

LTBB Election Board Nonimation Application Form - SECTION 3
CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)
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Aanii to all my relatives,

Tamara Lynn (Kiogima) Munson ndizhinikaaz. Odawa kwe ndaaw. Mkwandodem. My name is Tamara Lynn (Kiogima) Munson. I am an Odawa Woman. I am bear clan.

As Waganakising Odawak, we are no stranger to knowing adversity. It is not something to be ashamed of, but as something we carry, learn from, and rise above. Our people and communities have endured

generations of struggle, and like so many in our community, I have faced my own challenges. I don't shy away from that truth. I have lived through hardship; I have made mistakes and I have learned those hard lessons. My experiences have only strengthened my commitment to serve my community. I know what it means to struggle, I also know what it means to want to fight for something better-for accountability, for healing, for justice. I am here, not despite my past, but because of it. I am ready to fight for our shared struggles, to bring them to the table and work for real solutions that reflect the experiences of the people that I wish to still represent.

I will not make any campaign promises because I know, from experience, being one of nine on Tribal Council, we bring our own set of priorities. My focus for the next four years will be:

- *Maternal Child Health
- *Find a way to fund an Intergenerational building for gatherings
- *Support Youth Council
- *Support in building a new Health Center
- *Promote the learning of our culture, language and traditions
- *Protect our Natural Resources
- *Childcare

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage our community to actively participate and engage with our Tribal Government. Our strength and direction comes from you, our Tribal Community. I humbly ask for your support to re-elect me to serve you in the capacity of a Tribal Councilor. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Chi-Miigwech,

Tamara Lynn (Kiogima) Munson

**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
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Tamara Lynn (Kiogima) Munson

Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Boyne City, MI

City & State of Residency

1. Work Experience:

2017 to Present: Elected Official, Tribal Councilor

2017 to 2019: Tribal Council Secretary

2017 to 2023: Title VI Coordinator, Harbor Springs Public Schools

2014 to 2017: Legislative Administrative Assistant, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

2. Educational Background:

North Central Michigan College, Graduated 2012, Associates Degree of General Studies

Central Michigan University, Graduated 2019, Bachelor of Science: Community Development with a Concentration in Health Science

Michigan State University, Accepted into the Program in 2019, Master's Degree in Youth Development. (5 classes left to complete)

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

Seven Grandfather Teachings, Intergenerational Trauma, Boarding School Trauma, Knowledge of basic Anishinabemowin such as introduction, medicines, animals and directions. participated in the LTBB Summer Camp as a youth when it was on Osborne Road, in Harbor Springs, MI, attended Ghost Suppers, participated in Snovsnake Tournaments, harvested traditional medicine, beading, sewing ribbon skirts, tobacco ties, braiding, attended sacred fires for those who have walked on, regalia, dance styles

4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:

2002 - Joined the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation (PHSACF) Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

2003-2004 Youth Co-Chair for the PHSACF YAC

2021-2022 Adult Co-Advisor for the PHSACF YAC

Good understanding of the infrastructure of our Tribal Government beyond Elected Roles, resourceful, collaborative, and not afraid to stand up for what I believe in.

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

Elected to serve our community as a Tribal Councilor for 2 terms.

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

2017 to Present: Elected Official, Tribal Councilor

2017 to 2019: Tribal Council Secretary

2019-2021 Appropriations and Finance Committee, Tribal Councilor

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

I don't anticipate on utilizing any sort of social media platform to campaign. My personal email address is tkiogima1@outlook.com for those who would like to contact me with any questions.