

Election Commission Information-sharing to the GC

July 15, 2021

Update:

Election Commission Members:

Chair – Roberta Wilson	Vice-Chair – Michelle Thompson
Secretary – Roberta Kipp	Treasurer - Jessica Lavadour
Tami Rochelle	Margaret Sheoships
Robert Shippentower	Pam Peterson

2020 Recap of EC report to the BOT on 06/16/2021

BOT passed Resolutions 19-057 & 20-002

12/12/2019: Resolution 19-057 The Election Commission met with the BOT in a work session and was directed to conduct a Special Election on the Constitutional Amendment Article IV, Section 2, per a GC motion on August 29, 2019. [This established the 1855 Reservation Boundary as the residency requirement for BOT elected officials]

01/02/2020: Resolution 20-002 was presented to the BOT which directed the TEC, working with the OLC, to develop proposed amendments to the Code and/or the Tribal Constitution related to verification of residency.

This Constitutional update necessitated the identification of the physical boundary.

- GIS has successfully completed an interactive 1855 Boundary map, with address location capabilities.

This Constitutional update necessitated a process for ensuring this requirement for elected officials is met.

- Currently working on recommendations [options].

Goals and Recommendations: It is the goal of the Election Commission to conduct fair and inclusive tribal elections on behalf of the General Council.

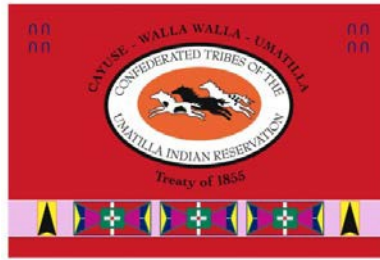
Recommendations made to the BOT:

1. Have an external trainer review our process and documents for recommendations and objective advice.
2. Resume the C/C Annual Training meetings.

The TEC and likely other committees and commissions would benefit from having a shared dedicated c/c space at the NGC to conduct general business.

[End]

07/15/2021



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

ELECTION COMMISSION

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2021 General Election Calendar

Roberta Wilson, Chair, Michelle Thompson, Vice-Chair

Roberta Kipp, Secretary, Jessica Lavadour, Treasurer

Tami Rochelle, Member, Pam Peterson, Member

Robert Shippentower, Member, Margaret Sheoships, Member

August 11	General Election Notice-<u>Deadline</u> 90 Days Prior to General Election – Announced continually on KCUW, Posters throughout community, in CUJ, on Tribal Website. <u>Nomination Petitions will also be available at this time, please contact any Election Commissioner to request a petition.</u>
August 11	Constitutional Amendments Due – <u>Deadline</u> 90 Days Prior to General Election. The complete text of the proposed amendment must be delivered to the Election Commission.
August 31	Nomination Petitions Due- <u>Deadline</u> 70 Days Prior to General Election
September 8	Withdrawal- <u>Deadline</u> 8 Days after Petitions Due a candidate may withdrawal, must be in writing, signed by candidate and notarized then delivered to the Election Commission.
September 20	Absentee Ballot Request Forms Available- <u>Deadline</u> 50 Days Prior to General Election
October 20	Absentee Ballots Mailed- <u>Deadline</u> 21 Days Prior to General Election
October 26	Absentee Ballots Request Forms DUE to Election Commission- <u>Deadline</u> 15 Days Prior to General Election
November 5	Poll Watcher Letters Due- <u>Deadline</u> 3 Days Prior to General Election. Each Candidate is entitled to choose one person as a poll watcher. Notify the Election Commission in writing identifying their poll watcher.
November 9	General Election - Day 8:00am-8:00pm at Nixyaawii Government Center
December 1	Swearing in of Board of Trustees and General Council Officers and Members
December 9	Removal of Campaign Signs- <u>Deadline</u> 30 Days after General Election

2021 CTUIR Tribal Election year: A motion was made by the Election Commission for a reinstatement of the 1-year residency requirement placement on the Ballot, via BOT resolution.

The 1 Year Prior Residency requirement was recommended to the BOT for placement on the tribal ballot for a Constitutional amendment. Per Election Commission motion, this recommendation was passed on 01/14/2021 by a vote of 6-0-0. On 03/16/2021, The Election Commission voted to finalize the formal recommended language. Motion passed 6-0-0.

03/16/2021 Motion to accept:

Amendment to Article VI, Section 2 (new language in **bold**)

The members of the Board of Trustees shall consist of the Chair of the General Council as ex-officio member with the right to vote and eight (8) members of the General Council elected by the General Council. No member shall be qualified to act as a member of the Board of Trustees **unless that person resides on the Umatilla Indian Reservation as defined in Article I of the Treaty of 1855 for a period of one (1) year prior to their election and throughout the course of their term.**

On April 22, the EC met with the BOT in a work session where this recommendation was presented. No formal action was taken.

On July 7, the EC met again with the BOT in a work session to discuss proposed amendments to the Election Code. No time was made for this EC-proposed Constitutional Amendment. A continuation to review the Code Amendments is scheduled for July 22nd.

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