



## MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

Special Call Tribal Council Meeting

Tribal Council Chamber

June 29, 2022

- 1) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-085(B)** A Resolution to Approve Two Absolute Relinquishments of Membership in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

**YES: 14** (Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 3** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Michael Briscoe, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution approves two absolute relinquishments of membership in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians for M.L.J (DOB: 07/01/1967) and M.A.W. (DOB: 06/16/1974). In accordance with Title XXII-Tribal Enrollment Code §22-4-1, any adult MBCI Tribal member may voluntarily relinquish their MBCI Tribal membership provided that both the Tribal Enrollment Committee and the Tribal Council approve the relinquishment. For more information, please contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment.

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- 2) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-086(B)** A Resolution to Approve Increases in Blood Degree for Previously Enrolled Tribal Members **(\*\*TABLED\*\*)**

**YES: 14** (Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 3** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Micheal Briscoe, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution to approve an increase in blood degree for previously enrolled Tribal members is Tabled. In accordance with Title XXII-Tribal Enrollment Code §22-2-8, a person may submit an application for change in blood quantum calculation based upon new or additional information about paternity or maternity. The Tribal Enrollment Committee previously approved an increase in blood degree for seven (7) previously enrolled Tribal members. For more information, please contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment.

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- 3) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-087(B)** A Resolution to Enroll Tribal Members

**YES: 14** (Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**



**ABSENT: 3** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Michael Briscoe, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution approves Tribal Enrollment for forty-two (42) persons beginning with the name N. Amos and ending with K. York. With the adoption of the Resolution, there are 11,014 enrolled Tribal members in the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. For more information, please contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment.

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- 4) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-088** A Resolution to Authorize J.A. Gipson Advisors, PLLC to Perform Legal Services for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution authorizes J. Andrew Gipson of J.A. Gipson Advisors, PLLC to perform legal services for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. The legal services are associated with preparation of the petition to the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier authorized to sell high-speed broadband service to low-income households that qualify under FCC’s “lifeline” program. For more information, please contact the Office of the Attorney General.

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- 5) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-089** A Resolution to Place Bass, Berry and Sims PLC, Branning Law Firm, P.A., and Chaudhuri Law Office, PLLC on the List of Attorneys Authorized to Perform Legal Services for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution authorizes Bass, Berry and Sims PLC, Branning Law Firm, P.A., and Chaudhuri Law Office, PLLC to perform legal services for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Bass, Berry and Sims PLC will provide legal services advising the Tribe on issues related to economic development in Lauderdale County, Tennessee. The Branning Law Firm, P.A., will provide general legal services and real estate services for the Tribe. The Chaudhuri Law Office, PLLC will provide the Choctaw Gaming Commission regular consultation, legal research and the drafting of legal documents and policies for the Choctaw



Gaming Commission. For more information, please contact the Office of the Attorney General and the Choctaw Gaming Commission.

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6) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-090** A Resolution to Approve a Commercial Land Assignment with Real-Time Laboratories, LLC

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution approves a Commercial Land Assignment between the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians d/b/a Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise and Real-Time Laboratories, LLC for a duration of five (5) years. The assigned space is approximately 32,442 square feet within the Choctaw Techparc in the Pearl River Community. For more information, please contact the Choctaw Shopping Center.

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7) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-091** A Resolution to Approve the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Tribal Scholarship Program Revised Policies and Procedures

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution approves the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Tribal Scholarship Program Revised Policies and Procedures. The Tribal Scholarship Program identified areas requiring revisions to the current Tribal Scholarship Program Policies and Procedures and the revised policies and procedures shall become effective immediately. For more information, please contact the Tribal Scholarship Program.

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8) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-092** A Resolution to Approve the 2022-2023 Budget for the Choctaw Tribal Schools

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**



**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution approves the 2022-2023 budget for the Choctaw Tribal Schools in the aggregate amount of \$53,090,305. For more information, please contact the Department of Schools.

