



# *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government*

*Office of the Chief Executive*

October 22, 2024

*Via E-mail*

To: Sheldon Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Nominations to Department of Cannabis Regulation Board

Dear Secretary-Treasurer Boyd:

Under 15 MLBS § 1204 (a)(1), which authorizes the Chief Executive to nominate two (2) individuals for ratification by the Secretary-Treasurer to serve on the Department of Cannabis Regulation Board, I hereby nominate Toya Stewart Downey and Danielle Smith.

I believe Toya would make a great addition to the Cannabis Regulation Board due to her education and background. Toya has a strong background in public health and communications, including a Masters degree in health journalism and experience on various boards. I believe she is well-suited to contribute meaningfully to the tribe's work in the Cannabis industry.

I believe Danielle would be a great addition to the Cannabis Regulation Board due to both her experience and certificate in the business of cannabis. Danielle has extensive experience in tribal government and gaming. She currently serves on the MCT delegates board and has demonstrated her commitment to contribute to the tribe's work with the cannabis industry.

I am happy to discuss both Toya's and Danielle's qualifications further if you have any questions or concerns. Otherwise, please ratify either nominee within ten calendar days of receiving this letter in accordance with 15 MLBS § 1204(a)(1).

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind", is written over a horizontal line.

Virgil Wind  
Chief Executive

CC:

Carolyn Beaulieu, District I Representative  
Wendy Merrill, District II Representative  
Harry Davis, District III Representative  
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel