearing and under FOIA, Freedom of Information Act, we do have rights to review the challenge. I am not asking for the election Board's interpretation of the challenge or any of your legal research. Further, regardless of what the election boards regulation states nothing, the tribe can't conflict with federal law, and that is also stated in our Constitution. The regulation states the following forms are public documents, candidacy packet candidacy disclosures. All information on petitions, campaign Finance reports, campaign finance. Excuse me, the final campaign Finance Report. Membership meeting materials, including what's inside the ballot box. If it is open in the presence of the election board, minutes of open meetings and challenges and disputes are referred to as publicly filed documents. I would like to respond. That Lee Evanson said you must protect the citizens right to due process, but you also have to protect my right to equal protections under the law and the rights I have under the

Freedom of Information Act. So the rights that those complainants have do not supersede my rights.

Lee: I'd like to respond to that real quick.

Sara Agosa: No, I don't want you to respond. I would like to finish my comment because I'm on 5 minutes.

Lee: I'm going to respond.

Shannon Crampton: Hey, Mrs. Ivinson is a candidate. How is she participating?

Kathy: She is an election board member.

Shannon: She's also a candidate.

Kathy: OK. And so? We're not going to go there, go ahead as the Election board members.

Shannon Crampton: Now the all the other election boards members have recused themselves or sit back, OK?

Lee: I'm being interrupted.

Shannon: Carry on with your illegal activities.

Kathy: Sorry, we will not receive any more comments like that or we will dismiss you from the meeting. Thank you.

Sara Agosa: And you'll have a big lawsuit on your hands for prohibiting my freedom.

I'm going to request that I'm being interrupted. Thank you.

Laura:

Sarah, you're clock is ticking. You might want to finish up.

Sara Agosa:

I would like more time because I've been interrupted by two of the board members.

Kathy: 5 minutes.

Sara Agosa: Tribal members shouldn't be left in the dark, and there must be transparency. We should know what this challenge involves. The complaint about the election in general, or if it's against actual candidates. If the challenge only involves individual candidates, then it is the responsibility of the election board to ensure the proper and timely transition of candidates into their seats. These candidates won by majority, and it's required that the majority vote is upheld. So my first question was please let me know you're scheduled open hours or if you make appointments so that either myself or another tribal member can review the written complaint. This is a legal right and it cannot be sealed before the outcome of your hearing. My second question,

the background to my question is on May 10th, the election board made a Facebook post, "The election board has received questions regarding the timing of the May 27th hearing and we would like to refer the membership to the below regulations indicating A10 day requirement. Also, we are not able to answer questions as to what and why while actively in the investigation, but we can state that we will not issue a partial certification prior to the hearing date. In addition the election board does also have five days to respond to the hearing." And I would like to say the election board did not inform the membership that it allowed for 12 business days. For this hearing, it's come till late that there was scheduling surrounding a holiday, but that was not communicated to the membership and we should. Have known that. To me, as a voting member, this hearing is more important than a holiday. The court has an active administrative order on the expedient ruling on disputes and challenges. The court counts consecutive days in that business days and I would like to argue that right now the election board is acting as a court of competent jurisdiction. Within these hearings, you are.

Laura: Yeah, that's your 5 minutes.

Kathy: Thank you.

Laura:

Who do you want to call on? I wasn't watching the hands go up. So I I'm not sure who put their hand up first. Kathy, you're muted. I might have asked.

OK, hang on. Sorry, let me get my clock going again. OK, whenever you start, I'll start the clock you know.

Shannon Crampton: Uh, was I recognized? I heard a bunch of cross talking. Didn't hear my name.

Kathy: Yes, I called you.

