



Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

ELECTION BOARD

SPECIAL ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE 2026 RECALL ELECTION AND REFERENDUM

On Onerahtókha | April 20, 2026, the duly convened Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Ethics Commission (“Ethics Commission”) issued a decision finding Sub-Chief Derrick King had violated the Ethics Ordinance (TCR 2007-61). As a result of its finding, the Ethics Commission directed the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Election Board (“Election Board”) to conduct a Recall Election within one hundred and eighty (180) days. Thereafter, the Election Board received a letter advising that the recall was held in abeyance pending the outcome of Sub-Chief King’s appeal filed within the allowed timeframe. On September 2, 2026, a second Ethics Commission issued a decision upholding the previous panel’s finding. It again directed the Election Board to conduct a Recall Election, but within one-hundred and seventy (170) days of its decision due to the ten (10) days that elapsed before an appeal was filed.

After receiving the September 2, 2026, decision the Election Board held a duly constituted meeting on September 15, 2026, to establish procedures for the Recall Election. Pursuant to the Amended Election and Referendum Ordinance (“Election Ordinance”) (TCR 2024-31 or as amended), the Election Board has the power to adopt procedures in accordance with the Election Ordinance and the power to conduct a Recall Election upon a final determination of an ethics commission (*see* Section IV.C.3 and 5). A Recall Election is defined as an election whereby Eligible Voters must decide whether an elected official must be removed office (Section II.N).

On September 16, 2026 the Tribal Council in TCR 2026-38 and TCR 2026-39 called for a referendum on two separate questions for the community to be held at the same time as the Recall Election.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section IV.C—Election Board Powers, Oath and Responsibilities, the Election Board has determined to conduct the Recall Election on October 24, 2026.

The Election Board shall be following the Amended Election and Referendum Ordinance (TCR 2024-31) for the purposes of each Referendum question outlined in TCR 2026-38 and TCR 2026-39.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Saint Regis Mohawk Election Board adopts the following special procedures specifically for the 2026 Recall Election:

1. Under Section III—General Provisions. The following shall apply:
 - a. An Eligible Voter may vote only once per question.
 - b. The Recall Election results shall be decided by a majority of Eligible Voters casting ballots in the Election.
 - c. The Recall Election question shall be posted in the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Ionkwakiohkwaró:ron Administration Building and on the Election Board’s Facebook page and shall be aired as an announcement on CKON Radio at least (30) days prior to the date of the Recall Election.
 - d. The community announcement shall include the following information:
 - i. Recall Election question;
 - ii. Dates of Recall Election;
 - iii. Polling location of Recall Election;
 - iv. Polling location hours; and

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- v. Contact information should a community member have questions.
- e. The Elected Official subject to recall may appoint one (1) observer to oversee the Recall Election but must follow these requirements:
 - i. Person must be an Eligible Voter;
 - ii. The name of potential observer must be submitted to the Tribal Clerk's office at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the first day of voting and the Tribal Clerk shall forward the name to the Election Board;
 - iii. The appointed Observer may only observe the proceedings;
 - iv. The appointed Observer may not engage in any behavior that could be construed as harassing, intimidating, or disruptive to the general voting public nor shall the observer interact with any voter; and
 - v. The appointed Observer must remain in the building while the Recall Election is taking place. In the event an Observer leaves the building, they will not be allowed to return.

Except as herein modified the remainder of Section III remain the same.

- 2. Section V—Eligibility of Candidates is not applicable to the Recall Election and shall not apply.
- 3. Section VI—Terms of Office
 - a. The following subsections B. Tribal Clerk; C. Tribal Judges are not applicable to this Recall Election and shall not apply.
 - b. Under subsection D. Vacancies the following subsections 1. and 3.c. shall apply after the Recall Election if the results favor a removal.
 - c. The remainder of subsection D. is not applicable to this Recall Election and shall not apply.

The remainder of Section VI remains the same.

- 4. Section IX—Caucus Procedure is not relevant to the Recall Election and shall not apply.
- 5. Section X—Nominations are not relevant to the Recall Election and shall not apply.
- 6. Section XI—Verification of Candidates is not relevant to the Recall Election and shall not apply.
- 7. Under Section XII—Voting Procedure. The following shall apply:
 - a. The Board shall issue ballots containing the following information:
 - i. A question related to the recall of an elected official from elected office;
 - b. Upon receiving the ballot each voter shall immediately proceed to the designated voting area and place an (X) or checkmark (✓) or other mark which the majority of the Election Board members agree clearly defines the choice for which the Eligible Voter is making; and
 - c. The ballot shall be placed in the designated ballot box.

Except as herein modified the remainder of Section XII remains the same.

- 8. Under Section XIII—Counting Procedure. Subsection A.1.c and d are not applicable and shall not apply. The following shall apply:
 - a. In the presence of the Election Board and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Officer, the elections worker(s) shall count the confirmed ballots for the recall question and count the rejected ballots indicating the number of SPOILED and VOID.

Except as herein modified the remainder of Section XIII remains the same and shall apply.

- 9. Section XIV—Unofficial and Official Results. The following shall apply:

- a. Following the counting of ballots, the Election Board shall certify the Election Recall results and release unofficial results;
- b. After five (5) days if no appeal is filed then official results shall be released; and
- c. No minimum number of Eligible Voters must cast ballots for the results of Recall Election to be adopted.

The remainder of Section XIV is not applicable to the Recall Election and shall not apply.

10. Section XV—Referendums is not relevant to the Recall Election and shall not apply.

11. Section XVI—Appeal Panel. The following shall apply:

- a. The Appeal shall hear the following appeals to overturn the Recall Election only if there was a violation of these Special Procedures in the conduct of the Recall Election that may have changed the result or whether there was corrupt or fraudulent practice in relation to these Special Procedures on the part of elected officials or Election Board Members; and
- b. Appeal Panel and Election Board decisions are final and not subject to appeal to Tribal Court.

Except as herein modified the remainder of Section XVI remains the same and shall apply.

12. Section XVII—Appeals and Hearing Procedures. The following shall apply:

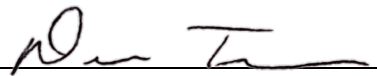
- a. Any appeals of the unofficial results must be filed within five (5) business days along with the prescribed fee and shall follow the procedures outlined herein in conjunction with the current Election Ordinance.
- b. Subsection A.4 and 5 are not applicable to the Recall Election and shall not apply.
- c. Subsection B in its entirety is not applicable and shall not apply.
- d. Subsection C.4 is not applicable and shall not apply.

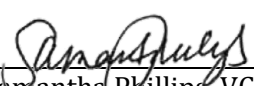
Except as herein modified the remainder of the Section XVII remains the same.

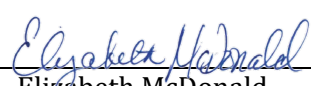
For those sections and provisions that are not listed herein those sections and provisions from TCR 2024-31 remain in effect and shall apply for the Recall Election.

The Referendum shall follow the procedures outlined in TCR 2024-31.

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