

LTBB Election Board Nonimation Application Form - SECTION 3
CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)
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Together, We Rise: Honoring Our Past, Nourishing Our Future
Aanii Boozhoo Tribal Citizens,
As we stand at the crossroads of tradition and progress, we humbly ask for your support in our campaign for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of Waganakising Odawak Nation. We are Melissa Pamp and Jeff Boda, and we are running as a team, uniting our vision to honor our ancestors, protect our traditions, and build a future where our people thrive. As strong ambassadors, we will represent our nation at state, local, and federal levels, securing a seat at the table, and building meaningful relationships. As Mshiikenh Dodem (Turtle Clan), we are committed to fulfilling our duties as caretakers and protectors of our people. Guided by the teachings of our clan, we will lead with humility, wisdom, and a strong sense of responsibility to our community.

1. Food Sovereignty and Collaborating with Other Tribes

We will work to strengthen our sustainable food system that supports our people by supporting Inter-tribal food system. We recognize the strength in community and shared vision.

2. Caring for Our Elders

We will honor and protect our elders, the keepers of wisdom and love, by ensuring they live with dignity, safety, and respect. With compassion and care, we will safeguard their well-being.

3. Working Together with Tribal Council

Strong leadership means listening to everyone and working as a team. We will work closely with our Tribal Council to make sure every decision reflects the needs of our people.

4. Empowering Our Youth

Our children are the future, and they deserve a safe, supportive space to grow and thrive. Our plan is to partner with the Boys and Girls Club to ensure our kids always have a place to go- even when the government offices are closed. We will support a youth language initiative, and review of the K-12 scholarship.

5. Developing Our Land for the People

We are thankful for the Tribal Council's work in acquiring land back for our people. Now, it is time to develop these properties. We have vision and will focus on creating an Intergenerational Building on Odawa Circle, affordable housing, and a Cultural Center to promote self-determination through cultural tourism. To make these plans a reality, we will seek philanthropic funding from organizations and individuals who share our vision.

6. Training Our People in Building Trades

To address the need for skilled workers and affordable housing, we plan to partner with a trusted organization to start a Tribal Building Trade School. Focusing on building and sustaining housing in our communities.

A Vision Rooted in Unity

This campaign is not about us-it's about us. It's about uniting to honor our ancestors and building a future where our children can walk with pride. Together, we can achieve food sovereignty, strengthen our community, and provide for the next seven generations.

We ask for your trust, your support, and your vote. Let us rise together, as one tribe, one family, one future.

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**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
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Jeff Boda

Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Alanson Michigan

City & State of Residency

1. Work Experience:

Since 2001, I have advanced through various roles in LTBB's Gaming Enterprise, starting as a Maintenance Worker and rising to Supervisor at Victories Casino. I then transitioned to Table Games, serving as a Dealer and Floor Supervisor at Victories and Odawa Casinos, where I developed strong leadership and operational skills. From 2008 to 2012, I worked as a Surveillance Operator at Odawa Casino, ensuring operational integrity. Since 2013, I have been a Regulatory Gaming Inspector for the Little Traverse Bay Bands (LTBB) Regulatory Division, focusing on compliance and protecting tribal assets. My career has been dedicated to enhancing gaming revenue and upholding the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

2. Educational Background:

I graduated from Pellston High School in 1997 and pursued general studies at Bay Mills Community College from 1997 to 1998. In 2016, I completed the Career Enrichment Program through Odawa Casino and North Central Michigan College (NCMC) in Petoskey, earning a Certificate of Completion. Additionally, I have participated in various trainings and roundtables focused on gaming operations, regulatory compliance, and asset protection, continuously enhancing my expertise in the tribal gaming industry.

3. Traditional Cultural Experience/Knowledge, and/or Other Training, Certificates:

I am deeply connected to my cultural heritage and actively participate in traditional practices. Each year, I prepare for weeks to honor my family's Ghost Supper, held on the first Saturday of November. During the summer months, I regularly attend Powwows around the state, celebrating and preserving our traditions. I have also been growing my cultural knowledge by attending local group activities, further deepening my understanding of our heritage. Additionally, I have represented our people by providing support at community events, such as delivering water and food to care for others at BLM rallies during COVID-19 and participating in multiple PRIDE marches in Petoskey. These experiences reflect my commitment to cultural preservation, community care,

4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:

I am passionate about giving back to my community and regularly volunteer in ways that make a meaningful impact. I have worked with Community Health in the summer, harvesting vegetables from our farm plots to fill and distribute food boxes to our people. I have also assisted the education department in distributing resources to our youth. Guided by the values instilled by my parents, I am always ready to pitch in wherever help is needed, whether it's organizing events, supporting community programs, or lending a hand in times of need. My commitment to service reflects my belief in the importance of contributing to the well-being of others in any way I can.

5. Awards, Honors Received (cultural/colonial):

Due to the success of our groups presentation in the Career Enrichment Program, I was awarded with a Leadership Award in 2016.

6. Describe Current and/or Previous Elected or Appointed Positions Held at LTBB or in Any Other Capacity, Government, or Organization (dates, titles, etc):

I have not been previously elected or appointed to any positions at LTBB or otherwise.

7. If applicable, describe anticipated Campaign Information in Detail (Campaign Address, Email, Website, Social Media, Campaign Plan, Any Endorsements, etc):

I can be reached at VotePampBoda@gmail.com.

I am also reachable on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Threads, BlueSky) under my name Jeff Boda.