Shannon Crampton: OK, thank you. Well, I have several problems with the procedure that's going on here and #1 would be the fact that the Court of Appeals has already recognized that the ability to hold hearings was given to the election board by the 1st Amendments Ordinance that doesn't exist anymore. Then it was written into the Constitution and that was written out of the Constitution and the amendments of hold on here. August 14th, 2002 that was written out of the constitutional amendments that was stricken for you to be a hearing body. The Constitution also says Ohh, I'm sorry, the Election Ordinance says you shall issue rules consistent with the Constitution. That's the law. The Constitution says on page 42, subsection D, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to fill each vacancy according to the rank order. The votes received, it doesn't say. According to the election board, it says shall be elected the person receiving the highest number of votes not determined by the election board, and there is no ability in the Constitution for you to be the hearing body. Secondly, you just not due process if the agreed party is not given. Time to answer or even notified. So if you're planning on just having two people in there just bringing their complaints and you guys just going yay, yay, yay, that's not gonna cut it

for due process. But again, I'm going back and I'm looking your ability to be the hearing body was stricken by the amendments. And it was just put in place that you probably regulations and procedures that does not include the ability to give yourself the authority to be a hearing body. So that's a huge issue here, but the number the consists the Constitution is pretty clear on page 42. And I don't see how you think you're gonna get around it, but I'll be explaining to you this in court. Because it's pretty clear, I think you can read it through yourselves as well. It doesn't say as determined by the election board. It doesn't say after hearing of the election board. It says the person receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected to the office. Now, since the date of the 25th, I received the highest number of votes. So I am elected to office. Per the Constitution, there are rules and procedures for removal and resignation of those officials. That does not include any participation on behalf of the election board. So your rules are not consistent with the Constitution. You have no authority to be a hearing body. You kind of wrote that in there, but that's not in the rules or procedures. That's the only thing you're granted to write under the Constitution. Granting yourself authority is clearly the violation of the Constitution. I going back over the court cases, I can see where the Court has aired. And where the election board, nobody noticed it. And in fact, if I hadn't put the Constitution together for the last amendments, I wouldn't have noticed all this. But I have. And everything I've just said, you can all verify very easily. Thank you.

Kathy: Thank you. We have Staci.

Staci Cheney:

I was Hoping that during this meeting tonight we could come to some kind of resolution. As we have pulled together a petition and there's over 120 citizens who are ready to file a lawsuit. And where you as the Election board seem to want to do due process for the challenger. What's at stake here is an election. And your job is to make sure that you do an election that is treated in fairness, and justly. Nobody is explaining tonight why the whole election is up in the air. But you're telling us that you can't do a partial swearing because all of the seats will be affected? So that leaves us to believe that the election Board has something to do with this. And I am going to take a moment and I'm going to read the administrative order because in the travel court. When logic when lawsuits are filed and when election disputes and challenges are filed. They ultimately end up at the court after the hearings if the hearings don't go the way that the citizens want them to go, and I want to stress how important it is to expedite this, because everybody else seems to view it as a manner that needs to be taken care of immediately. However, that's not what's going on here, and it's not acceptable. The election process is one of the most important functions of the tribal government. It ensures that the citizens members have a voice and 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. The administrative order sets forth the process and timeline for disputes and challenges to be resolved that are filed in the Travel Court, Section 3. If the election board rules and regulations provides a timeline of five

days for a notice of an election board hearing on a dispute or decisions of the election board may be appealed to the Tribal court within 5 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 the 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 10 days. No adjournments will be granted, except for in 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 e-mail it is the party's responsibility to confirm that the court has received the filing. The court views this as something that needs to be taken not lightly, and that it's in the interest of the people. This is our election. And I feel like we are being thrown under the bus here. The election boards not explaining what is going on, and if there's multiple challenges with hearings that impact all of the seats. Then I think you need to be transparent and tell us. We have that right to know. That's all I'm going to say. But like I said, we have 120 something citizens who will be plaintiffs filing, we'll be filing tomorrow. Thank you.

Laura: Your time is up, Staci.

Kathy: Thank you.. We have anybody else's.

Shannon Crampton: No, just mine.

Kathy: Yeah, but you only have one five minute block. We can't as I explained, you can't bounce back and forth with questions. So no.

Shannon Crampton : Kathy

Kathy: Is an election Board member, have any comments or anything they would like to state? So again, we thank you for your. Time.

Kathy: Oh, OK. Go ahead, Jolene. Sorry.

Jolene Osignac: No problem. I just wanted to state that this is a very important issue and 5 minutes when this is a relatively short meeting to begin with is inappropriate. People have important points to bring forward. I think in their little 5 minute allotment they did an outstanding.

Kathy: Thank you.

Kathy: I don't see any other hands up. Oh, Bill Osignac. Bill.

Bill Osignac: Yeah, hold on. Yeah, just uh. What I've heard today, just you guys are just so corrupt. I'm just gonna just say it. You tried to do this with the voter registration. You got your way on that, which was against the people of the tribe. You

just pull your ways through everything. You won't let anybody talk. UM. I just, I can't believe this is happening. The will of the people was shown on the 25th at the end of the election. And you're not gonna install the new the new Council for over a month and let Larry and his...(unaudible)

Kathy: Can we please be respectful? We are not name calling.

Bill O.: I am being respectful. You be respectful to me and let me talk. You guys here, you want me to be respectful. How am I not being respectful?

Kathy: Name calling is not being respectable.

Bill O.: Who did what name did I call?

Kathy: You mentioned Larry and you called him a name, but I'm not either. It's just Larry in the camera. Kathy. Yeah.

Bill O.: All right. Larry, Larry and his four people that he has on tribal council. That vote everything the way he goes, and I'm sure you guys are in it with him. Because this just makes no sense at all. What you guys are doing. You won't let Shannon talk. You're afraid you know to get the truth out there and you won't let us know what the challenges are. I mean, we should at least know that and it's probably gonna turn out you've broken all the rules and probably nothing's gonna happen to you and It's just ridiculous. I don't know what else to say, but we'll see you in court.

Kathy: Thank you. So as an election Board member, I would like to make a couple of comments for those that are still on. Thank you for your time. I appreciate it. As far as the election board goes, we every year or every couple of years go through the regulations. This year was the first time we had maybe 2 tribal members sending their comments, ideas, concerns. We did take those into consideration. We did change the rights based on some of those. So us being corrupt as we were accused. Most everybody has the right to review the regulations. Everybody has a right to make comments, to come to open meetings and I appreciate everybody being here. This is the most we've had attended last month. I think we had one person the month before we had two people. Nobody had comments, nobody had questions Laura continuously puts it out there prior to saying you have 48 hours to submit questions prior to the open meeting. So we can be sure we're giving factual answers to those questions. And it does state in our regulations that 5 minutes if tribal citizens don't want that, then they need to share that with us prior to when the regulations are being reviewed before they're adopted, when they're adopted and we are acting on them, is not the time to have a concern. Is prior to the regulations being adopted, the administrative order that was read. It specifically states that's the tribal court administrative order, that's something the tribal court has control of. The election Board does not have control over that. We have control of our regulations and following our regulations. I have stated in this meeting tonight that the challenges that are taking place affect or could affect the outcome of the whole election. Therefore, that's why we are waiting and not disclosing what those specific challenges are out of respect for tribal members, we would do that for any tribal member. Any tribal member that files a challenge, we respect their dignity

and For them coming forward, it's not always easy coming forward to do a challenge and it's not a complaint, they are challenges according to the regulations. So it's been going back and forth, complaint or challenge, there's no complaints, there's challenges. Anybody can do a challenge. And in the past elections, we have not sworn people in sometimes for two months, the last election.

Laura: I didn't get sworn in until until the 1st week of June.

Kathy:

This is nothing new. We've had challenges before and it prolonged the swearing in of that specific. We still currently have a court case that's been in court for a couple of years, so you know what this this is nothing new. This is ongoing and we are being transparent by stating we are having a hearing on May 27th. And the reason being is, as Laura had stated, we want to give the citizens the time to gather more information, if that's what they need to do. They need to gather that information to make sure they have everything in order and we would do that for any tribal citizen. That's their right. That's their right and we have been transparent and I'm sorry that people don't feel that we are being transparent and even.

Laura: That's why we decided to do the zoom.

Kathy: Correct, because we didn't have to do this at all. We're doing the zoom because we want to be transparent. We want tribal members to see that anybody can run for any position they choose to. You know, once you get involved and you sit on the other side and you start understanding and see the regulations, see different things that are happening and. Following the laws and the ordinances, it's different than keep coming up with questions that I would ask any one of you that. Are involved to. Please run for a seat that's your right as a tribal citizen to run for those seats. And we ask you to do that. So at at that end.

Kathy: I don't see any other hands up. I will leave it. I don't know if any other election board members have a comment.

