

**HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL  
2024 ANNUAL MEETING  
KALAHARI CONVENTION CENTER  
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024  
10:00 A.M.**

General Council will follow a standard form of operations as adopted by the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council through Resolution 10.20.07C that will utilize the following guidelines for conducting a meeting:

- I. Admission** – Registration will open at 8:00 am
- II. Roll Call** – Established through registration.
- III. Call to Order:** - Master of Ceremonies will supply continued updates on attaining quorum.
- IV. Determination of quorum** – Master of Ceremonies will be established through electronic registration and Confirmation of quorum will be tested throughout the day by random sampling/electronic voting.
- V. Prayer and Song**
- VI. Selection of Presiding Chair of the General Council** – When quorum is attained, the General Council shall select either the President or another person to conduct the meeting.
  - A. Nominations shall be made from the floor; the floor will be open for five (5) minutes.
    1. Any Ho-Chunk Nation member may nominate any enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation member present.
    2. There must be a motion to close nominations from the floor before voting on chairperson.
- VII. Presiding Chair shall appoint the Recording Secretary.**
  - A. The Chairperson shall select a Ho-Chunk Nation member as the official Recording Secretary.
  - B. The Recording Secretary shall record all business of the General Council meeting.
  - C. The Recording Secretary may ask for assistance; however there will be only one official Recording Secretary for the General Council Meeting.
- VIII. Meeting Minutes** – The Recording Secretary shall take, or cause to be taken, minutes of the meeting. The minutes shall include the minimum, the following:

1. Time of meeting called to order.
2. Roll Call
3. Time quorum was established
4. Record if at any time quorum was lost and regained.
5. A record or summary of all motions, proposals, resolutions or other matter formally voted upon, with the results of the vote.
6. Times when body is recessed if applicable.
7. Time of Adjournment.

It is also the responsibility of the recording secretary to submit the Official signed minutes of the General Council to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature no less than five (5) days after the General Council has adjourned.

**IX. Sergeant at arms** – The Bear Clan peacekeepers of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be the designated security to insure safety and order of the meeting. Duties include:

- A. Maintain Order
- B. Remove from premises any member(s) who displays any lack of respect after 3 warnings.
- C. Assist the Presiding Chair to maintain order during the meeting.

**X. Agenda** – General Council will follow a standard form of operations as accepted by Ho-Chunk Nation that will utilize the following guidelines for conducting a meeting:

- A. Roll Call
- B. Call to order
- C. Determination of quorum
- D. Opening Prayer and Song
- E. Meeting Minutes (previous general council meeting)
- F. Reports:
  1. Legislative Branch
  2. Judicial Branch

**G. Unfinished Business**

**H. New Business**

- a. Ho-Chunk Nation Members are responsible for their own agenda item.
- b. Agenda items will be offered from the floor; the floor will be open for 15 minutes.
- c. Agenda shall be approved by vote.
- d. However, if the General Council has been called for a Special Meeting, the Special Meeting item shall be the first order of business.

**XI. Procedures for motions.** - All persons are to use a microphone.

- A. The Ho-Chunk Nation member shall identify their membership to the Presiding Chair by name, and enrollment number. That person shall have five (5) minutes to present motion/resolution, more time if deemed necessary by Presiding Chair.
- B. There must be a second to every motion.
- C. When deemed appropriate the presiding chairperson will call for the question, end the discussion and voting will begin.

**XII. Voting**

- A. Voting on all matters that come before the General Council meeting shall be restricted to enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation members 18 years old and older.
- B. Each vote requires that a quorum must be present.
- C. A simple majority vote shall determine the pass or failure of motions and/or resolution with the following exceptions:

**1. Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution Article II – Membership**

*3. **Re-enrollment by General Council.** Any person at least one-fourth (1/4) Ho-Chunk blood who has relinquished membership under Section 2 of this Article may be re-enrolled into membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Council, provided, that such individual is not an enrolled member of any other Indian Nation.*

**2. Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution Article II – Membership Code**

*5. **Membership Code.** Page 2. The Legislature shall have the power to enact laws not inconsistent with this Article to govern membership. Removal of any person who is not eligible for membership from the Membership Roll shall be done in accordance with the Membership Code. Removal of any person from the Membership Roll shall be determined by the Judiciary. The rule of law shall be applied based on evidence and DNA evidence. All decisions of the Judiciary shall be final. [Amendment XVI adopted on January 26, 2016 which became effective on February 11, 2016 by operation of law.]*

### **XIII. Discussion**

A. All General Council members attending shall be allowed the privilege of the floor.

B. After gaining recognition from the chair to speak the speaker shall first clearly state his/her name and Ho-Chunk enrollment number so that the secretary may keep an accurate record of proceedings.

C. If, in the opinion of the chair or the voting body, it becomes necessary to limit discussion because of time constraints, each item will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes total agenda time for discussion. Limits on each speaker may be imposed as determined by presiding chairperson; unless removal or recall proceedings in progress. (When time limits are imposed, a timekeeper shall be used.)

D. No person may speak more than once on a subject until all others who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so; with the exception of persons subject to a recall or removal.

### **XIV. Resolutions and Motions**

A. Actions taken by resolution are effective ratified immediately.

B. Resolutions and Motions are made by Enrolled Ho-Chunk voting members only.

### **XV. Adjournment**

The action of adjournment hereby ratifies all binding actions of General Council.