

Minutes

Quapaw Nation Special General Council Meeting Downstream Casino Resort Pavilion & Zoom Saturday and Sunday, January 28th and 29th, 2023

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:30 a.m.
- II. **Invocation:** Susie Yoast.
- III. **Declaration of Quorum by Wena Supernaw.**
- IV. **Welcome** – Joseph Byrd, Chairman.
- V. **Chairman’s Report** – Joseph Byrd, Chairman.
 - Chairman thanked the Election Department, the Enrollment Department, the Education Department, the Family Services Department, the Constitution Committee, the HR Department, and the Law Marshals. Also, thanked Joey Giveswater, Blayden Stand, and Steve Owens for smoking everyone off.
 - A team of attorneys is present, and a parliamentarian is present.
 - Clickers are functioning.
 - Recap of October 22, 2022, Special GC Meeting ended with Amendment 8.
- VI. **Adopt a Resolution granting authority to the Constitution Committee to make nonsubstantive changes to these amendment proposals, like edits, punctuation, and grammatical changes.**
 - Motion to adopt a Resolution giving the Constitution Committee and its agents permission to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and non-substantiative conforming changes in the Governing Resolution that may be necessary to reflect the intent of this body and this is to include ballot measures coming forward by Constitution Committee.
 - Seconded by John E Rodgers.
 - Motion passes to approve this Resolution by a voice vote.
- VII. **Remarks by Secretary-Treasurer, Wena Supernaw.**
 - A document distributed by the Vice-Chair of the Business Committee does not pertain to today’s agenda and is irrelevant to the activities and participation called for in today’s Special General Council Meeting.
- VIII. **Proposed Amendments.**
 - **Proposed Amendment #9.**
 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council amend Section 6 (a) of the Governing Resolution to provide:**
 - **(a) Elections for the members of the Grievance Committee, unless a vacancy is being filled, shall take place at the Quapaw**

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Indian Council Meeting of the Quapaw Nation and shall be held by nominations and votes from the floor, three members will be elected in even-numbered years, and two members will be elected in odd-numbered years.

- **The Chairman set some rules moving forward for discussion.**
 - Be respectful to one another.
 - Speak directly into the microphone and state your name, or you will not be recognized.
 - People on Zoom can participate in the discussion; however, no motions will be taken from Zoom without support or sponsorship from the floor.
 - Members of the Business Committee are placed in the audience, so if someone does not want to take the microphone, they can speak on behalf of someone if they choose.
 - During the discussion on the amendment proposal, after a person speaks, they cannot speak again until everyone has had an opportunity to participate.

- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to amend the language to include Section (b), which states that no member of the Grievance Committee shall be an employee of the Quapaw Nation or its entities.
- Seconded by Manz McKibben.
- Discussion.
- Motion to approve Amendment #9 to amend the language to include Section (b), which states no member of the Grievance Committee shall be an employee of the Quapaw Nation or its entities, fails with **Yes** – 45 votes, **No** – 47 votes, and **Abstention** – 1 vote for a total of 93 votes.

- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to move to adopt the language by a majority vote of the Quapaw Indian Council of Section 6 (a) of the Governing Resolution to provide elections of the members of the Grievance Committee unless a vacancy is being filled shall take place at the Quapaw Indian Council Meeting of the Quapaw Nation and shall be held by nominations and votes from the floor, and three (3) members will be elected on even-numbered years, and two (2) members

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will be elected in odd-numbered years.

- Seconded by Everett Bandy.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion to approve Amendment #9 to move to adopt the language by a majority vote of the Quapaw Indian Council of Section 6 (a) of the Governing Resolution to provide elections of the members of the Grievance Committee unless a vacancy is being filled shall take place at the Quapaw Indian Council Meeting of the Quapaw Nation. It shall be held by nominations and votes from the floor, and three members will be elected on even-numbered years, and two members will be elected in odd-numbered years passes with **Yes** – 71 votes, **No** – 13 votes, and **Abstention** – 1 vote for a total of 85 votes.
- **Constitution Committee Chairman makes some comments regarding the process.**
 - **Pens and paper are put out in case anyone is not comfortable coming to the mic; anyone is more than welcome to put their comments on a piece of paper and give it to Vance Gilmore, Rachel, Austin, or Grace; they will be more than happy to share them for you.**
 - **Chad Smith is the attorney for the Constitution Committee, but for today, Renley Dennis and Austin Vance are here for the General Council in case anyone wants to ask questions about the process or help formulate a motion.**
- **Proposed Amendment #10.**
 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council replace Subsection B and add Subsection (c) through (e) to Section 6.1 to provide:**
 - **The Grievance Committee shall investigate all professional and personal misconduct, and complaints regarding Business Committee Members.**
 - **(c) The Grievance Committee may have access to information from all Quapaw Nation Commissions, agencies, instrumentalities, and entities related to a grievance.**
 - **(d) Grievance Committee members may serve two consecutive terms and must take two years between serving in the same capacity.**
 - **(e) Grievance Committee members shall adhere to the Quapaw Nation code of ethics.**

