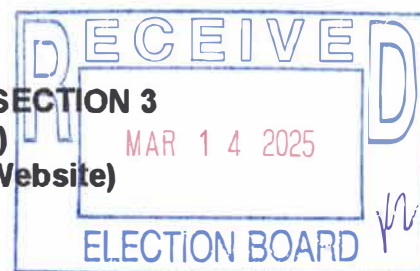


LTBB Election Board Nonimation Application Form - SECTION 3
CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)
(This Section of Form Will Be Published on LTBB Website)



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Migizi-miigwan-kwe ndizhinikaaz. Winnay Wemigwase ndigoo. Omashkooz ndoodem. Tchingabeng min-is-sing zhinkaade enjibaayaan. Biidaasigeng ngiinjindaadiz. Waganakising ndoonjibaa. Mt. Pleasant ndidaa. Robert Wemigwase miinwaa Beverly (Naganashe) Wemigwase zhinkaazawok ngitziimak. Daniel M. Naganashe, Eva M. (Petoskey) Naganashe, Ida (Gasco) Wemigwase, Samuel Odeimin, Mitchell Wemigwase, Joseph Chingwa miinwaa Louisa (Assinaway) Chingwa zhinkaazawok nindaanikobijiganak. Margaret R. Naganashe, Richard (Odeimin-Gasco) Wemigwase miinwaa Evelyn (Chingwa) Wemigwase zhinkaazawok nmishoomisak miinwaa zhinkaazawok nookomisak.

I am asking for your vote for Chairperson of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), Waganakising Odawak. It is my extensive professional experience, deeply rooted cultural connection, and commitment to service that make me a worthy candidate for leadership within our tribal government. My educational and career history show not only a dedication to the well-being and advancement of our community, but also a profound understanding of the diverse needs of our people, and a commitment to honing leadership and business skills that I can put to work for us!

My professional journey began in education, where I served as an Ojibwe Language Instructor for the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, a Title VII Indian Education Coordinator for the Harbor Springs Public Schools and Education Specialist in our LTBB Education Department, fostering a strong foundation in language and cultural preservation, tribal government programming, community education and organizing. I transitioned into the Cultural Resources Management and Museum Services field through my work as Director of the LTBB Archives, Records & Cultural Preservation Department. I was then elected to our Tribal Council from 2011 to 2015, where I learned the art of writing legislation, the value of robust debate, the confidence to speak up for our people, the intricacies of the governmental budgeting process and the importance of fair and compassionate leadership.

In 2015, I moved from Harbor Springs to Mt. Pleasant, Michigan to restart my higher education journey. Having received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree (English, Language Arts & Ojibwe Bilingual/Bicultural Education) from Central Michigan University in 2000, I wanted to pursue a Master-level degree in a field that would expand my skills and allow me to better serve our people. While narrowing down my educational focus, I held many positions with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (SCIT). I worked at the SCIT Tribal College, in the SCIT Education Department and the SCIT Behavioral Health Programs.

In 2022, I graduated from Michigan State University with a Master of Clinical Social Work degree. Achieving this degree was inspired by my desire to better understand how to address the complex social needs in our Native communities. Being a former student of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Indian Boarding School, and a person in recovery, I wanted to learn how to help myself and others heal and build skills to live a healthy and happy life.

With an ultimate goal of returning home to again serve our community, I am also pursuing a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a focus on Value-Driven Organizations from Central Michigan University, demonstrating my commitment to responsible, ethical and financially sound leadership. Knowledge of finance, business and information technology are vital additions to my diligent and compassionate leadership style. Armed with the strength from our Odawa cultural values, a deep respect for our people and a desire to serve, I am not only a qualified candidate, but I will work tirelessly to advance the interests of our community. My experience, education, cultural knowledge, and proven leadership abilities make me the ideal choice to represent and serve the Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa Indians. I would be honored to have your support!

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**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
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Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Harbor Springs, MI

City & State of Residency

1. Work Experience:

LTBB Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - Harbor Springs, MI June 2024 - March 2025
Elementary School Counselor - Mary McGuire Elementary Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, Mt. Pleasant, MI Sept. 2022 - present
Program Manager - Behavioral Health Programs, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, MI Sept. 2021-2022
Outreach Specialist - Behavioral Health Programs, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, MI Sept. 2019- 2021
Mentoring Program Specialist - Zaagaate' Mentoring Program Behavioral Health Programs Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan July 2018-Sept. 2019
Title VII Technician - Title VII Indian Education Program, Harbor Springs Public Schools, Harbor Springs, MI 2012-2013
Instructor - Sociology 115A/B, North Central Michigan College, Petoskey, MI 2009-2013
LTBB Director - Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Dept., Harbor Springs, MI 2003-2010
Education Specialist, LTBB Education Dept., Harbor Springs, MI 2001-2003
Middle School Teacher (Grades 5 and 6) - Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Saginaw Chippewa Isabella Indian Reservation, MI 2001
Native American Programs Aselstant - Native American Programs Office, Central Michigan University Mt. Pleasant, MI 1999-2000
Admissions Assistant - Central Michigan University Admissions Office, Mt. Pleasant, MI 1996-1998
Anishinaabemowin Language Instructor - Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, Mt. Pleasant, MI 1994-1995
Assistant Curator - Andrew J. Blackbird Museum, Harbor Springs, MI 1991 - 1994

2. Educational Background:

Master of Business Administration (*expected date of graduation-May 2026)
Value-Driven Organization Concentration, Central Michigan University

Master of Social Work (LLMSW), 2022
Clinical Concentration, Michigan State University

Waganakleing Odawak Business Technology Training Program, 2006
Business Communications and Applied Management Certificate, Ferris State University

Bachelor of Science in Education, 2000
Central Michigan University, Major: English, Minors: Language Arts & Ojibwe Bilingual/Bicultural Education

Diploma 1993
Harbor Springs High School

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

Care and Feasting of Sacred Items Teachings • Odawa Burial Ceremonies • Manidoo dewe'lgan Ceremonies • Contemporary Native Dance Teachings • Jingle Dress Ceremonies • Wahbahnwin Teachings & Sweat Lodge • Tchissahklwin Ceremony Teachings
Midewiwin Lodge Ceremonies • Anishinaabe Spirit World Teachings • Turning Historical Trauma into Historical Greatness Training
Bounce Back Childhood Trauma Intervention Training • Youth Mental Health First-Aid Trainer Certification Training
Trauma Recovery & Empowerment Training (TREM) • Youth Mental Health First Aid Training •Fostering Resilient Learners Training
MI Higher Education Network Motivational Interviewing Training • "The Nurtured Heart Approach" Training
Heart to Shape A Mind- Trauma Informed Early Childhood Training • SCIT Tribal Data Project Training
Human Rights, Lit., the Arts & Social Sciences Conference on Human Trafficking • Stewards of Children Training
Mandated Reporter Training • Overdose, Mental Health First Aid & De-Escalation Training • Emotional Intelligence Training
Daughters & Sons of Tradition Prevention Program Facilitator Training • Bear Bundles Casting Ceremony Teachings • Round Dance Teachings, Saginaw Chippewa Academy • Ghost Supper/Spirit Feasts Presenter, 7th Generation SCIT Fall Feast
Lodge Teachings & Bear Bundle Teachings • Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Training • Stewards of Children Training
Auricular Acupuncture Therapy Practitioner Training • Anishinaabe Four Medicines Training Facilitator
Anishinaabe Ceremonial Skirts Training Facilitator • MStep Testing Analysis Training • Anishinaabe Round Dance Teachings

4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:

- Odawa Homecoming Powwow Committee
- Vice President, Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA)
- Treasurer, Michigan Indian Education Council
- Vice President for Recruitment, Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.
- Central Michigan University Powwow
- Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council Advisor

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

- Miss Odawa Nation, Harbor Springs, Michigan 1993-1994
- Miss Midwest Regional Princess, Chicago, Illinois 1994-1995
- Miss Indian World Contestant 1995-1996
- Certificate of Recognition, Central Michigan University Powwow Committee, 1999
- Circle of Excellence, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Government, 2006

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

- Tribal Councilor, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, 2011 - 2015
- Vice President, Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance, 2004 - 2006
- Education Commission, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, 2005-2006
- Treasurer, Michigan Indian Education Council, 2002 - 2004
- Vice President for Recruitment, Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc, 1997 - 1998

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

Will be participating in Waganakising Meet Your Candidates events hosted by community members at Elders' Housing.

Website: www.makeourmark.org

Social Media: [facebook.com./Vote.Wemigwase.Oldman/](https://facebook.com/Vote.Wemigwase.Oldman/)

Email: makeourmark2025@gmail.com

Address: P.O. Box 573, Harbor Springs, MI 48740

Campaign Plan: Community Gatherings in locations throughout Michigan • Online Forums via Zoom • Campaign Mailers
Social Media Campaigns #Make Our Mark