



Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

Chief Michael Conners
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TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2026-02

TO RE-ESTABLISH THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (the "Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians and is recognized as possessing powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council") is the duly recognized governing body of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (the "Tribe") and is responsible for the health, safety, education, and welfare of all community members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe affirms that education is foundational to the community's well-being, cultural continuity, language preservation, and long-term prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council previously authorized an Education Committee to represent the tribe and community and finds it necessary to re-establish the Education Committee for the betterment, safety, and wellbeing of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires that the Education Committee function as a structured body to liaise with educational institutions, advocate for community priorities, and promote transparent and consistent communication between academic institutions, the Tribe, and community; and

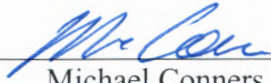
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed and wishes to re-establish the Education Committee as outlined in the Terms of Reference attached hereto as Exhibit A, which defines the Committee's purpose, eligibility, responsibilities and duties, roles and functions, and compensation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby re-establishes the SRMT Education Committee as an advisory body to the Tribal Council on matters related to education policy, access, and community priorities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby directs the Education Committee to develop bylaws governing its mandate, responsibilities, and community engagement practices; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Education Committee shall operate in accordance with this Resolution, Exhibit A, and any subsequently approved policies or amendments adopted by the Tribal Council.

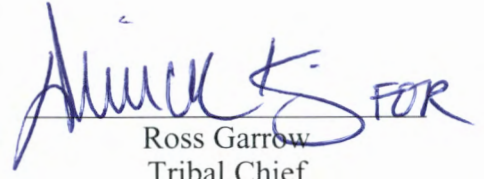
SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBAL COUNCIL



Michael Conners
Tribal Chief

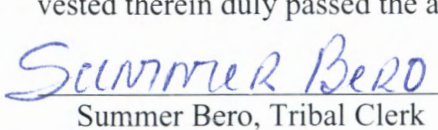


Donald Thompson, Jr.
Tribal Chief



Ross Garrow
Tribal Chief

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council pursuant to the authority vested therein duly passed the above resolution.



Summer Bero, Tribal Clerk



Date

SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

I. BACKGROUND

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (“the Tribe”) recognizes education as a foundational pillar of community well-being, cultural continuity, language revitalization, and long-term prosperity. Historically, the Tribal Council authorized an Education Committee to represent the Tribe and community in matters related to education. The Tribal Council now finds it necessary to formally re-establish the Education Committee to strengthen coordination, advocacy, and communication with educational institutions serving Akwesasne community members.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Education Committee (“the Committee”) is to serve as an advisory body to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council (“the Tribal Council”) on matters related to education policy, access, student support, and community priorities.

The Committee shall:

- Review and assess educational issues affecting the community;
- Engage with educational institutions to advocate for the needs and priorities of Akwesasne students;
- Facilitate community input and consultation on education-related matters;
- Promote culturally responsive and trauma-informed educational practices; and
- Provide recommendations to the Tribal Council to support improved educational outcomes.

The Committee shall work collaboratively with the Tribal Council and designated staff advisors, including but not limited to: Executive Director’s Office, General Counsel, the Tribal Council Chief of Staff, the Director of the Office of Boards and Commissions, and the Education Division leadership team.

The Committee shall consist of five (5) tribal members and designated staff advisors, with additional Tribal staff participating as needed.

III. ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

- A. The Committee shall consist of five (5) voting members.
- B. The ideal membership composition of the Committee is *preferred* as follows:
 - Two (2) Parents of children currently enrolled in one of the local school districts.
 - Two (2) Elders (age 62 or older) from the community.
 - One (1) Educational Professional
- C. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- D. Be an enrolled member of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe;
- E. Pass a criminal background check and drug test;

- F. Reside within the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's jurisdiction (including the 15-mile radius)
- G. Demonstrate good moral character and a positive reputation within the community;
- H. Not be an employee of any Tribal department serving as an advisor to the Committee.

IV. VACANCY, APPOINTMENT, AND TERMS

The initial Education Committee Members shall have staggered terms, and initial appointments shall be effective upon signing, and run from July 1st to June 30th, thereafter.

