

LTBB Election Board Nonimation Application Form - SECTION 3
CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)
(This Section of Form Will Be Published on LTBB Website)



Aanii, Sunnese ndizhinikaaz, mukwa ndodem, Waaganakising Odawak ndodenbendagwas. Hello, my name is Sunnese! I am 36 years old, from Petoskey, and I am bear clan. My grandfather was William King (LTBB), and my grandmother was Sunnese Rainwater (LRB). Though I was raised on Walpole Island First Nations, I returned to Petoskey in high school to establish residency, pursue higher education, and be part of my tribal community. Through perseverance and dedication, I earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration while supporting my family. My experience with the Tribe spans many roles, beginning in Youth Corps Leadership and later as a Prevention Specialist, Cultural Resource Advisor, and Gaming Authority Board Member.

These experiences strengthened my leadership, business, and advocacy skills. Today, I am an entrepreneur, business owner, and artist.

While I currently reside in Ohio with my husband and children, I am ready to return home and serve my people once again. I humbly ask for your trust and vote for Tribal Council.

If elected, my priorities will focus on the following:

Family & Tribal Unification: As a Cultural Resource Advisor for the Tribal Court, I worked in the Family Preservation Program, assisting families outside the service area in accessing resources. This experience broadened my knowledge and outlook on the importance of family unity. I will advocate for stronger efforts to bring our families home by evaluating land availability, increasing budget transparency, and expanding tribal housing opportunities. Additionally, I will support initiatives to reduce debt on housing loans while promoting self sustainability projects that align with our financial obligations.

Sustainability: With the coming changes in this country, I believe we will all need to work together as a community like our ancestors did, to become self-reliant. This means supporting our farmers, teachers, caregivers, medicine people, healers, hunters, and gatherers, to name a few. I will seek business opportunities beyond gaming to strengthen our economic independence and reduce reliance on federal funding. Paying off housing debt is also critical for ensuring long-term financial stability for our Tribal Citizens.

Sovereignty: Our Tribe has made significant progress toward sovereignty, but we still depend heavily on federal grants. With uncertain political changes ahead, we must strengthen our self-sufficiency and form strategic alliances with other nations. I will advocate for building strong foundations and partnerships to expand our Tribe's independence and sustainability.

With my experience and deep understanding of our needs and goals, I am committed to working alongside our community to create meaningful progress. This is not a task for one person- it requires all of us. Let's do this together!

Chi miigwech! Sunnese Granados
sunnese88@gmail.com

LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
(This Section of Form Will Be Published on LTBB Website)

Sunnese Granados
Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Columbus, OH
City & State of Residency

1. Work Experience: Food & Beverage - Odawa Casino
Hotel Representative - Odawa Hotel
Youth Conservation Leader - LTBB NRD
Prevention Specialist - LTBB SPRING
Cultural Advisor - LTBB Tribal Court
2. Educational Background: Bachelors in Business Administration
Associates in Business Administration
3. Traditional Cultural Experience/Knowledge, and/or Other Training, Certificates:
- Wellbriety Training Certified
 - Worked with Knowledge Keepers in our community as a cultural advisor & a prevention specialist with the youth. Learned how to harvest natural fibers, organized ceremonies, attended sweatlodges, participated in language classes, provided sewing & beading classes
 - participated in Peacemaking for Tribal Court

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

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

2019 Gaming Board Member : Odawa Casino

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