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- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to accept the language in Amendment #10 to replace Subsection B, add Subsection (c) through (e) to Section 6.1, and move it to the ballot to be voted on.
- Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
- Discussion.

- Motion by Everett Bandy to strike the motion Amendment 10 (e) where the Grievance Committee shall adhere to the Quapaw Nation's code of ethics and discuss it further under proposed Amendment 15.
- Seconded by Sonny Glass.
- Discussion.
- The Constitution Committee Chairman has accepted the strike and those changes to the language.
- Motion to approve striking Amendment #10 (e) where the Grievance Committee shall adhere to the Quapaw Nation's code of ethics and discuss it further under proposed Amendment 15 passes with **Yes** – 85 votes, **No** – 11 votes, and **Abstention** – 0 vote for a total of 96 votes.

- Motion by Constitution Committee Chairman to amend the language in Amendment #10 (c) as proposed to read from the Grievance Committee “may” have access to the Grievance Committee “shall” have access to information from all Quapaw Nation commissions agencies, instrumentalities, and entities related to a grievance.
- Second by John E. Rodgers.
- Discussion.
- Motion to amend the language in Amendment #10 (c) as proposed to read from the Grievance Committee “may” have access to the Grievance Committee “shall” have access to information from all Quapaw Nation commissions agencies, instrumentalities, and entities related to a grievance passes with **Yes** – 79 votes, **No** – 3 votes, and **Abstention** – 1 vote for a total of 83 votes.

- Motion by Constitution Committee Chairman to accept the language as proposed and adopt Amendment 10.
- Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
- Motion to accept the language as proposed and adopt Amendment 10 passes with **Yes** – 75 votes, **No** – 3 votes, and **Abstention** – 0 votes for a total of 78 votes.

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- **Proposed Amendment #11.**
 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council add Subsection (f) – (h) to Section 6.1 of the Governing Resolution to provide:**
 - **(f) A vacancy on the Grievance Committee occurring during a current Member’s term of office will be filled by the next candidate in line based on the votes cast for Grievance Committee Member from the most recent Grievance Committee election. If no replacement is available, the Grievance Committee will continue to operate independently, and the position will stay vacant until the next Quapaw Indian Council.**
 - **(i) If more than one vacancy occurs, a Special Quapaw Indian Council election shall take place the first Saturday following 60 days from the last vacancy.**
 - **(g) Grievances must be written and signed by an enrolled member of the Quapaw Nation. Grievances may be sent via email or mailed to Grievance Committee Members. A statement of facts, including dates, times, witnesses, allegations of wrongdoing, and the remedy requested, must be included in the grievance.**
 - **(h) The Grievance Committee may seek the assistance of or work with the Ethics Commission as it deems necessary.**
 - Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to add Subsection (f) – (h) to Section 6.1 of the Governing Resolution.
 - Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
 - Motion to strike Subsection (h) and amend Subsection (g) to state grievances shall only be submitted and signed by a person of Quapaw Indian blood. Grievance submission shall be addressed in the policies and procedures approved by the Quapaw Indian Council because what we are already asking we are asking the Grievance Committee to create policies and procedures that are going to be approved by the Quapaw Indian Council, and it is ever amended that amendment has to come to the Quapaw Indian Council.
- **Motion by Manz McKibben to take a recess while people eat and continue their discussion at 11:45 am.**
- **Seconded by John E. Rodgers.**
- **Motion passes by a voice vote to take a recess while people eat and continue their discussion.**
- **The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.**

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- Motion to adopt the language in Subsection (g) to state grievances shall only be submitted and signed by a person of Quapaw Indian blood. The grievance submission shall be addressed in the policies and procedures approved by the Quapaw Indian Council. A statement of facts, including dates, times, witnesses, allegations of wrongdoing, and the remedy requested, must be included in the grievance. Remedies will include reprimand, censure, or a special meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council.

