LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

TRIBAL COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-02

ORDER REGARDING ELECTION DISPUTES AND CHALLENGES

The election process is one of the most important functions of the Tribal Government. It ensures that the citizens/members have a voice in decisions regarding the present and future of the Tribe. This Administrative Order revokes and replaces 25-003 AO.

When election disputes and challenges are decided by the Election Board, an appeal/review can be made to the Tribal Court. The Court recognizes the importance of the Tribal Elections, and its process, and the need for resolution of these matters in a fair and expeditious manner. This Administrative Order sets forth the process and timeline for disputes and challenges that are filed in the Tribal Court to be resolved.

The Election Board Rules and Regulations sets forth the timelines regarding review/appeal of Election Board Decisions at Chapter 12, Section 4, which states that decisions of the Election Board may be appealed to the Tribal Court within five business days of the decision being issued. This short timeline is necessary to quickly resolve disputes and challenges so that the election can be certified without undue delay.

The Court, through this Administrative Order, sets the process and timeline for cases that are filed in Tribal Court for a review of an Election Board decision. Once a case/request for review is filed, the Court must set a hearing within ten days. No adjournments will be granted except for extreme situations, even if the parties agree. The Court must render a decision within five business days of the hearing.

This timeline places heavy responsibilities on the parties as well as the Court; however, hearings must be scheduled without delay to allow the Tribe to avoid uncertainty in governing. In order to meet the deadlines, the Court will allow and encourages filing by fax or email. It is the party's responsibility to confirm that the Court has received the filing.

Angela Sherigan
Hon. Angela Sherigan

11/16/2026
Date

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Spring Medacco, Tribal Court Administrator

11-16-26
Date