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Resolution No. 05079502

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands Tribal Council has passed an enrollment ordinance on January 22, 1995; and

WHEREAS the Enrollment Committee and Tribal Council have agreed that an amendment is necessary to better facilitate the workings of the committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section (8) paragraph 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Enrollment Ordinance be ammended to read:

SECTION 8. Creation and Role of the Advisory Enrollment Committee.

1. A Twelve person Advisory Enrollment Committee shall be appointed by the Tribal Council. This council shall consist of enrolled Tribal members.
2. One (1) member of the Tribal Council or its designee. One (1) member from the Tribal Enrollment staff. The Chairperson of the Advisory Enrollment Committee shall be selected by the members of the committee.
3. The Advisory Enrollment Committee shall:
   a. Advise the Enrollment Staff of the Tribal Office and other pertinent staff as to how the enrollment process may be made as fair and equitable as possible.
   b. Review all applications that are based in whole or in part on affidavits. They shall also review all applications referred to it by the Enrollment Officer because of difficulties in confirming eligibility. The Committee will then make a recommendation to the Tribal Council based upon its review of all the information submitted by the applicant and compiled by the Enrollment Staff of the Tribal Office. If an elder member of the Committee has signed an affidavit on behalf of an applicant, the elder shall refrain from voting on the recommendation. The elder shall, however, be permitted to provide the Committee with testimony as to the applicant's eligibility.

c. Be able to enlist the aid of other Tribal elders to help substantiate an applicant's eligibility.

d. Review all applications referred to help substantiate whether an applicant is eligible or not eligible in accordance with membership requirements.

e. Review, at least once a month, on a random basis two (2) or three (3) applications that have been denied. The purpose of the review is to ensure that the Enrollment Staff is properly implementing the criteria for membership. If an error is found in an application during the monthly review all applications denied since the last review date for the same reason shall be reconsidered by the Enrollment Staff of the Tribal Office.

4. The Advisory Enrollment Committee shall meet at least once a month or as often as necessary. As a guideline, the number of applications needing Advisory Enrollment Committee review should not rise above five (5) to seven (7) at any one time. The Chairperson shall call all meetings when the Enrollment Staff informs the Chairperson that there is a need for the meeting.

5. If an applicant appears to be eligible for membership, the Enrollment Staff shall make a report to the Tribal Council indicating the appearance of eligibility. The Tribal Council shall have the responsibility of reviewing the report and if appropriate, certifying the individual as a member. The Tribal Council may refer an application to the Advisory Enrollment Committee if he/she feels that further review is necessary before certifying or denying certification.

6. Upon certification the Enrollment Staff shall assign a membership number and prepare a membership card for the individual forthwith notify the individual of membership and forward the membership card.

7. A copy of all correspondence, and the membership card shall be maintained in the applicant's file by the Enrollment staff.

8. Upon completion of the certification process, the individuals named shall be placed on the Tribal roll.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

This resolution was considered and adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a meeting held on May 7, 1995 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Date: May, 7, 1995

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Barry Laughlin, Secretary