- Motion by Constitution Committee Chairman to adopt the language in Subsection (g).
- Seconded from the floor.
- Discussion.
- Motion to adopt the language in Subsection (g) passes with **Yes** – 65 votes, **No** – 18 votes, and **Abstention** – 2 votes for a total of 85 votes.

- Motion by Constitution Committee Chairman to accept the language on Amendment 11 as presented.
- Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
- Discussion.
- Motion to accept the language of Amendment 11, as presented, passes with **Yes** – 63 votes, **No** – 14 votes, and **Abstention** – 2 votes for a total of 79 votes.

- Motion from the floor by Virginia Mouse to amend Amendment 11 to remove Section (h) that states the Grievance Committee may seek the assistance of or work with the Ethics Commission as it deems necessary and address that item later.
- Seconded by Roman Kihega.
- Discussion.
- Motion to accept the language of Amendment 11, as presented, passes with **Yes** – 64 votes, **No** – 7 votes, and **Abstention** – 4 votes for a total of 75 votes.

- **Proposed Amendment #12.**
 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council add to the Governing Resolution Subsection (i) and (l) to Section 6.1 to provide:**
 - **(i) The Grievance Committee may obtain legal counsel for assistance and advice payable by the Quapaw Nation. Approval**

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from the Business Committee shall not be required.

- (j) If the Grievance Committee finds cause for a Special Quapaw Indian Council meeting, the Grievance Committee shall request the Chairman to call a Special Quapaw Indian Council meeting. Should the Chairman fail to call the Special Quapaw Indian Council meeting, then the Business Committee may call the Special Quapaw Indian Council meeting. Should the Business Committee fail to call the Special Quapaw Indian Council meeting, the Grievance Committee shall have the authority, after acquiring legal counsels supporting opinion, to call a Special Quapaw Indian Council meeting for the purpose of hearing and acting upon grievances or complaints so long as 30 days notice is given to the members of the Quapaw Nation directly by certified mail and appropriate publicity by social media, print, and broadcast media to the major neighboring communities.
- (k) The Quapaw Indian Council will give the accused notice of the allegation and an opportunity to explain conduct related to the grievance and present witnesses in his or her defense. The accused may retain a lawyer at his or her own expense. The Quapaw Indian Council shall have the power to remove the Member(s) for cause from office immediately or clear them of the grievance. The Quapaw Indian Council's decision is final and not appealable to any court or tribunal.
- (l) The Grievance Committee may submit a grievance complaint and any relevant information it obtains to the tribal prosecutor for prosecution.
 - Motion by Constitution Committee Chairman to add to the Governing Resolution Subsection (i) through (l) to Section 6.1.
 - Seconded by Manz McKibben.
 - Discussion.
 - By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council add to the Governing Resolution Subsection (i) and (n) to Section 6.1 to provide:
 - (i) The Grievance Committee may obtain legal counsel for assistance and advice payable by the Quapaw Nation.

Approval from the Business Committee shall not be required. The Grievance Committee shall follow the procurement Policy of the Quapaw Nation.

- (j) The Grievance Committee shall create policies and procedures for the Grievance Committee to be submitted to the Quapaw Indian Council. The Grievance

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Committee shall have the authority to request amendments or changes to its policies and procedures subject to approval by the Quapaw Indian Council. The policies and procedures shall include but not limited to provisions for reprimand, censure, and removal from office.

- (k) If the Grievance Committee finds cause for a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council, the Grievance Committee shall request the Chairman to call a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council. Should the Chairman fail to call the Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council, then the Business Committee may call the Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council. Should the Business Committee fail to call the Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council, the Grievance Committee shall have the authority, after acquiring legal counsels supporting opinion, to call a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council for the purpose of hearing and acting upon grievances or complaints so long as 30 days notice is given to the members of the Quapaw Nation directly by certified mail, regular mail, or appropriate publicity by social media, print, and broadcast media to the major neighboring communities. The Grievance Committee shall make their determination no later than 60 days after the filing of the grievance.
 - (i) The Chairman and Business Committee each have 5 business days from the Grievance Committee's request to call a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council.
 - (ii) The Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council shall take place no later than 60 days from the Grievance Committee's initial request to the Chairman to call a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council.
- (l) The Quapaw Indian Council will give the accused notice of the allegation and an opportunity to explain conduct related to the grievance and present witnesses in his or her defense. The accused may retain a lawyer at his or her own expense. The Quapaw Indian Council shall have the power to remove the member or members for cause from office immediately or clear them of the grievance. The Quapaw Indian Council's decision is final and not appealable to any court or tribunal.
- (m) In addition to their grievance procedure, the

