

Nez Perce Tribe General Council
Regular Fall Meeting
September 24,25 & 26, 2026
Lapwai, Idaho

September 24, 2026

The Nez Perce Tribe General Council was called to order by GC Chairman Oatman at 8:24 a.m. with a quorum established and the General Council Chairperson and Secretary being present.

Lightning Creek Drum honor song

Tribal Veterans post colors

Prayer –Shannon Wheeler, NPTEC Chaplain

GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. House Rules. Approval of the House Rules. Secretary reads House Rules aloud.

Motion by Robert Kipp, second by Dallon Wheeler to approve the House Rules.

Motion carried

2. Approve the Agenda – Secretary reads Agenda.

Motion Shirley Allman, second Dallon Wheeler to approve the agenda.

Ryan Oatman request to add BreakWater who handles minor trust accounts. No objection.

Subsidiary Motion Shannon Wheeler, second Robert Kipp to use Plurality to vote, for all elections on the agenda. Subsidiary motion carries.

Recognize the call for the question. Main Motion carried to approve agenda.

3. Approval of the Spring May 2026 General Council minutes.

Motion Dallon Wheeler, second by Marsan Lawyer to approve minutes. Motion carried.

4. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Connie Guillory, Phil Allen, Annaleah Vallee, Lalonni Burke

- Issues and common concerns verbal report
 - Child safety and welfare – has there been a resolution
 - Systemic concern– potential pattern in the court proceedings.
 - Resolution Committee bylaws did not get approved as was presented at the Spring 2026 General Council meeting.
 - Police Department Conduct – the continued issue of a certain officer.
 - The Cannabis Committee bylaws and policy and procedures status
 - TERO enforcement the tribal member being hired for the tribe
 - There were 3 resolutions that were approved.
 - Cost of solar panels
 - Housing
 - Bring the Health Board back, was created 1998 and dissolved in 2018.
 - Boards & Commissions Building – if this building has iron doors, has an alarm system, a system should be built up there. Recommendation – new filing or housing documents
 - Constitutional Convention – to look at our current constitution
 - Audit – past 5 years
 - 2012 – someone developed a code of ethics

Questions and Comments for the panel and discussion.

Erik Holt: motion to accept the report and excuse the panel, second by Sara Moffet.
Motion Carried.

5. GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS (One-year positions):

General Council Chairman position:

Alice Spaulding: place the name of Rebecca Miles. Accepts.

Marilyn Bowen: I nominate, Carla Timentwa. Accepts.

Shirley Allman – cease nominations and vote by ballot, second by Sara Moffett.
Motion carries.

Election results 168 total votes, one invalid. Carla Timentwa: 58, Rebecca Miles: 109. Congratulations **Rebecca Miles**.

General Council Secretary position:

Sara Moffet: Nominates- Chloe Thompson. Declines.

Judy Oatman – Nominates Carla Timentwa. Accepts

Mitchell Wilson – nominates Maurita Oatman. Declines.

Motion by Robert Kipp –to accept by acclimation Carla Timentwa. Motion carries.
Congratulations **Carla Timentwa**.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

Resolutions Committee Seat One:

Alice Spaulding nominates Sawaya Greene. Accepts

Sara Moffett nominates Phil Allen. Accepts

Robert Kipp Annaleah Vallee. Accepts

Kayla Warden motion to cease nominations, second Patricia Heavyrunner. Motion carried.

Total 176 votes cast. Sawaya Green 82 Phil Allen 60 Annaleah Vallee 34.
Congratulations **Sawaya Greene**.

Resolutions Committee Seat Two:

Alice Spaulding nominates Robert Kipp. Declines.

Taricia Moliga nominates Aqua Greene. Accepts

Robert Kipp nominates Annaleah Vallee. Accepts

Sandi McFarland nominates Phill Allen. Accepts.

Gloria Green nominations cease second by Dallan Wheeler. Motion carried.

Election results are 172 votes cast with 2 invalid. Phill Allen 64 Aqua Greene 50
Annaleah Vallee 56. Congratulations **Phill Allen**.

Resolution Committee Seat Three:

Alice Spaluding nominates Maurita Oatman. Accepts

Erik Holt nominates Connie Guillory. Accepts

Jena Herrera nominates Gayla Gould. Accepts

Taricia Moliga nominates Nikesa Aubertin. Accepts

Robert Kipp nominates Annaleah Vallee. Accepts

Marilee Burke made a motion, second by Elroy Moffett for nomination to cease.
Motion carried.

