



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Binojeeuk Commission

Administration Office

2608 Government Center Dr.

Manistee, Michigan 49660

Open Session Minutes

July 8th, 2025

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Corey Wells 1:05pm

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore, Shawwna Gonzalez, and Alicia Goff

Others Present: Rachel Kops (FS), Bill Cataldo (P), Tammy Burmeister

C. Approval of Agenda

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Goff

Wells	Densmore	Goff	Gonzalez	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes (None)

II. New Business:

A. New Liaisons: Tribal Council is voting on new liaisons for the Commissions. Councilor Burmeister is wishing to stay on as a liaison, and both Councilors Wolfe and Silvis are also interested in being liaisons.

B. New Commissioner: Brenda Cogswell has applied to be on the Commission, however, the liaison updated that she is still finishing her paperwork with HR and waiting to be sworn in through the court. Will await further information from Liaison.

C. New Recorder: The current Recorder has identified a conflict with a potential case, and has requested to re-vote on the Recorder seat, as they are unable to complete minutes and/or hear information on that particular case. The prosecutor noted that the aforementioned case is still under review and no decision has been made. The Recorder then made a motion to postpone the vote to the next meeting, until the prosecutor could report whether they were involved in that case.

Motion to Postpone the Vote on a New Recorder until the next meeting

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Gonzalez

Wells	Densmore	Goff	Gonzalez	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Updating By-Laws: Commissioner reported requested changes by Tribal Council and TC Attorney. Commission made suggested changes and discussed the need to review and amend the children protection code. Commission reviewed the by-laws one last time and then voted on the resolution.

E. Resolution BC-25-0708-005: Approving Changes to the Binojeeuk Commission By Laws

Motion to approve Resolution #25-0708-005

Made by: Wells

Supported by: Gonzalez

Wells	Densmore	Goff	Gonzalez	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—

Motion approved 4-0-0

F. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025 at 1:00pm (no change).

III. Open Comment

V. Adjourn Open Session and move into Closed Session

Motion to move into Closed Session at 1:36pm

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Goff

Wells	Densmore	Goff	Gonzalez	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—

Motion approved 4-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:19pm

Made by: Wells

Supported by: Densmore

Wells	Densmore	Goff	Gonzalez	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—

Motion approved 4-0-0



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July 22nd, 2025

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: Shawna Gonzalez 2:06pm

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Corey Wells, Chelsea Densmore, Shawna Gonzalez, and Alicia Goff
Others Present: Tammy Burmeister, Bill Cataldo, Stephanie Persenaire

C. Approval of Agenda

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Goff

Wells	Densmore	Goff	Gonzalez	Vacant
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	—

Motion approved 3-0-1

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes (None)

II. New Business:

A. New Liaisons: Councilor Burmeister and Wolfe are continuing to be the BC's Liaisons.

B. New Commissioner: The new Commissioner is potentially being sworn in but HR is still waiting on documentation from the court showing the swearing in has taken place, and a confidentiality agreement has been signed by the new commissioner. Liaison noted that once the new commissioner has turned in their confidentiality and swearing in documentation, they can be invited to the BC meetings.

C. New Recorder: The current Recorder has identified a conflict with a potential case, and has requested to re-vote on the Recorder seat, as they are unable to complete minutes and/or hear information on that particular case. The prosecutor was not in attendance at this meeting so an update could not occur. The Recorder made a motion to postpone the vote to the next meeting, when the prosecutor could report whether the tribe is getting involved in that case.

Motion to Postpone the Vote on a New Recorder until the next meeting

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Goff

Wells	Densmore	Goff	Gonzalez	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—

Motion approved 4-0-0

D. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 5th, 2025 at 1:00pm via zoom.

III. Open Comment

V. Adjourn Open Session and move into Closed Session

Motion to move into Closed Session at 2:14pm

Made by: Gonzalez

Supported by: Goff

Wells	Densmore	Goff	Gonzalez	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—

Motion approved 4-0-0

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:13pm

Made by: Densmore

Supported by: Goff

Wells	Densmore	Goff	Gonzalez	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—

Motion approved 4-0-0