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Grievance Committee may submit a grievance complaint and any relevant information it obtains to the tribal prosecutor for prosecution.

- (n) In the notice given to the members of the Quapaw Nation, the 30-day notice will include the Grievance Committee's investigative report, including their determination the Quapaw Indian council is not obligated to act on that determination and reserves the right to come up with its own determination and recourse.

- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to amend the language as presented in Amendment 12 Subsection (i) through (n).
- Seconded by John E Rodgers.
- Discussion.
- Motion to accept the language of Amendment 12, as presented, passes with **Yes** – 56 votes, **No** – 11 votes, and **Abstention** – 3 votes for a total of 70 votes.

- By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council add to the Governing Resolution Subsection (i) and (n) to Section 6.1 to provide:
 - (i) The Grievance Committee may obtain legal counsel for assistance and advice payable by the Quapaw Nation. Approval from the Business Committee shall not be required. The Grievance Committee shall follow the procurement Policy of the Quapaw Nation.
 - (j) The Grievance Committee shall create policies and procedures for the Grievance Committee to be submitted to the Quapaw Indian Council. The Grievance Committee shall have the authority to request amendments or changes to its policies and procedures subject to approval by the Quapaw Indian Council. The

policies and procedures shall include but not limited to provisions for reprimand, censure, removal from office, and suspension with pay for actions the Grievance Committee determines egregious until such time that a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council takes place.

- (k) If the Grievance Committee finds cause for a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council, the Grievance

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Committee shall request the Chairman to call a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council. Should the Chairman fail to call the Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council, then the Business Committee may call the Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council. Should the Business Committee fail to call the Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council, the Grievance Committee shall have the authority, after acquiring legal counsels supporting opinion, to call a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council for the purpose of hearing and acting upon grievances or complaints so long as 30 days notice is given to the members of the Quapaw Nation directly by certified mail, regular mail, or appropriate publicity by social media, print, and broadcast media to the major neighboring communities. The Grievance Committee shall make their determination no later than 60 days after the filing of the grievance.

- (i) The Chairman and Business Committee each have 5 business days from the Grievance Committee's request to call a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council.
- (ii) The Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council shall take place no later than 60 days from the Grievance Committee's initial request to the Chairman to call a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council.
- (l) The Grievance Committee will give the accused notice of the allegation and an opportunity to explain conduct related to the grievance and present witnesses in his or her defense. The accused may retain a lawyer at his or her own expense. The Quapaw Indian Council shall have the power to remove the member or members for cause from office immediately or clear them of the grievance. The Quapaw Indian Council's decision is final and not appealable to any court or tribunal.
- (m) In addition to their grievance procedure, the Grievance Committee may submit a grievance complaint and any relevant information it obtains to the tribal prosecutor for prosecution.
- (n) In the notice given to the members of the Quapaw Nation, the 30-day notice will include the Grievance Committee's investigative report, including their determination the Quapaw Indian council is not

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obligated to act on that determination and reserves the right to come up with its own determination and recourse.

- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to amend the language as presented in Amendment 12 Subsections (j) and (l).
- Seconded by John E Rodgers.
- Motion and Second withdrawn.

- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to accept the amended language to Amendment 12 Subsection (l) as presented.
- Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
- Discussion.
- Motion to accept the language of Amendment 12 Subsection (l), as presented, passes with Yes – 49 votes, No – 7 votes, and Abstention – 0 votes for a total of 56 votes

- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to accept the amended language to Amendment 12 Subsection (j) as presented.
- Seconded by Manz McKibben.
- Discussion.
- Motion to accept the language of Amendment 12 Subsection (j), as presented, passes with Yes – 28 votes, No – 24 votes, and Abstention – 3 votes for a total of 52 votes

- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to approve adding Amendment 12 Subsections (i) through (n) of Section 6.1 to the Governing Resolution.
- Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
- Discussion.
- Motion to accept adding the language of Amendment 12 Subsection (i) through (n) of Section 6.1 to the Governing Resolution, as presented, passes with Yes – 42 votes, No – 20 votes, and Abstention – 0 votes for a total of 62 votes

- **Proposed Amendment #13.**
 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council add Subsection (m) and (n) to Section 6.1 to provide:**

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- (m) The Grievance Committee is empowered to request and receive any documents or information from every tribal entity related to any complaint so long as it is directly related to said complaint. If, in the course of an investigation, the Grievance Committee finds additional unrelated evidence of misconduct, then the Grievance Committee shall investigate said misconduct.
 - (n) Obstruction of the Grievance Committee's investigation is punishable by law and/or the Quapaw Nation's Code of Ethics, which may include removal from office by the Quapaw Indian Council.
 - Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to approve adding Amendment 13 Subsections (m) and (n) of Section 6.1 to the Governing Resolution.
 - Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
 - Discussion.
- By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council add Subpoena Language to Amendment 13 Subsection (m) to Section 6.1 to provide:
 - (m) The Grievance Committee is empowered to request subpoenas and receive any documents or information from every tribal entity related to any complaint so long as it is directly related to said complaint. If, in the course of an investigation, the Grievance Committee finds additional unrelated evidence of misconduct, then the Grievance Committee shall investigate said misconduct.
 - (o) Obstruction of the Grievance Committee's investigation is punishable by Tribal Law and/or the Quapaw Nation's Code of Ethics, which may include removal from office by the Quapaw Indian Council.
 - Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to approve adding Subpoena Language to Amendment 13 Subsections (m) of Section 6.1 to the Governing Resolution.
 - Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion to accept adding the Subpoena Language of Amendment 13 Subsection (m) of Section 6.1 to the Governing Resolution, as presented, passes with Yes – 51 votes, No – 11 votes, and Abstention – 1 vote for a total of 63 votes

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- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to approve adding amended language to Amendment 13 Subsections (m) and (n) of Section 6.1 to the Governing Resolution.
 - Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion to accept adding the amended language of Amendment 13 Subsection (m) and (n) of Section 6.1 to the Governing Resolution, as presented, passes with **Yes** – 55 votes, **No** – 10 votes, and **Abstention** – 1 vote for a total of 66 votes

- **Proposed Amendment #16.**
 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council amend Section 9 of the Governing Resolution regarding account of receipts and disbursement to strike the language:**
 - **“and shall forward copies of the minutes of meetings to the Area Director and to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.”**
 - Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to amend Amendment 16 Section 9 of the Governing Resolution regarding account of receipts and disbursement to strike the language.
 - Seconded by Virginia Mouse.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion to amend Amendment 16 Section 9 of the Governing Resolution regarding account of receipts and disbursement to strike the language passes with **Yes** – 55 votes, **No** – 4 votes, and **Abstention** – 0 votes for a total of 59 votes.

- **Proposed Amendment #17.**
 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council amend Section 9 of the Governing Resolution to replace the language “The accounts and records of Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and the general council [sic] shall be open at all times for inspection and audit by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative” and provide:**
 - **The accounts and records of the Quapaw Nation Business Committee and any Account the Secretary-Treasurer is a signatory or agent of shall be open at all times for inspection by the Grievance Committee and, when necessary, a third-party agency selected by the**

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Grievance Committee. Expenses incurred for said inspection are to be paid for from the Quapaw Nation General Fund.

- Motion by the Constitution Committee Chairman to amend proposed Amendment 17 Section 9.
 - Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion to amend Amendment 17 Section 9 of the Governing Resolution passes with **Yes** – 54 votes, **No** – 7 votes, and **Abstention** – 0 votes for a total of 61 votes.
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- **Proposed Amendment #14.**
 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council rename Section 6 to Section 6.1 and establish Section 6.2 to provide:**
 - **(a) An Ethics Commission shall be established and be comprised of five (5) Quapaw Nation Members who shall be elected by nomination from the floor at the next Quapaw Indian Council and shall not include any Member of the Business or Grievance Committees. Three (3) Members will be elected to serve a two-year term, and two (2) Members will be elected to serve a three-year term. The two (2) Members receiving the most votes in the initial vote will be the two serving the three-year term.**
 - Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to rename Amendment 14 Section 6 to Section 6.1 and establish Section 6.2 of the Governing Resolution.
 - Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
 - Discussion.