Staci Cheney: Well, Kathy, this is Staci. And I'm not asking a question for public comment. Would you guys instead of going to court, be willing to sit down in peacekeeping?

Laura: After the hearing, we would discuss it.

Staci Cheney: No, that's not going to work. At least I asked. It was worth a try.

Kathy: Thank you, Stacy. Jeanine has her hand up. Go ahead, Janine.

Janine Sam: I guess I just want to make that statement that to kind of people think that we're corrupt and people are entitled to their opinions. I just state publicly, I mean anybody that's on this call knows darn well I am not a fan of many of the elected officials that serve in their offices, I'm pretty outspoken about it. There's no way that I'm going to be doing dirty work for Larry or Shannon or Ron or any of them, because that's not what I'm here for. And I'm sorry that the system and the way that we have it.

If we're telling you that we have challenges that have risen to a level that we aren't able to certify. I'm sorry that you don't trust us to the point that you don't believe that that's a fact, but there's no benefit to us certifying anything if the challenge hearing that we're having... The courts order that binds the court is for the court and in the courts own administrative order they're recognizing the election Board's hearing process, so if we don't have the ability to hold a hearing, I guess the tribal court thinks we do. Because they adopted a special order for themselves to make sure that they don't delay the process because they know that at this level, at this process it is going to be a delay, we are going to take time to allow people to be heard fairly and if anybody else was trying to push through a certification and it was somebody that you weren't supporting, you would be upset if we did it. You would be upset if we didn't take the time to be responsible and have the public hearing and put things like Kathy said. You know, I can't be any more transparent than that. I can tell you this, I've watched a lot of social media bullying going on. And I'm not saying that it's happening from anybody specific, but why would we put the challenges out there just to become more public fodder and more speculation? Because this is a hard enough job to do as it is. I would love to certify this election. Because I want to turn my seat over. I'm done. I can't wait till my successor is sworn in. So make no mistake, I have no interest in prolonging this one more day than it has to be and I know you won't believe it because it doesn't fit with your narrative, and that's OK that's you're right. But I just want to make that statement too. This has been probably one of the hardest... I mean, one of the hardest seats to be in trying to make positive change. For the first time, you can go to the website, you can pull down a list and you can see who voted and who didn't. That's the kind of transparency that we worked for that we were able to achieve with these process changes and it's going to serve us better as a tribe in the future. This is the first election under this new process and I'm sorry that the timeline doesn't fit. And I'm sorry that people are upset by it, but if it was your candidate that wanted that time you would want us to give them that time. Because we've been hearing about it. So I just wanted to say that. And you know, it's a hard job. But when I'm when you're trying to hold a hearing and already being threatened to be taken to court because of multiple reasons that are misinterpreted or how that person feels that that's what it says. It's really it's really taxing and I just want to let you all know that, trust me, I'm not going to let this thing go one more day than it has to. That's a lot of people feel that way. I feel sorry for the election board members coming in because it's a thankless job.

But I can't say any more than that. You either trust or you don't, and if you don't trust me, there will be a written record that you can see every piece of it and what we decided and who knows, maybe when the hearing is over and we reach a conclusion, and if you agree with it, or don't agree with it, it'll at least be finished. That's the way I look at it. Thank you.

Laura: And LeAnn has her hand up.

Kathy: Go ahead, LeAnne, Can you unmute yourself.? Does any other election board members have any closing comments?

Lee: I don't have any comments. I just want to thank everybody for coming tonight and giving their input.

Kathy: Thank you.

Laura:

LeAnne, one last time, if you can unmute. I'm asking to unmute and maybe she's not saying that either. I'm not sure.

Kathy: OK. And I'll make a motion to adjourn open session at 8:17. Lee supported.

Kathy: Yes, thank you everybody have a great night.

Unknown: See you in court.

Laura: Thank you. Thank you. You take care and have a good rest.

Unknown: This is the worst meeting I've ever listened to. You people are nonsense.

V. Motions to put into Open Session: None

VI. Adjournment:

A. Kathy made a motion to adjourn the Open session at 8:17 P.M. Supported by Lee.

Kathy Gibson – Yes	Laura Echelbarger – Yes	Janine Sam – Yes
Shawna Gonzalez – Yes	Lee Iverson – Yes	