

**PRIMARY**  
May 5, 2025

**GENERAL**  
June 30, 2025

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**Special Office Hours**  
February 4: 3 - 7 pm  
February 26: 3 - 7 pm  
March 14: 12 - 7 pm  
April 1: 3 - 7 pm  
**Held at Office Location:**  
1483 US 31 N. Hwy.  
Unit D, Petoskey

## **ELECTION SCHEDULE**

**January 7, 2025**

Call to Election Mailed

**February 4, 2025**

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

**March 14, 2025**

Candidate Nomination  
Petition Packets Due by 7 pm  
Office Hours 12 - 7 pm

**March 21, 2025**

Last Date for Primary Election  
Candidates to Withdraw

**March 24, 2025**

Official List and Documents of  
Primary Candidates Posted

**April 1, 2025**

Last Date to Register to Vote  
in the General Election  
Office Hours 3 - 7 pm

**April 1, 2025**

Primary Ballots Mailed to All  
Who Are Registered to Vote  
As of February 4, 2025

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## **LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS**

### **2025 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 5, 2025, should a Primary Election be required, and a General Election will be held on June 30, 2025 for the purpose of electing a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson team, and five (5) 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, and the Policies and Procedures, as 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 as a mail-in ballot procedure. Ballot distributions contain a pre-addressed postage paid return envelope for mailing ballots to the Election Board. The Election Board encourages voters to mail ballots early to ensure they are received on time.

### **PRIMARY ELECTION**

If more than two (2) Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson team Nomination Petitions and/or more than ten (10) Tribal Councilor Nomination Petitions

are validated by the Election Board, a Primary Election shall be conducted.

### **PRIMARY ELECTION - Ballots**

Ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed to all Registered Voters no later than April 1, 2025. All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box no later than 4 pm on election day. Citizens with identification may cast their ballots in person, or ballots may be delivered in person, at the polling site only, 12 - 6 pm on election day. Votes for write-in candidates are not allowed.

### **PRIMARY ELECTION - Results**

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting conducted by the Election Board 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 Unofficial Election Results at the conclusion of the tabulation.

Challenges to the election results must be filed with the Tribal Court.

The two (2) Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson teams and the ten (10) Tribal Council candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast will advance to the General Election.

Certified Primary Election Results will be posted on May 19, 2025.

### **GENERAL ELECTION - Ballots**

Ballots for the General Election will be mailed to all Registered Voters no later than May 21, 2025. All ballots must be received in the Election Board Post Office Box no later than 4 pm on election day. Citizens with identification may cast their ballots in person, or ballots may be delivered in person, at the polling site only, 12 - 6 pm on election day. Votes for write-in candidates are not allowed.

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## GENERAL ELECTION - Results

Ballots will be tabulated in an open meeting conducted by the Election Board 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 Unofficial Election Results at the conclusion of the tabulation.

Challenges to the election results must be filed with the Tribal Court.

Certified General Election Results will be posted on July 15, 2025.



## 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 during special office hours. All Nomination Petition Packets must include and contain the original signatures. 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, 2025 by 7:00 pm.

The Nomination Application Form is included with this notice. A fillable and printable Nomination Application Form is also available on the Election Board webpage of the LTBB website. The Nomination Application Form contains three (3) sections:

Section 1 - One (1) page, contains contact information and signature.

Section 2 - Two (2) pages of information describing your background, skills, positions held, and, if available, campaign information.

Section 3 - One (1) page Candidate Statement describing information such as who you are, purpose for running, vision and goals, concerns and solutions, etc. Candidate may choose to include a photo on the Candidate Statement. Candidate Statement must be limited to 1 page.

Note: Sections 2 and 3 of the Nomination Application Form will be public, posted on the Election Board webpage of the LTBB website.

### The Nomination Petition Packet must include:

- Nomination Application Form (3 Sections)
- Petition Signature Sheets
- Criminal Background Disclosure and Release Form

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 headshot photo with the Nomination Petition Packet. A small image of this photo will be displayed on the ballot aside the Candidate's name.

All Candidate forms are available on the Election Board webpage of the LTBB website, including: Petition Signature Sheet for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson team, Petition Signature Sheet for Tribal Council Candidate, Criminal Background Release Form, Nomination Application Form, Candidate Team Withdrawal Form, Candidate Withdrawal Form, Campaign Finance Statement Form, Poll Watcher Appointment Form.

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

The official list of candidates will be posted on March 24, 2025.

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**May 5, 2025**

Primary Election Day  
12 - 6 pm  
LTBB Government Center

**May 6, 2025**

Non-Certified Primary  
Election Results Posted

**May 15, 2025**

Last Date for Candidate to  
Submit Campaign Finance  
Statement for Primary Election

**May 15, 2025**

Last Date to File a Challenge  
to the Primary Election

**May 16, 2025**

Last Date for General Election  
Candidates to Withdraw

**May 19, 2025**

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

**May 21, 2025**

General Election Ballots Mailed  
to All Those Who Are Registered  
to Vote As of April 1, 2025

**June 30, 2025**

General Election Day  
12 - 6 pm  
LTBB Government Center

**July 3, 2025**

Non-Certified General  
Election Results Posted

**June 10, 2025**

Last Date for Candidate to  
Submit Campaign Finance  
Statement for General Election

**July 10, 2025**

Last Date to File a Challenge  
to the General Election

**July 15, 2025**

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

### Election Board Members

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