 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council rename Section 6 to Section 6.1 and establish Section 6.2 to provide:**
 - **(a) An Ethics Commission shall be established and be comprised of five (5) Quapaw Nation Members who shall be elected by nomination from the floor at the next Quapaw Indian Council and shall not include any Member of the Business or Grievance Committees or employees of the Nation or its entities. Three (3) Members will be elected to serve a two-year term, and two (2) Members will be elected to serve a three-year term. The two (2) Members receiving the most votes in the initial vote will be the two serving the three-year term.**

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- Motion by Kugee Supernaw to adopt “or employees of the Nation or its entities.” to Amendment 14.
- Seconded from the floor.
- Discussion.
- Motion to adopt “or employees of the Nation or its entities.” to Amendment 14 passes with **Yes** – 45 votes, **No** – 20 votes, and **Abstention** – 1 vote for a total of 66 votes.
- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to adopt the entire Amendment 14 as amended.
- Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
- Discussion.
- Motion to accept the entire amended language of Amendment 14, as presented, passes with **81.3%**.

- **Motion to adjourn and break until 9 a.m. on January 29, 2023, at 5:17 p.m. by Roman Kihega.**
- **Seconded from the floor.**
- **The motion passes with a vote from the floor to adjourn at 5:17 p.m. and reconvene the Special General Council Meeting on January 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Downstream Pavilion.**

IX. Call to Order: 9:21 a.m. on January 29, 2023—continuation from January 28, 2023, Special GC Meeting.

X. Invocation: Grace Goodeagle.

XI. Declaration of Quorum by Wena Supernaw.

XII. Welcome – Joseph Byrd, Chairman.

- The Chairman hands the meeting to the Constitution Committee Chairman, Roman Kihega.
- **Proposed Amendment #15.**
 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council adopt a Code of Ethics to be administered by the Ethics Commission and amend the Governing Resolution to add Subsection 6.2 (b), (c), and (d) to provide:**
 - **(b) After the initial election of the Ethics Commission officers, the Ethics Commission shall prepare a Code of Ethics to be approved by the Quapaw Indian Council.**

The Code of Ethics shall be prepared by the next meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council or at a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council.

- **(c) The Code of Ethics shall contain provisions for**

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Conflicts of Interest, Procurement, Illicit and Prohibited Conduct, Abuse of Power, Retaliation, Gifts Received, Undue Influence, Violations of the Ethics Code and Penalties, Ethics Commission Procedures for Complaints, Resolving Conflicts or Matters, Exceptions, and Confidential Information.

- (d) The Ethics Commission will have the authority to amend the Code of Ethics. Amendments to the code of Ethics are effective upon approval by the Quapaw Indian Council.
- (e) All Committees, elected and appointed officials shall adhere to the Code of Ethics.
- (f) Any Committees or individuals with a complaint may seek the assistance of the Ethics Commission as the committees or individuals deems necessary.

- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to adopt a Code of Ethics and amend the Governing Resolution to add Subsection 6.2 (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).
- Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
- Discussion.

- By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council amend the language presented for Amendment 15 to adopt a Code of Ethics to be administered by the Ethics Commission and amend the Governing Resolution to add Subsection 6.2 (b), (c), and (d) to provide:
 - (b) After the initial election of the Code of Ethics Commission Officers, the Ethics Commission shall

prepare a Code of Ethics to be approved by the Quapaw Indian Council. The Code of Ethics shall be prepared, and a draft presented no less than 30 days before the next meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council or at a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council.

- (c) The code of Ethics must contain provisions for Conflicts of Interest, Procurement, Illicit and Prohibited Conduct, Abuse of Power, Retaliation, Gifts Received, Undue Influence, Violations of the Ethics Code, and Penalties, Ethics Commission Procedures for Complaints, Resolving Conflicts or Matters, Exceptions, and Confidential Information.
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Ethics are effective upon approval by the Quapaw Indian Council. Any proposed amendment can be presented at a Special Meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council called for the purpose of amending the Code of Ethics. A Special Meeting called for the purpose of amending the Code of Ethics shall be called within 60 days of the request from the Ethics Commission.

