

OFFICIAL NOTICE - LTBB TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD

On Saturday, June 1, 2018, Tribal citizen Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet requested and received recall petition forms to collect signatures to recall the Tribal Chair, Regina Gasco-Bentley. Upon delivery of the recall petition forms, the Election Board stated to citizen Okuly-Shananaquet that to be a valid petition, she needed to collect the signatures of 156 registered voters. This number of signatures (156) purportedly represented the constitutionally required 20% minimum of registered voters' signatures who had voted in the last election. However, when the recall petition forms were returned on August 31, 2018, it was determined that this number was incorrect. Twenty percent of 781 (the number of registered voters who voted in the last general election on July 31, 2017) is 156.2. As per principles settled in court precedent dealing with the issue of how to calculate the 20% minimum, the Election Board should have rounded the number up to 157.

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Election Board on August 31, 2018, Tribal citizen Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet returned the recall petition forms with 173 signatures. The Election Board was able to certify only 156 of them as qualifying signatures.

On September 12, 2018, before the Election Board could provide official Notice of the certified results, citizen Okuly-Shananaquet filed an injunction against the Election Board in Tribal Court to prevent the Election Board from completing the process of providing notice of the results of its certification. The Tribal Court scheduled a hearing for October 9, 2018, which eventually was adjourned for October 16, 2018. At said hearing the Tribal Court ordered the parties to review the allegation made before the Court by citizen Okuly-Shananaquet that the list of individuals who were disqualified by the Election Board contained the name of a registered voter whose signature should have been certified as valid. At the prompting of the Court, The Election Board and citizen Okuly-Shananaquet met during the regularly scheduled work session of the Election Board on Friday, October 19, 2018.

After reviewing the new information received from citizen Okuly-Shananaquet and having checked the name and signature of the individual identified by citizen Okuly-Shananaquet against the list of registered voters, the Election Board satisfactorily confirmed that the individual in question was indeed a registered voter who had been miscounted in the original tally of signatures collected through the recall petition forms. Based on the above, and pursuant to duly moved and supported motion, the Election Board ordered to change its preliminary, non-noticed, verification of signatures to reflect the number of verified signatures as being 157. Thus, the Election Board hereby certifies the validity of the Recall Petition and signatures collected by citizen Okuly-Shananaquet.

<u>CAROL QUINONES</u>	<u>10-20-2018</u>
CAROL QUINONES, ELECTION BOARD CHAIR	DATE

<u>ALICE HUGHES</u>	<u>10-20-2018</u>
ALICE HUGHES, ELECTION BOARD MEMBER	DATE

<u>JON SHAWA</u>	<u>10-20-2018</u>
JON SHAWA, ELECTION BOARD TREASURER	DATE