



The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Tribal Chambers

**Tribal Council Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**\*Agenda subject to change and may include closed session\***

Public Comment 11:45 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. (approximate)

Lunch Recess may be held approximately 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Ceremony
3. Roll Call
4. **Motion** to Adopt the Agenda of September 12, 2019.
5. **9:30 a.m.** Training: Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Awareness
6. **Motion** to approve the minutes of August 22, 2019 morning session as (presented/corrected)
7. **Motion** to approve the minutes of August 22, 2019 afternoon session as (presented/corrected)
8. Executive Oversight Report
  - i. **Motion** to acknowledge the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley on September 12, 2019.
9. Tribal Council Officer Reports
  - a. Legislative Leader Report
    - i. **Tribal Citizen Contact** – Issues brought forward by citizens:
      - Increase support for Mental Health
      - Payees or Elder Advocate
      - Housing
      - Request to make sure information on the tribal website is updated.
      - Questions about the White House demolition
    - ii. **Meetings** - Contact and attendance:
      - Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley
      - Legislative Staff – Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Economic and Business Development Director Billi Jo Head, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope and Tribal Historic Preservation Office Melissa Wiatroluk.
      - Attended Townhall Meeting regarding the Reservation Litigation
      - Attended Cass County Family Court visit with Tribal Court
      - Matt Stemkoski, Gaming Authority Vice-Chair
      - New Council member orientation
    - iii. **Discussion items:**
      - White House demolition

- *Office of Finance and Revenue, Economic and Business Development (Funding, personnel, expectations of the Director, prioritizing economic development projects)*
- iv. **Activity and FYI:**
- *Request from Tribal Court to support Jennifer E. Deegan to the judicial vacancy in the 90th District Court located in Emmet and Charlevoix County*
  - *Requested Executive to create a nomination process policy for Boards and Charters.*
  - *Requested Legislative Staff to post the Public Comment Policy*
  - *Fall Extension Conference October 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, Grand Traverse Resort*
  - *Out on travel to the [21st Annual American Indian Tourism Conference](#)*

**Motion** to accept Legislative Leader Proctor's written and verbal report for September 12, 2019.

b. Secretary Report

i. Status of Documents Delivered to the Executive

The following Statutes/Resolution(s) were signed by Executive on 08/30/19:

- Waganakising Odawak Statute Odawa Historical and Cultural Site Registries Statute*
- Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2019-004 Contracting*
- Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2002-04 Indian Preference in Tribal Employment*
- Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2013-010 Fair Employment*
- Tribal Resolution Promotion of a Living Wage.*

The following Statutes/Resolution(s) are pending:

- Waganakising Odawak Statute Gaming Regulatory Statute  
Delivered to the Executive on 08/23/19- (due back to Tribal Council on or before 09/23/19.)*

ii. Vetoes - None (*a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto*)

iii. Phone Polls:

**-08/29/19** *Motion to approve Emily Proctor Legislative Leader, Regina Bentley, Tribal Chair and Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Chief Judge to sign a Letter of Support for Jenny Deegan to be appointed to the Emmet County 90th District Court.  
Phone Poll Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Fred Kiogima), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent  
Motion carried.*

**-08/29/19** *Motion to Authorize to send signed Letter of Support for Jenny Deegan to be appointed to the Emmet County 90th District Court to Governor Whitmer.  
Phone Poll Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent  
Motion carried.*

**-08/30/19** *Motion to authorize Enjinaaknegeng to retain the law firm of Kanji & Katzen, PLLC to represent LTBB in its appeal of the August 15, 2019 ruling of the Federal District Court for the Western District of Michigan in LTBB v Whitmer, et al, case no. 1:15-cv-850.  
Phone Poll Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent  
Motion carried.*

**Motion** to accept Secretary Shananaquet verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for September 12, 2019.

c. Treasurer Report

i. **Appropriations and Finance Committee**

-Last Meeting: July 16, 2019

-Special Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting: July 24, 2019

-August 16, 2019 meeting cancelled due to a Lack of Agenda

*(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting were presented at the July 27, 2019 Tribal Council Meeting)*

-Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: None

**Motion** to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee's verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, for September 12, 2019.

ii. **Land and Reservation Committee**

-Last Meeting: September 6, 2019

*(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)*

-Next Meeting: Friday, October 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee:

*-08/28/19 Motion to approve the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Summary Terms and Conditions sheet from 5/3 Bank in principal and authorizing Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI) to work with appropriate LTBB employees to continue negotiations for the purposes of acquiring Land Parcel # 123 and subsequent lease to OEDMI to incorporate into Victories Square. OEDMI will assume repayment terms and conditions for financing. Phone Poll Vote: 2 Yes, 1 No (Treasurer Reyes), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent Motion carried.*

*Committee Comments: None*

**Motion** to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chair for September 12, 2019.

10. Tribal Council Member Reports:

a. Councilor Tamara Kiogima – Cass County Family Preservation Court

**Motion** to accept Councilor Tamara Kiogima's verbal and written report as provided on September 12, 2019.

11. Legislative Office Reports:

a. Economic and Business Development

i. Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

- Traditional Tribal Burial Board, Inc
- Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.
- Ziibimijwang, Inc.

- American Indigenous Sovereign Funds, Inc
- Odawa Construction, Inc.
- Odawa Aviation, Inc.

**Motion** to accept Economic Business and Development Director Billi Jo Head's verbal and written report for September 12, 2019.

b. Office of Finance and Revenue

- Motion** to accept Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report for September 12, 2019.
- Motion** to authorize Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope to sign confidentiality agreements with Jon Panamaroff and Eric Trevan of Anishnabe Development, LLC for the purposes of research on the Economic Impact of Tribal Business Entities in the State of Michigan.

c. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

- Motion** to accept the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik's verbal and written report as presented on September 12, 2019.

d. Legislative Services Attorney

- Motion** to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report for September 12, 2019.

e. General Counsel

- Motion** to accept General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for September 12, 2019.

f. Legislative Office Manager

- Motion** to accept Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report as presented on September 12, 2019.

12. Tribal Council Action Items:

a. Motions

- Motion** to reappoint David Dominic to a 3-year term beginning September 1, 2019 and ending September 1, 2022.
- Motion** to reappoint Terry Thomasma to a 3-year term beginning September 1, 2019 and ending September 1, 2022.
- Motion** to appoint Mary Kilmer to the Gaming Authority to fill the remainder of a 4-year term ending 09/27/22.
- Motion** to approve up to (3) three Tribal Councilors to attend the National Congress of American Indians 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention October 20-25, 2019 in Albuquerque NM. (*Registration due by September 30, 2019*)

- v. **Motion** to approve Citizenship List A-Eligible for Citizenship dated September 4, 2019 for a total of four (4).
- vi. **Motion** to approve Citizenship List B-Declination (Ineligible) dated September 4, 2019 for a total of two (2).

b. Roll Call Votes

- i.

14. Other Items of Business:

- a. Gaming Authority Report (*if any*)

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting  
**Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**