

Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

MINUTES

September 16, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building
808 Morris Rd
Tribal Reserve

Misty M. Nuttle – President
Jordan Kanuho – Vice-President
George Gardipe – Secretary
Carol Chapman – Treasurer

Cynthia Butler- First Council Seat
Dawna Hare – Second Council Seat
Carol L. Nuttle – Third Council Seat
Jenifer Gover LittleSun – Fourth Council Seat

I. Call to Order & Invocation

Madame President Nuttle called the meeting to order at 9:20 am. Secretary Gardipe gave the invocation.

II. Roll Call – Declaration of Quorum

Secretary George Gardipe called the roll: Misty M Nuttle – here, Jordan Kanuho – here, George Gardipe – here, Carol Chapman – here, Cynthia Butler – excused, Dawna Hare – excused, Carol Nuttle – here, and Jenifer Gover LittleSun – here. Quorum established. Dawna Hare arrived at 6:26pm.

III. Approval of Agenda

ADD: New Business 13. Discussion and/or action on HIP Policies & Procedures

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for September 16, 2025, with changes, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Carol Nuttle – no, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for September 2, 2025

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting minutes for September 2, 2025, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – abstain, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

V. Pawnee Business Council Travel Report & Request

Councilwoman Gover-LittleSun presented the travel report; she noted that she and Madame President Nuttle attended the following virtual consultations:

- U.S Department of Treasury Tribal Consultation
 - Topic: Adoption Tax Credit
 - Update: Tribal determination is being added to the credit, allowing tribal courts and customary adoptions to be recognized.
 - Madame President Nuttle spoke on the call, highlighting cultural values and barriers in tribal adoptions
- FEMA Tribal Consultation
 - Topic: Tribal needs and communication gaps with federal agencies

The following council members made the following travel requests:

President Nuttle and Councilwoman Gover-LittleSun:

- UINO Meeting – October 8, 2025, in Tulsa at Osage Casino
- Oklahoma Healthcare Authority Tribal Consultation – December 2, 2025, in Shawnee at Grand Hotel & Casino
- Department of Education Tribal Consultation – Date unspecified, in Ponca City, regarding Oklahoma academic standards and Native American history content.

Councilwoman Nuttle:

- UINO Meeting
- Oklahoma Healthcare Authority Tribal Consultation

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Travel Report & Requests, seconded by Carol Nuttle.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

VI. Pawnee Business Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Gover LittleSun presents on the following:

- Governing Documents Committee
 - Constitution Convention Update:
 - Six delegates volunteered to form a core planning team for public forums to educate citizens on proposed constitutional changes.
 - Forums will be held in Pawnee, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City, with hybrid (in-person and virtual) attendance options.
 - Visual materials will be shared viz website, social media, and outreach to elders and programs.
 - Liquor Commission Code Review:
 - Reviewed reline edits from the Attorney General's office.
 - Advanced the draft to a 30-day public comment period.
 - Draft will return to the committee for final input after comments are reviewed.

- Tax Code Review:
 - Completed public comment period.
 - Committee is reviewing feedback and will forward the final version to the council for approval.
- Election Commission Act Update
 - Under review for necessary updates
 - Will be vetted and sent to council for approval
- Legislative Tracker
 - Created to monitor multiple legislative activities and updates

VII. New Business

1. Approval of Resolution #25-62 Election Chair Reappointment

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve Resolution #25-62 Election Chair Reappointment for Cecelia Hawkins, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe— yes, Carol Chapman— no, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

2. Approval of Resolution #25-63 Election Sergeant-At-Arm Reappointment

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve Resolution #25-63 Election Sergeant-At-Arm Reappointment for Catherine Moore, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe— yes, Carol Chapman— yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

3. Approval to withdraw Resolution #25-51 TERO Commission Appointment

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to withdraw Resolution #25-51 TERO Commission Appointment, seconded by Carol Chapman.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe— yes, Carol Chapman— yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

4. Approval of Resolution #25-64 New Member -Enrollment

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve Resolution #25-64 New Member -Enrollment, with changes, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