- A. First year staggered terms shall be:
 - (2) Members appointed to a one-year term;
 - (2) Members appointed to a two-year term; and
 - (1) Member appointed to a three-year term.
- B. Subsequent appointments for terms of (3) three years.
- C. Committee members shall be formally appointed by the Tribal Council through a Tribal Council Resolution.
- D. The Tribal Council reserves the authority to remove a committee member for due cause or by signed recommendation from the Committee.
- E. Vacancies shall be posted in callout format by the Office of Boards and Commissions ("OBC"). Current Committee members *must* reapply to be considered for reappointment.
- F. The Tribe's Board/Commission/Committee Selection Policy and process shall be adhered to for the Education Committee.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

- A. Attend any required orientation and/or training;
- B. Participate in regular and special Committee meetings;
- C. Meet with the Tribal Council and Tribal staff to provide updates regularly, at least once per month;
- D. Review background materials, reports, and relevant documentation;
- E. Assess the impacts of educational policies, practices, and proposed initiatives;
- F. Research, compile, and discuss information relevant to the Committee's mandate;
- G. Attend and/or present at community meetings as needed;
- H. Maintain respect and courtesy toward Committee members, community members, Tribal Council, and Tribal staff;
- I. Work collaboratively to develop recommendations for Tribal Council consideration;
- J. Consult with Tribal staff and consider their perspectives and expertise;
- K. Participate in community engagement sessions to explain educational initiatives, gather feedback, and support transparent communication;
- L. Maintain confidentiality of Committee discussions and sensitive information.

VI. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

- A. The Committee may nominate and elect officers, including a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- B. The Chairperson shall conduct meetings in an orderly manner, following procedures such as Robert's Rules of Order. The Vice-Chairperson shall assume these duties in the absence

- of the Chairperson.
- C. The Office of Boards and Commissions (“OBC”) shall schedule meetings, maintain meeting and training attendance records, digitally record meetings, prepare meeting notes, and coordinate/communicate with Tribal staff.
 - D. The Committee shall meet regularly or as needed and coordinate its meeting schedule with the OBC.
 - E. The Committee shall request that OBC send meeting invitations to staff advisors with notice of at least two days.
 - F. A quorum shall consist of three (3) Committee members.
 - G. Committee members who miss three (3) consecutive meetings with or without valid justification shall be deemed to have vacated their position.

VII. COMPENSATION

- A. Compensation shall be set by Tribal Council Resolution.
- B. Committee Members may be compensated for training hours, in accordance with the Tribe’s current minimum wage, set by Tribal Council Resolution.

VIII. REMOVAL AND DISSOLUTION

The Tribal Council may remove Committee members for recorded and repetitive failure to attend meetings (excused or not), non-participation in meetings, non-responsiveness to correspondence, unprofessional behavior, and/or failure to abide by the Tribe’s Code of Conduct for Tribal Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

The Committee shall be dissolved when the Tribal Council determines that it has fulfilled its mandate or when a new mandate is established.

IX. AMENDMENTS

The Terms of Reference may be amended from time to time as needed by the Tribal Council through a Tribal Council Resolution, or based upon recommendation from the Executive Director’s Office, Office of Boards of Commissions, or the Education Committee.



**SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE
LEGISLATIVE ROUTING FORM**

1. SUMMARY (TO BE COMPLETED BY SUBMITTER)	
A. Title of proposed legislation:	To re-establish the SRMT Education Committee
B. Type of proposed legislation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Council Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Ordinance
C. Name/title of submitter:	Cathy Mitchell, Boards and Commissions Director
D. Date submitted to Office of Tribal Council:	January 6, 2026
E. Deadline? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, when?	
F. Request for community review: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<i>Office of Tribal Council will notify the submitter and Tribal Clerk when legislation is ready for community review. The submitter is responsible for scheduling meeting dates and location(s) and notifying the Tribal Clerk, Tribal Council, and Legal of meeting dates (to be inserted in 5.b. i-iii).</i>
G. Do you need an original of the adopted legislation? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<i>Once adopted legislation is filed, copies are available upon request from the Tribal Clerk's Office.</i>
CONTACT INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY NON-TRIBAL STAFF/TRIBAL MEMBERS)	
H. Tribal Enrollment Number:	
I. Address:	
J. Phone/e-mail address:	
ROUTING (TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL)	
2. Initial review period is five (5) business days for resolutions or thirty (30) calendar days for new laws, acts, or ordinances.	Begins: January 6, 2026 Expires: January 12, 2026
3. LEGAL DEPARTMENT REVIEW	
<i>Dale White</i>	
4. TRIBAL CLERK REVIEW	
<i>Griffin M</i>	
5. COMMUNITY REVIEW (TO BE COMPLETED BY TRIBAL CLERK)	
a. Date Tribal Clerk posted for Community Review:	
b. Community Review period expires 30 calendar days from date listed in 5.a:	
i. Presented at a _____ Meeting held on:	
ii. Presented at a _____ Meeting held on:	
iii. Presented at a _____ Meeting held on:	
c. Date final draft prep period expires 30 calendar days from date listed in 5.b:	
d. Date Tribal Clerk's Office published Public Notice of Final Action:	
e. Period for Final Action expires 30 calendar days from 5.d:	
6. DATE ADOPTED	