



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government
Office of the Chief Executive*

Via E-mail

April 17, 2026

Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly
Carolyn Beaulieu, District I Representative
Wendy Merrill, District II Representative
Harry Davis, District III Representative

Re: Nomination for Adrienne Benjamin to Serve on Corporate Board

Dear Honorable Members of the Band Assembly:


I am writing to nominate **Adrienne Benjamin** for the District II position on the Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures Board of Directors.

Adrienne will bring strong self-proprietor business experience to the Corporate Board, along with a solid background in grant work, finance, and budgeting. Through her work, she has shown the ability to think strategically and understands how funding and financial decisions impact both programs and the broader community. I am confident she will bring that same perspective to the Corporate Board.

In addition to her professional experience, Adrienne is committed to the well-being, future, and success of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. She cares about community, equity, and creating opportunities. Those values shine through in the work she has performed throughout her career. Her ability to balance creativity with practical decision-making will add a unique and valuable voice to the Board.

For these reasons, I believe Adrienne would serve the Corporate Board well and be a strong representative for Band members.

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Virgil Wind
Chief Executive

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CC:

Caleb Dogeagle, Solicitor General
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian/Clerk of the Band Assembly

Enclosure:

1. Adrienne Benjamin's Resume