

PRIMARY
May 8, 2023

GENERAL
June 26, 2023

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Special Office Hours
February 7: 3 - 7 pm
March 14: 12 - 5 pm
March 28: 3 - 7 pm
at New Office Location:
1483 US 31 N. Hwy.
Unit D, Petoskey

ELECTION SCHEDULE

January 10, 2023
Call to Election Mailed

February 7, 2023
Last Day to Register to Vote
in the Primary Election
Office Hours 3 - 7 pm

March 14, 2023
Candidate Nomination
Petition Packets Due by 5 pm
Office Hours 12 - 5 pm

March 21, 2023
Candidate Statements Due

March 24, 2023
Last Date for Primary Election
Candidates to Withdraw

March 28, 2023
Official List of Primary
Candidates and
Candidate Statements Posted

March 28, 2023
Last Date to Register to Vote
in the General Election
Office Hours 3 - 7 pm

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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

2023 CALL TO ELECTION

Citizens of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians are hereby notified that a Primary election will be held on May 8, 2023 and a General Election will be held on June 26, 2023 for the purpose of electing four (4) Tribal Council seats.

The election shall be conducted in accordance with the laws and rules as set forth in the Constitution of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, its Election Statute, and the Elections Regulations set forth by the Election Board.

UNREGISTERED VOTERS

The Voter Registration form is available on the Election Board webpage of the LTBB website. It is a fillable/printable form and can be submitted to the Election Board in person, by mail, or by email.

A registered voter shall be:

- 1) An enrolled citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
- 2) 18 years of age or older on the date of the election.
- 3) Registered to vote no later than 90 days prior to the election.

MAILING OF BALLOTS

The Election process will continue to be administered as a mail-in ballot procedure, which has always been the process. Due to recent delays in postal services and delivery times, the Election Board encourages all voters to mail in your ballots early, as soon as possible, to ensure they are received on time and that your vote counts.

PRIMARY ELECTION

If more than eight (8) Tribal Councilor Nomination Petitions are validated by the Election Board, a Primary Election shall be conducted.

PRIMARY ELECTION - Ballots

Ballots will be mailed to all Registered Voters no later than April 8, 2023. Ballot distributions contain a pre-addressed postage paid return envelope for mailing ballots to the Election Board.

All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box in Conway, Michigan no later than 4 pm on election day. Ballots may be delivered in person to the Election Board, at the polling site only, until 6 pm on election day only. Votes for write-in candidates are not allowed.

PRIMARY ELECTION - Results

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting conducted by the Election Board beginning at 12 pm on Election Day at the LTBB Government Center. Tabulation of ballots will continue until all ballots received by 6 pm have been counted and the results have been recorded. The Election Board shall issue Preliminary Election Results at the conclusion of the tabulation.

Challenges to the election results must be filed with the Tribal Court no later than the close of business on May 18, 2023.

Certified Primary Election Results will be posted on May 19, 2023.

The eight (8) Tribal Council candidates, receiving the highest number of votes cast will advance to the General Election.

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GENERAL ELECTION - Ballots

Ballots for the General Election will be mailed to all Registered Voters no later than May 27, 2023. All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box in Conway, Michigan no later than 4 pm on election day. Ballots may be delivered in person to the Election Board, at the polling site only, until 6 pm on election day only. Votes for write-in candidates are not allowed.



GENERAL ELECTION - Results

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting conducted by the Election Board beginning at 12 pm on Election Day at the LTBB Government Center. Tabulation of ballots will continue until all ballots received by 6 pm have been counted and the results have been recorded. The Election Board shall issue Preliminary Election Results at the conclusion of the tabulation.

Challenges to the election results must be filed with the Tribal Court before the close of business on July 6, 2023.

Certified General Election Results will be posted on July 7, 2023.

CANDIDATES

A qualified candidate must be an enrolled citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, must be at least 18 years of age, must be a registered voter, and must not have served a sentence or probation for conviction of a felony within the past seven (7) years.

Prospective candidates must submit a Nomination Petition packet to the Election Board in person at an Election Board meeting, work session or special office hours, or may mail it to the Election Board via certified or registered mail. The Nomination Petition packet must be received by the Election Board, in its

entirety, no less than one hundred four (104) calendar days prior to the General Election, on or before March 14, 2023 by 5:00 pm.

The Nomination Application form is included with this notice. All other Nomination forms, including the Nomination Application form, are available on the Election Board webpage of the LTBB website.

The Nomination Petition packet must include:

- Nomination Application Form
- Petition Signature Sheets
- Criminal Background Disclosure Authorization and Release Form
- *Photo for Ballot (OPTIONAL)*

The Nomination Petition Signature Sheets must contain at least twenty-five (25) valid signatures of Registered Voters as verified by the Election Board. Registered Voters may sign more than one candidate's Nomination Petition.

The Candidate may include a current photo with the Nomination Petition packet, by the petition due date. A small image of this photo will be displayed on the ballot aside the Candidate's name.

Candidates should read and refer to the Elections Regulations, and Policies and Procedures as posted on the Election Board webpage of the LTBB website.

In addition to, and aside from, the required Nomination Petition packet, candidates may choose to submit an optional Candidate Statement, due on or before March 21, 2023. The Election Board will provide Statement Guidelines to all candidates.

The official list of candidates will be posted on or before March 28, 2023.

Election Board Members

Andrea Pierce, Chairperson
Regina Kiogima, Vice-Chairperson
Jon Shawa, Treasurer
Carla Osawamick, Secretary
Vacant, Board Member

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April 8, 2023

Primary Ballots Mailed to All Those Who Are Registered to Vote As of February 7, 2023

May 8, 2023

Primary Election Day
12 - 6 pm
LTBB Government Center

May 11, 2023

Non-Certified Primary Election Results Posted

May 12, 2023

Last Date for General Election Candidates to Withdraw

May 18, 2023

Last Date to File a Challenge to the Primary Election at Tribal Court by 5 pm

May 19, 2023

Primary Election Certification of Results at 5 pm

May 22, 2023

Official List of General Election Candidates Posted

May 27, 2023

General Election Ballots Mailed to All Those Who Are Registered to Vote As of March 28, 2023

May 29, 2023

Campaign Finance Statement Due for All Primary Election Candidates

June 26, 2023

General Election Day
12 - 6 pm
LTBB Government Center

June 29, 2023

Non-Certified General Election Results Posted

July 6, 2023

Last Date to File a Challenge to the General Election at Tribal Court by 5 pm

July 7, 2023

General Election Certification of Results at 5 pm & Official Results of General Election Posted

July 17, 2023

Campaign Finance Statement Due for All General Election Candidates