

**WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2007-012
EDUCATION COMMISSION**

SECTION I: SHORT TITLE, PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

A. Short Title

This statute shall be entitled “The Education Commission Statute.” This statute repeals and replaces the Waganakising Odawa Education Commission Act (Waganakising Odawak Statute 1999012) and Statute 2002-8 and all amendments thereto, as of the effective date of this Statute.

B. Purpose

The Commission is to be strictly advisory in nature and shall promote and support diverse educational opportunities for Tribal Citizens.

C. Definitions

As used in this Statute:

1. “Commission” shall mean “The Education Commission”.
2. “Education Department” means the Education Department.
3. “LTBB” mean the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or the Waganakising Odawa.

SECTION II: CREATION OF THE COMMISSION

The Tribal Council hereby creates the Education Commission, which shall consist of three (3) Commissioners.

SECTION III: DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION

A. Duties and Authority

1. The Commission shall advocate for Community needs relating to educational issues.
2. The Commission shall assist with communication to and from the Department and the Tribal Community and Tribal Citizens.
3. The Commission may provide advice from a Tribal Community perspective, in general, on education.
4. The Commission may hold public hearings to gather information from the Tribal Community and Citizens.
5. The Commission may provide advice to the Executive on Tribal Community and Citizens needs regarding education.
6. The Commission may share information regarding educational programs with the Tribal Community and Citizens.
7. Conduct hearings for appeals of programs administered by the Education Department such as Higher Education Scholarship Program, Adult Vocational Training Scholarship Program and Direct Employment Program.

SECTION IV: SAVINGS CLAUSE

In the event that any phrase, provision, part, paragraph, subsection or section of this statute is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to violate the Constitution, laws, ordinances or statutes of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, such phrase, provision, part, paragraph, subsection or section shall be considered to stand alone and to be deleted from this statute, the entirety of the balance of the statute to remain in full and binding force and effect.

SECTION V: EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval which ever comes first or if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council override of the veto.

CERTIFICATION

As the Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Statute was duly passed by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on December 2, 2007 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Fred Harrington, Jr.	_____	X _____	_____	_____
Melvin L. Kiogima	X _____	_____	_____	_____
Dexter McNamara	_____	X _____	_____	_____
Marvin Mulholland	X _____	_____	_____	_____
Shirley Oldman	X _____	_____	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	X _____	_____	_____	_____
Gerald Chingwa	X _____	_____	_____	_____
Regina Gasco Bentley	X _____	_____	_____	_____
Beatrice A. Law	X _____	_____	_____	_____

Date: _____

Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader

Date: _____

Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on _____ by _____

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: _____

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson