



Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Election Board Special Session
Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 11:00 AM
AGENDA

ZOOM LINK

- A. Call to Order: 11:09am
- B. Roll Call – Frank Wilson, Chairman, Steven McCellan, Vic Chair, Camp Bailey, Board Member, Sammi Conway, Board Member, Tanya Raphael, Secretary. Full Board is present
- C. Additions/Deletions – motion made by secretary, Tanya Raphael and seconded by board member, Sammi Conway
- I. New Business
 - 1. Filing – Lisa
On August 3rd, case - 2026-3657-CV-EL, for impropriety. Whoever has authority is to be determined if the board did not follow its own regulations as candidates did not file the financial document disclosure. Lisa will respond to the allegations by the 21st response due date.
- II. Old Business
 - 1. Gaming Commissioners update –
Distribute the information regarding the election -
Steve – posted a question regarding an email from legal
 - 2. Ballot language – Steve Panoff is looking for the ballot language- Lisa will review the regulations to determine if the election needs to hold a primary and general election and provide more information to the board. She will also look to determine and confirm the requirements per the regulation.
2026 General Election - Gaming Commissioners update

Board discussion to hold the election for the Gaming Commission seat has been extended because no one declared according to the regulations set prior to the main elections.

Sept 3rd – Available Declaration candidate packet available, letter of interest will not be accepted, and requesting absentee ballots
Sept 24th, deadline to declare. background will be completed prior to announcing candidates

Oct 13th – primary election, if more than 2 candidates declare

Dec 8th – general election

- III. Financial Statements – this item was tabled as it was discussed during the filing item.
- IV. Certification of the referendum – motion to certify the votes for the referendum with 237 for YES and 119 for NO, motion made by Sammi Conway and seconded by Camp Bailey, all in favor.
- V. Closed session – N/A
- VI. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 12:32, motion made by Steve McClellan and seconded by Camp Bailey, all in favor.