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- 9) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-093** A Resolution to Approve the 2022-2023 Policy Handbooks for the Choctaw Tribal Schools

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution approves the following Choctaw Tribal Schools' policy handbooks: (1) 2022-2023 Choctaw Tribal Schools' Parent and Student Handbook; (2) 2022-2023 Choctaw Tribal Schools' Staff Handbook; (3) 2022-2023 Choctaw Central Dormitory Student Handbook; and (4) 2022-2023 Choctaw Virtual Learning Center Handbook. For more information, please contact the Department of Schools.

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- 10) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-094** A Resolution to Authorize the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Choctaw Tribal Schools to Participate in the Child Nutrition Statewide Purchasing Program with the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution authorizes the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Choctaw Tribal Schools to participate in the Child Nutrition Statewide Purchasing Program with the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition. The U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") provides funding for the Child Nutrition Program which provides students enrolled at Choctaw Tribal Schools with nutritional breakfasts, lunches, and after school snacks. For more information, please contact the Department of Schools.

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- 11) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-095** A Resolution to Authorize the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Department of Family and Community Services, Choctaw Food Distribution Program



to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Mississippi Food Network and the Mississippi Department of Human Services

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution authorizes the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Department of Family and Community Services, Choctaw Food Distribution Program to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") with the Mississippi Food Network and the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The MBCI Commodity Supplemental Food Program participants are prohibited from also participating in the Commodity Supplemental Food Programs operated by the Mississippi Food Network and the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The MOA will enable communication between Commodity Supplemental Food Programs that is needed to prevent and detect dual participation in those programs. For more information, please contact the Department of Family and Community Services.

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12) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-096(B)** A Resolution to Approve a Right-of-Way in Favor of Central Electric Power Association in the Standing Pine Community

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution approves a right-of-way in favor of Central Electric Power Association in the Standing Pine Community. MBCI Tribal member Patsy Tubby requested that Central Electric Power Association install a service light at her residence in the Standing Pine Community. For more information, please contact the Office of Economic Development.

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13) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-097(B)** A Resolution to Designate Sites in the Conehatta Community for Development, Maintenance and Administration of Single-Family Housing Units by Choctaw Housing Authority

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**



**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution approves designating two sites for the development, maintenance, and administration of single-family housing units by Choctaw Housing Authority. The Choctaw Housing Authority proposes to construct two single-family housing units on one acre each on Hoyo Pace Extension in Conehatta, Mississippi. For more information, please contact the Choctaw Housing Authority.

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- 14) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-098(B)** A Resolution to Approve a Land Use Permit for Mariah Lewis in the Pearl River Community

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution approves a one (1) year land use permit for Mariah Lewis to build a single-family home on Jim Road in the Pearl River Community. For more information, please contact the Office of Economic Development.

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- 15) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-099(B)** A Resolution to Approve the Assignment of a Residential Lease to Earl Farmer and to Approve a Right-of-Way in Favor of Central Electric Power Association in the Pearl River Community

**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution approves a residential lease to Earl Farmer in the Pearl River Community. The Resolution also approves a right-of-way in favor of Central Electric Power Association to install a power line at the residence of Earl Farmer located on Mississippi Highway 16 in the Pearl River Community. For more information, please contact the Office of Economic Development.

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- 16) **RESOLUTION CHO 22-100** A Resolution to Authorize the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw Health Center, to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mississippi State University to Collaborate on a Demographic and Health Survey



**YES: 15** (Michael Briscoe, Christopher Eaves, Nigel Gibson, Ronnie Henry, Sr., Angela Hundley, Richard Isaac, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Martin, Wilma McMillan, Demando Mingo, Hilda Nickey, Gregory Shoemake, Richard Sockey, Timothy Thomas, Sr., Kent Wesley)

**NO: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2** (Loriann Ahshapanek, Kendall Wallace)

**SUMMARY:** The Resolution authorizes the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw Health Center, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mississippi State University to collaborate on a demographic and health survey. For more information, please contact the Choctaw Health Center.

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To request a copy of the Resolution and/or attachment, please fill out a request for a Resolution/Ordinance form and submit it to the Policy & Legislative Office at [krystina.thompson@choctaw.org](mailto:krystina.thompson@choctaw.org). Requests for attachments to Tribal Enrollment Resolutions will not be honored due to confidentiality rules.