- (e) All Committees elected and appointed officials shall adhere to the Code of Ethics.
- (f) Any Committee or individual with a complaint may seek the assistance of the Ethics Commission as the committee or individual deems necessary.

- Motion from the Constitution Committee Chairman to approve the amended language of Amendment 15.
- Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
- Discussion.
- Motion to approve the amended language of Amendment 15 passes with **Yes** – 56 votes, **No** – 6 votes, and **Abstention** – 3 votes for a total of 65 votes.

- Motion by John E. Rodgers to adopt the amended language of Amendment 15.
- Seconded by Roman Kihega.
- Discussion.
- Motion to adopt the amended language of Amendment 15 passes with **Yes** – 56 votes, **No** – 4 votes, and **Abstention** – 3 votes for a total of 63 votes.

- **Proposed Amendment #6.**
 - **By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council will amend the Governing Resolution Subsection 4 to add Subsection 4 (d) to provide “unless changed by a vote of the Quapaw Indian Council, the Business Committee shall oversee all Quapaw Nation commissions, agencies, instrumentalities, and entities and each Quapaw Nation entity Charter or organic document is hereby amended to include the provision that no Business Committee Member may be a member of those entities of governing boards. This Section and Section 4 (c) will be effective six (6) months from the day of passage of this provision.**

 - Motion to remove Amendment 6 from the table by Virginia Mouse.

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- Seconded by Roman Kihega.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion to remove Amendment 6 from the table passes with **Yes** – 51 votes, **No** – 15 votes, and **Abstention** – 0 votes for a total of 66 votes.
- **Chairman breaks for lunch recess.**
 - **Return from recess.**
 - Motion by the Constitution Committee Chairman to adopt the language of Amendment 6.
 - Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
 - Discussion.
 - By Majority vote, shall the Quapaw Indian Council will amend the Governing Resolution Subsection 4 to add Subsection 4 (d) to provide “unless changed by a vote of the Quapaw Indian Council, all Quapaw Nation commissions, agencies, instrumentalities, and entities shall report to the Business Committee this excludes any commissions or instrumentalities elected by and answerable to the Quapaw Indian Council each Quapaw Nation entity Charter or Committee Member may be Charter, or organic document is hereby amended to include the provision that no Business Committee Member may be a member of those entities governing boards. This Section and Section 4 (c) shall be effective six (6) months from the day of passage of this provision. This six-month grace period shall be allowed for the reorganization of the entities if this removal amendment is adopted.”
 - Motion by the Constitution Committee Chairman to amend the main motion of the language of Amendment 6.
 - Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion to amend the main motion of the language of Amendment 6 passes with **Yes** – 33 votes, **No** – 19 votes, and **Abstention** – 5 votes for a total of 57 votes.
 - Motion by the Constitution Committee Chairman to adopt the language of Amendment 6 as amended.
 - Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
 - Discussion.

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- Motion to adopt the language of Amendment 6 as amended passes with **Yes** – 28 votes, **No** – 25 votes, and **Abstention** – 0 votes for a total of 53 votes.
- **Future Constitutional Committee Priorities.**
 - Discussion from the floor.
 - Motion by JoKay Dowell to reconsider Amendment 9.
 - Seconded by John E. Rodgers.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion to reconsider Amendment 9 fails with **Yes** – 14 votes, **No** – 24 votes, and **Abstention** – 1 vote for a total of 39 votes.
 - Motion by Chance Turley to reconsider Amendment 14.
 - Seconded by Kari Sisson.
 - Discussion.
 - Motion to reconsider Amendment 14 fails with **Yes** – 13 votes, **No** – 23 votes, and **Abstention** – 2 votes for a total of 38 votes.
 - Motion by Roman Kihega to request a resolution and vote by the Business Committee to call a special election for the approved amendments that this body has voted on.
 - Business Committee Chairman accepts that motion, and that action item will be placed at the next monthly Business Committee Meeting in February.
- XIII. Adjournment:** 3:05 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn made by Grace Goodeagle.
 - Seconded by Candace Byrd.
 - Motion to adjourn passed by unanimous consent.
- XIV. Benediction:** Grace Goodeagle.

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/s/ Wena Supernaw
Wena Supernaw, BC Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes Prepared in
Accordance with Robert's
Rules of Order
By: /s/ Steva Stand
Interim BC Executive Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The minutes were approved by a motion and
unanimous vote of the Quapaw Nation General
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