

1 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**

2 **LTBB Governmental Complex, Room 312**

3 **4-10-15**

4 **DRAFT Open Session Minutes**

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6 **CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 1:23 pm by Rochelle Ettawageshik - Chair.

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8 **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rochelle Ettawageshik – Chair, Steve Sochay –
9 Treasurer, Linda Keway – Commissioner, Heidi Bosma – Secretary (via phone)

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11 **COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Joan Jacobs - Commissioner

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13 **STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Denneen Smith, Department of Human Services

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15 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms Keway made a motion to approve the agenda for the April 10,
16 2015 meeting; supported by Mr Sochay. **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried.

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18 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms Keway made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 6,
19 2015 meeting - **open and closed sessions**; supported by Mr Sochay. **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion
20 carried.

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22 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pubic comment was held at 1:59 pm and closed at 2:00 pm. No public
23 present.

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25 **PROSECUTOR'S REPORT:**

26 A written report was submitted via e-mail.

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28 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

29 Ms Ettawageshik reported on her attendance at the MEIC Conference at the Firekeepers
30 Casino & Resort in Battle Creek, MI. The conference was well attended by youth from the
31 Pokagon and Pottawatomie tribes. Election of officers is upcoming.

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33 Ms Ettawageshik is also leaving April 17th for the NICWA Conference in Portland, OR and will
34 return on April 22nd.

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36 Motion was made to accept the Chairperson's Report by Mr. Sochay seconded by Ms Keway.
37 **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried.

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39 **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Sochay reported on the current status of the 2015 budget
40 through March. Mr. Sochay also reported on his attendance at the 11th Annual Child Welfare
41 Services Issues Conference held at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing, MI on April
42 2, 2015.

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44 Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mr. Sochay seconded by Ms Keway.
45 **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried.

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49 **CLOSED SESSION:** Motion was made to go into Closed Session at 2:28pm by Mr. Sochay
50 seconded by Ms Keway. **Vote:** 3-0-0-2 Motion carried.
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52 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Motion was made to return to Open Session at 3:00pm by Mr.
53 Sochay and supported by Ms. Keway **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried.
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56 **SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Denneen Smith submitted written
57 documentation concerning Child Welfare cases and gave a general report on the current activity
58 of the Human Services Department.

59 Ms Smith also presented a Policies and Procedures document for the Child Welfare
60 Commission to review and discuss.

61 Ms Smith also reported that Lisa Tollenaar has left the department for a position with the state.

62 The Department is hiring for a Social Services Program Manager. The Department is
63 undergoing a restructuring process within the organization.

64 The tribe is still looking for a Prosecutor. A new nomination is in process – Catherine Castagne.
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66 67 **NEXT MEETING/WORK SESSION**

68 Motion made by Chairperson Ettawageshik and supported by Treasurer Sochay to approve
69 stipend, mileage, per diem, and hotel for Commissioners to attend the following:

70 Vote 4-0-0-1 Motion carried

- 71 • Regular Meeting: Friday, May 1, 2015 at 3:00pm; and
- 72 • Work Session: Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 10:00am
- 73 • Work session: Friday, May 29, 2015 at 2:00pm

74 75 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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77 Motion was made to adjourn by Ms Bosma and supported by Mr Sochay **Vote:** 4-0-0-1
78 Motion carried.

79 Meeting Adjourned at 3:37 pm.

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83 Steve Sochay,
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