Election results are 172 votes cast, 6 invalid. Maurita Oatman 34, Nikesa Aubertin 27, Gayla Gould 30, Consuelo Guillory 37, Annaleah Vallee 38. Congratulations **Annaleah Vallee.**

Resolution Committee Seat Four:

Lalonni Burke nominates Consuelo Guillory. Accepts

Marsan Lawyer nominates Tasheena Wilson. Declines.

Judy Oatman nominates Gayla Gould. Accepts

Alice Spaulding nominates Maurita Oatman. Accepts.

Sonya Samuels Allen nominates Robert Bulltail. Accepts.

Motion by Gwen Carter, second by Shirley Allman for nomination to cease. Motion carried.

Election results are 174 votes cast, 2 invalid. Connie Guillory 45. Gayla Gould 31. Maurita Oatman 47. Robert Bulltail 49. Congratulations **Robert Bulltail.**

Chairman Miles calls to RECESS FOR LUNCH at 12:29 p.m. with no objections and to RECONVENE 1:30 p.m.

Called to order by Chairman Miles at 1:32 p.m.

ELECTION JUDGES POSITIONS

Election Judges Seat One:

Lori Picard nominates Betsy Spaulding. Accepts.

Judy Oatman nominates Jasmine Higheagle. Declines.

Kaylee Steffy nominates Kayla Warden. Accepts.

Motion Danae Wilson, second Dallon Wheeler nominations cease. Motion carried.

Election results are total votes cast 100. Betsy Spaulding 59, Kayla Warden 40, One invalid. Congratulations **Betsy Spaulding**.

Election Judges Seat Two:

Robert Kipp nominates Carrie Reuben. Accepts

Gloria Greene nominates Kayla Warden. Accepts

Shirley Allman nominates Gayla Gould. Accepts.

Motion Gloria Greene, second Robert Kipp nominations cease. Motion carried.

Total vote Kayla Warden 64. Carrie Reuben 54. Gayla Gould 45. 163 votes cast. Congratulations **Kayla Warden**.

Election Judges Seat Three:

Robert Kipp nominates Carrie Reuben. Accepts

Jasmine Higheagle nominates Kamelle Bourgeau. Accepts

Jena Herrera nominates Gayla Gould. Accepts

Alene Powaukee nominates Maurita Oatman. Accepts

Motion by Shirley Allman, second Dallon Wheeler nominations cease. Motion carried.

Total votes cast 189 Carrie Reuben 60 Kamelle Bourgeau 41 Gayla Gould 43 Maurita Oatman 44. Congratulations **Carrie Reuben**.

REPORTS:

6. NPTEC CHAIRMAN AND NPTEC TREASURER REPORT:

Samuel N. Penney, NPTEC Chairman provides report, copy attached.

Ryan Oatman, NPTEC Treasurer and Auditors. Mike Dierlam, Principal Auditor REDW.

Leilani Wilson Walkish, Managing Partner and CCO; David Walkish Portfolio Manager; Breakwater Investment Group.

Open for discussion. 3:39 p.m.

Motion by Alene Powaukee, second Patricia Heavyrunner to go into Executive Session. Motion carried. Meeting in Executive Session at 3:42 p.m. Motion Shirley Allman, second Patricia Heavyrunner to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried. Come out of executive session 4:42 p.m.

Motion by Shirley Allman, second by Gwen Carter to accept the Chairman and Treasurer's report and excuse the panel. Motion carried.

Motion Robert Kipp, second Tonia Garcia to recess until tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Closing prayer Shannon Wheeler, NPTEC Chaplain. Meeting recessed at 4:50 p.m.

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September 25,2026

Meeting called to order by Chairman Miles at 8:22 a.m. with quorum established and the General Council Chairman and General Council Secretary present.

Opening Prayer Shannon Wheeler, NPTEC Chaplain

Motion Richard Arthur to amend agenda to limit panel presenters to 10 minutes each. GC Chairman states need to be from prevailing side and need 2/3 vote. Discussion. Motion out of order.

