



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF  
**OJIBWE INDIANS**

*Legislative Branch of Tribal Government*

**JOINT SESSION OF THE BAND ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 20-01-15-22**

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING COMMISSIONER OF  
ADMINISTRATION PETER NAYQUONABE PENDING RESOLUTION  
OF CRIMINAL CHARGES IN MILLE LACS COUNTY**

- WHEREAS, the Joint Session of the Band Assembly of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”) is the Band governing body; and
- WHEREAS, the Joint Session of the Band Assembly is comprised of the Secretary-Treasurer/Speaker of the Assembly, the Chief Executive, the District I Representative, the District II Representative, and the District III Representative in accordance with 3 MLBS § 27(b); and
- WHEREAS, Peter Nayquonabe is the duly appointed Commissioner of Administration of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, whose commission expires on June 30, 2025; and
- WHEREAS, on or about November 22, 2021, Peter Nayquonabe was formally charged with fifth-degree sexual conduct in the County of Mille Lacs in the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS, the Joint Session finds that the behavior alleged in the criminal complaint, as available in the public record, constitutes a violation of the Code of Ethics, including 6 MLBS §§ 1154, 1155, 1159, and 1161; and
- WHEREAS, under 6 MLBS § 2(b), “[a]ppointed officials of the Band are subject to all provisions in the MLBO Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual except to the extent those provisions conflict with other applicable provisions of Band law[;]” and
- WHEREAS, under 6 MLBS § 1162, “[t]he Joint Session of the Band Assembly [has] the authority to issue oral or written reprimands or to suspend an official with or without pay for any violation of this code[;]” and
- WHEREAS, the Joint Session believes that the seriousness of the criminal charges brought against the Commissioner of Administration necessitates that he be placed on suspension with pay; and
- WHEREAS, the Joint Session wishes to provide the Commissioner of Administration the due process to which he is entitled under law.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Session hereby suspends Commissioner of Administration Peter Nayquonabe, pending the resolution of the criminal case in the County of Mille Lacs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioner of Administration Peter Nayquonabe shall be suspended with pay and all health benefits, retirement benefits, and other forms of compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in the event that Commissioner of Administration Peter Nayquonabe is convicted of fifth-degree sexual conduct, he shall be required to repay to the Band his entire salary paid out to him from this day until the date of conviction.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that, in the event that the criminal complaint against Commissioner of Administration Peter Nayquonabe is amended and he pleads guilty to a lesser charge arising from the same alleged incident, the Joint Session reserves the right to reconsider the terms of his suspension and any salary recoupment requirements.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a Joint Session of the Band Assembly, a quorum of elected officials being present, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, at Nayahshing, Minnesota, by a vote of 3 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Joint Session of the Band Assembly, hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly.

**OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND**



  
Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly