

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-055

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS'
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES NEW FOSTER HOME
LICENSURE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (c) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to establish procedures for the conduct of all tribal government and business operations, including the regulation of conflict of interest and nepotism; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 1979, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution 21-80, which established a Department of Family Services and a Department of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 1983, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 01-84(A), which consolidated the Department of Family Services and the Department of Community Development into the newly established Department of Family and Community Services ("DFCS"); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reorganized MBCI's DFCS through adoption of Resolutions CHO 21-99 and CHO 09-092; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 1984, the Tribal Council adopted licensure standards for Choctaw foster homes in Resolution CHO 143-84; and

WHEREAS, the DFCS, under the auspice of the Children and Family Service ("CFS"), oversees Choctaw foster homes; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Home Licensure Standards and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit "A" establishes the standards and procedures that the CFS will follow in licensing and overseeing Choctaw foster homes; and

WHEREAS, the Community and Family Services & Veteran Affairs Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the Foster Home Licensure Standards and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 12 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 5th day of June, 2025; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 12 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

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Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-056

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS'
TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (c) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to establish procedures for the conduct of all tribal government and business operations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has operated the Tribally funded Tribal Scholarship Program since 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Scholarship Program has identified areas requiring revisions to the current Tribal Scholarship Program Policies and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Scholarship Program Policies and Procedures were last amended and approved through Resolutions CHO 06-076, CHO 11-054, CHO 13-057, CHO 22-091 and CHO 24-038; and

WHEREAS, the revised Tribal Scholarship Program Policies and Procedures are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the revised Tribal Scholarship Program Policies and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Scholarship Program Policies and Procedures shall become effective upon adoption of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 12 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 5th day of June, 2025; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 12 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-057

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH COURT
JUDGE TO THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL COURTS

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 16-SS, the Tribal Council streamlined the Tribal Court system and divided it into the four areas of civil court, adult criminal court, youth court and peacemaker/mediation court; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chief nominates judicial appointments to serve a term of four (4) years, and the Tribal Council confirms these appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chief has nominated Shanna Burr for Youth Court Judge to fulfill the appointment term of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee has evaluated the competency and qualifications of the candidate and recommends the candidate be confirmed; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the judicial appointment of Shanna Burr as Youth Court Judge to the Choctaw Tribal Courts effective June 5, 2025, and to fulfill a four (4) year term ending on the date of the Regular Call Tribal Council Meeting on July 10, 2029, or until a successor has been duly nominated and confirmed for a subsequent term.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 12 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 5th day of June, 2025; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 12 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-058

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 25-004 the Tribal Council streamlined the appellate court structure and procedures for the Choctaw Tribal Court System; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chief nominates judicial appointments to serve a term of four (4) years, and the Tribal Council confirms these appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Associate Justices of the Choctaw Supreme Court serve a four-year staggered term; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chief has nominated Christopher Collins for Associate Justice of the Choctaw Supreme Court to fulfill the appointment term of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee has evaluated the competency and qualifications of the candidate pursuant to Section 1-3-4(2) of the Choctaw Tribal Code and recommends the candidate be confirmed; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the judicial appointment of Christopher Collins as Associate Justice of the Choctaw Supreme Court effective June 5, 2025, and to fulfill a four (4) year term ending on the date of the Regular Call Tribal Council Meeting on October 9, 2029 or until a successor has been duly nominated and confirmed for a subsequent term.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 12 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 5th day of June, 2025; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 12 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:


Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief


Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-059

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE OF
THE SUPREME COURT

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 25-004 the Tribal Council streamlined the appellate court structure and procedures for the Choctaw Tribal Court System; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chief nominates judicial appointments to serve a term of four (4) years, and the Tribal Council confirms these appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chief has nominated Holly Peters for Chief Justice of the Choctaw Supreme Court to fulfill the appointment term of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, section 1-3-4 of the Choctaw Tribal Code states in part that the Chief Justice's qualifications shall be the same as 1-3-3(1) of the Choctaw Tribal Code and have at least three (3) years of judicial experience; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court serves as the principal judicial officer for the court system and is responsible for the administration of matters affecting the entire court system, and serves as senior judge of the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee has evaluated the competency and qualifications of the candidate pursuant to Section 1-3-3(3) of the Choctaw Tribal Code and recommends the candidate be confirmed; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Affairs and Law & Order Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm the judicial appointment of Holly Peters as Chief Justice of the Choctaw Supreme Court effective June 5, 2025, and to fulfill a four (4) year term ending on the date of the Regular Call Tribal Council Meeting on October 9, 2029 or until a successor has been duly nominated and confirmed for a subsequent term.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, certify that the Tribal Council of said Band is composed of 17 members, 12 of whom, constituting a quorum were present at a Special Call meeting duly called, noticed, convened and held this the 5th day of June, 2025; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly Adopted by a vote of 12 members in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief



Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-060

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS DERIVED FROM GAMING FACILITY PATRON DONATIONS AND SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE FEES

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (g) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to approve or disapprove all allocations or disbursement of Tribal funds (or funds under the control of the Tribe) not specifically approved or authorized in a budget approved by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 1999, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 01-010, which established Choctaw Resort Development Enterprise (hereinafter "CRDE") as a business entity wholly owned by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2020, the Governor of the State of Mississippi signed Senate Bill 2288, which established a specialty license plate for MBCI tribal members and their descendants; and

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. §27-19-56.371 provides that MBCI will receive a portion of the additional fee for each specialty license plate; and

WHEREAS, CRDE no longer provides exact change to gaming facility patrons and instead gives those patrons the option to donate their change to a Tribal program of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the allocation of funds derived from gaming facility patron donations as shown in document attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby allocate all funds derived from specialty license plates fees to the Tribal Revenue Land Purchase Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve allocations of funds derived from gaming facility patron donations to the Tribal programs chosen by those patrons on an ongoing basis, provided that the Secretary-Treasurer submits reports of those allocations to the Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION

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Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

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Christopher Eaves, Secretary-Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

RESOLUTION CHO 25-061

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Section 1, Subsection (k) of Article VIII of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ("MBCI" or the "Tribe") empowers the Tribal Council to promote and protect the health, peace, morals, education, and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 1988, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 22-89 which authorized a self-determination contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Tribe to operate the Choctaw Tribal Schools beginning July 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1989, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CHO 96-89 which acknowledged that the Tribal Council would become the governing body of the Choctaw Tribal Schools; and

WHEREAS, each year the Choctaw Tribal School System is required to submit a proposed budget for approval of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 budget for Choctaw Tribal Schools begins July 1, 2025, and is listed as follows:

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| ISEP | |
| Basic Instruction/Language | \$19,774,451 |
| Dormitory | \$1,624,580 |
| Special Education-ISEP | \$3,100,580 |
| Talented and Gifted | \$1,197,060 |
| Transportation | \$1,662,519 |
| School Administration | \$5,430,680 |
| Food Services | \$2,527,033 |
| Summer Feeding | \$69,200 |
| F.A.C.E. | \$357,662 |
| O & M | \$5,751,587 |
| Tribal Revenue (supp. various programs) | \$2,571,833 |
| Program Income | \$388,244 |
| Title I | \$7,369,969 |
| Special Education | |
| IDEA | \$5,343,797 |
| Infant/Toddler | \$221,837 |
| Early Intervention | \$428,900 |
| Johnson-O'Malley | \$32,133 |
| Title VI | \$485,795 |
| TOTAL | \$58,308,042 |

WHEREAS, the above budget includes a total of \$4,449,583 of Tribal Revenue including: \$2,571,833 to supplement various programs; \$648,809 for supplementation of the school facilities O&M budget; and \$1,228,941 for supplementation of the food services program; and

WHEREAS, the above budget includes Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Part B supplemental for special education programs and related activities from the Bureau of Indian Education, which requires Tribal assurances of eligibility requirements in accordance with Public Law 108-446; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe does hereby formally adopt the IDEA Part B application assurances, in accordance with Public Law 108-446 as long as the federal statutes and regulations referenced therein apply of their own force to Tribally Controlled Schools Act ("TCSA") schools (where no Tribal consent is required to make them applicable), but the Tribe does not consent to the application of any such statutes or regulations for the following: (1) that do not apply of their own force in the absence of tribal consent; or (2) which are otherwise made inapplicable to TCSA schools by federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee has reviewed this Resolution and is recommended to be forwarded to the Tribal Council for approval; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the 2025-2026 Choctaw Tribal Schools Budget in the aggregate amount of \$58,308,042 attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve the 2025-2026 IDEA Part B supplemental funding assurances, in accordance with Public Law 108-446, attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chief to amend the 2025-2026 Choctaw Tribal Schools Budget based on the availability of federal and general revenue funds and to move expenditures among approved line items and any increase in Tribal revenue funds must receive approval of the Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION

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