5. Approval of Resolution #25-65 Deceased Member- Enrollment

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve Resolution #25-65 Deceased Member - Enrollment, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

6. Approval of Resolution #25-66 Conditional Relinquishment- Enrollment

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve Resolution #25-66 Conditional Relinquishment- Enrollment, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

7. Approval of Resolution #25-67 Conditional Relinquishment- Enrollment

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve Resolution #25-67 Conditional Relinquishment- Enrollment, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

8. Approval of Resolution #25-68 Conditional Relinquishment- Enrollment

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve Resolution #25-68 Conditional Relinquishment- Enrollment, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

9. Approval of Resolution #25-69 Utility Commission Appointment

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve Resolution #25-69 Utility Commission Appointment for James Rice, seconded by Carol Nuttle.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

10. Approval of Tribal Management Grant Contract Amendment

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve the Tribal Management Grant Contract Amendment, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- no, Carol Nuttle – abstain, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

11. Budget Committee Recommendations

- a. Approval of 1067 Special Projects- Enbridge Christmas Party Donation**

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve 1067 Special Projects- Enbridge Christmas Party Donation, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

12. Discussion and/or action on Praise Ad for Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma Candidate

Councilwoman Hare arrived

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve a half-page ad to be purchased out of the Pawnee Business Council Budget, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

13. Discussion and/or action on HIP Policies and Procedures

Items discussed include:

Treasurer Chapman initiated the discussion asking:

- Have citizens been informed about HIP being added to the compact?
- Is there a department or director overseeing HIP?
- Are policies and procedures in place?
- Is Pawnee Nation acting a pass-through for BIA Funds?
- Or will HIP become a full program with applications and procedures?

Madame President clarified:

- HIP is currently under the Planning Department
- The Funding came from BIA for a specific elder's home project
- The program is not yet fully established as a recurring service
- Suggested Planning Department should submit a budget during budget calls to formalize the program

Madame President Nuttle explained:

- Many self-governance programs operate as pass-throughs.
- HIP funding was a one-time award, not a full program yet.
- Future funding would require negotiation and budget planning

Executive Director, Virgil Wade stated:

- He was unaware of any current SOPs
- Would follow up with Planning Department Director Ms. Howell Garcia

Treasurer Chapman emphasized:

- The application for the HIP award was incomplete (missing financials of all homeowners)
- This could jeopardize the Nation's clean audit record.
- She intends to contact the BIA Assistant Secretary for clarification and formal guidance

Madame President and councilwoman Gover-LittleSun clarified:

- The compact and funding agreement are separate documents
- Amendments are standard for receiving project specific funds.
- HIP was added to this amendment to allow the BIA to transfer funds for a specific project.

Vice-President Kanuho asked:

- Can Pawnee Nation negotiate future HIP funding to serve more citizens?
- What is the process to establish HIP as a full program?

Madame President Nuttle and Councilwoman Gover-LittleSun responded:

- Yes, the Nation can negotiate future funding.
- Must submit a budget and define program scope.
- Housing Authority should be involved in future planning.

Vice-President Kanuho stressed:

- The importance of fairness and transparency.
- Citizens should be informed and have equal access to services.
- Suggests inviting BIA to present on HIP processes clarify confusion.

Councilwoman Gover LittleSun proposed:

- To invite BIA to present on HIP process and include citizen testimonials to educate the council and public.

VIII. Executive Session

Motion made by George Gardipe to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

1. Discussion and/or action on Maltsberger Construction LLC Contract for Self-Governance Housing Improvement Plan

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to exit out of Executive Session, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

COUNCIL ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion and/or action on Maltsberger Construction LLC Contract for Self-Governance Housing Improvement Plan

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to deny the Maltsberger Construction LLC Contract for Self-Governance Housing Improvement Plan, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe- yes, Carol Chapman- no, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – abstain, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

IX. Open Forums

Lianna Teter had the following concerns:

- About urgent home foundation repairs and confusion around HIP.
- Clarification provided:
 - HIP funding is limited and comes from the BIA not the tribe.
 - Applications should be submitted to the BIA regional office (Anadarko)
 - Income eligibility is 150% of the federal poverty guideline.
 - The program is slow; applicants may wait 5-6 years.

- The tribe may assist with applications but does not administer the program directly.

Ann Collins presents the following:

- Thanked the council for support with the Grandparents Day Celebration
- Acknowledge contributions from
 - First Bank & Trust of Pawnee
 - Tax Commission
 - PBC for facilities and postage
- Shared stories of elders who appreciate the event but cannot attend due to age or distance.

Steve Campos submitted several questions online:

- Can anyone on PBC explain besides Mr. Gardipe briefly explain the Pawnee Nation TERO Law Ordinance. It is our EEOC law that grants Pawnee preference and hiring and contracting within our jurisdiction.
- How long has TERO not had a full functioning commission of five?
- I submitted my application and letter to be considered for the TERO Commission. What is the status and how many applicants have been submitted for TERO Commission? Can PBC address this with communications?
- There's no prompt for the TERO office. I'd like to request the nation automatic automated answering service add TERO in prompt number nine.
- When was the last audit TERO performed on TDC and any construction contracts within the last 18 months?
- Please consider my request to be on the TERO Commission. Consider my experience as a former TERO director and bachelor's degree in business management. When will the TERO Commissioners be selected?

Upcoming Events and announcements, from Jamie Nelson:

- Wednesday, September 17:
 - GED Prep Class at 2pm-5pm, Education building
 - Blitz and Win Hot Seat at 7pm-9pm, StoneWolf Casino
 - AA support group at 7pm, SAP Building
- Thursday, September 18:
 - 4 Bands Market at 12:30pm-5:30pm
 - Wellbriety Meeting at noon, SAP Building
 - Aerobics with Lesa at 5:30pm-6:30pm, Wellness Center Gym
 - Pawnee Dungeons and Dragons Game at 6pm-7pm, Community Center
 - Gridiron Wins Wheel game at 7pm-8pm, StoneWolf Casino
 - Field Goal Fortune at 7pm-9pm, Trading Post Casino
- Friday, September 19:
 - Fall Cedar Blessing at 8am, Building 64 Lawn
 - 4 Bands Market at 12:30pm-5:30pm
 - Home Football Game, Pawnee Black Bears, kickoff at 7pm
- Saturday, September 20:

- Fall Feast Dance – Sponsored by Nasharo Council, PBC and Pawnee Veterans at noon, Campgrounds
- Circus in Pawnee at Steam Engine Show, shows time at 2:30pm & 4:30pm
- Quick Snap Cash at 1pm-3pm, Trading Post Casino
- Red Zone Rumble at 6pm-9pm, StoneWolf Casino
- Sunday, September 21:
 - Birthday Handgame for Phyllis Gover at noon, RoamChief
 - End Zone Rush Hot Seats at 7pm-9pm, TeePee Casino
- Wednesday, September 24:
 - Handgame for Indigenous Lactation Counseling Training at 5:30pm, RoamChief
- Saturday, September 27:
 - BBQ from 1pm-3pm, Roundhouse
 - Start of Lactation Counselor Training at 9am-5pm, Multipurpose Building
- Sunday, September 28:
 - Standing Bear Powwow – Ponca City (Pawnee Veteran's as Color Guards, Descendants as Host Guard Clan)
- Monday, September 29:
 - Brave Women's Group Shaw Class at 11am-2pm, RoamChief
- Tuesday, September 30:
 - Diabetes Screening Fair at 10am-2pm, RoamChief
 - PBC and TDC Joint Meeting at 5:30pm,

X. Set the Next Meeting Date

The next Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting has been scheduled for October 7, 2025, at 9:00 am at the Multipurpose Building.

XI. Adjournment

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to adjourn, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Dawna Hare– ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle – yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 8:46 pm.

Approved: October 7, 2025
Date

Misty M. Nuttle, President
Pawnee Business Council

George Gardipe, Secretary
Pawnee Business Council