REPORTS:

7. LAW AND ORDER SUBCOMMITTEE:

Aaron Gould, Chairman, LO Subcommittee. Shoshone Bannock fishing rights case still pending six months now.

Eva White, Executive Officer, Law and Justice department. Written report provided to General Council. Staff who are not present on scheduled leave. Chief of Police scheduled to retire end of month.

Gabriel Bohnee, President Gaming Commission. Gaming regulation is exercise of sovereignty.

Questions for Panel. Discussion.

Motion by Shirley Allman, Second Marilyn Bowen to accept the report and excuse the panel. Motion carried.

8. BUDGET AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE:

Ryan Oatman, NPTEC Treasurer, Chairman Budget and Finance. Powerpoint and written report.

Nikoli Greene, Enterprise Officer. power point and written report.

Motion by Patricia Heavyrunner, second by Jenifer Oatman for Executive Session. Motion carried. Executive Session 10:41 a.m.

Chairman Miles calls for recess for lunch 12:33 p.m. and to reconvene 1:30 p.m. with no objections. Still in Executive Session.

Motion by Erik Holt to come out of executive session, second Marilyn Bowen. Motion carried. Out of executive session 2:33 p.m.

Motion by Shirley Allman, second Dallan Wheeler to accept the report and excuse the panel. Motion carried.

Point of Privilege

Joyce McFarland. Donation of documents by Otis Halfmoon regarding history tribal constitution, tribal sovereignty and treaties.

9. FEDERAL PARTNERS:

Mike Landon, National Forest Service, Nez Perce Clearwater Forests. Anticipate hiring a tribal liaison before end of year.

Jason Lyon, Superintendent, Nez Perce National Historical Park. Signed five year cooperative agreement with Tribe that will allow transfer of funds for exhibits and activities that benefit both parties. Should have interpretive position filled by November.

Open for questions and discussion.

Motion Quincy Ellenwood for General Council to have letter sent from NPTEC to NW Regional BIA Director on the absence of Northern Idaho Agency BIA Superintendent at the General Council meeting; second Keith Kipp. Motion carried.

Motion Danae Wilson, second by Sherri Greene to accept the report and excuse the panel. Motion carried at 3:45 p.m.

Point of Privilege

Gwen Carter regarding communication on the 150 year commemoration for the Nez Perce War.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION ELECTIONS

Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority Seat One – Four year position.

Taricia Moliga nominates Loretta Spaulding. Accepts.

Mikel Greene nominates Aqua Greene. Declines.

Alexis Walker nominates Paulette Smith. Accepts.

Winona Holt nominates Richard Arthur. Accepts.

Motion Gwen Carter nominations cease, second Patricia Heavyrunner. Motion carried.

Election results 176 votes cast Loretta Spaulding 95, Paulette Smith 42, Richard Arthur 37. Congratulations **Loretta Spaulding**.

Fish and Wildlife Commission – One three year term

David Holt nominates Jerrod Rickman. Accepts

Jonelle Yearout nominates Quintin Ellenwood. Accepts

Judy Oatman nominates Gayla Gould. Accepts

Motion Erik Holt nominations cease, second Kerma Greene, Motion carried.

Election results total votes cast 176 one invalid. Jerrod Rickman 62, Quincy Ellenwood 54, Gayla Gould 50. Congratulations **Jerrod Rickman**.

Nez Perce Tribal Enterprise Board – two positions

Seat One 3 year term

Ashton Picard nominates Keith Kipp Sr. Accepts

Amanda Samuels nominates Mary Jane Oatman. Accepts.

Motion Robert Kipp, second Gwen Carter nominations cease. Motion carried.

Election results total votes cast.148, three invalid. Keith Kipp 75 Mary Jane Oatman 70. Congratulations to **Keith Kipp**.

Seat Two 3 year term

Gayla Gould nominates Mary Jane Oatman. Accepts.

Kaylee Steff nominates Etta Axtell. Accepts.

Alice Spaulding nominates Mikalah Thompson. Declines.

Motion Marilee Burke, second Lex Walker nominations cease. Motion carried.

Election results total votes cast 137 with 1 invalid. Etta Axtell 50 Mary Jane Oatman 86. Congratulations **Mary Jane Oatman**.

Chairman Miles calls for recess until tomorrow, no objections. Recessed at 5:27 p.m.

Closing prayer by Shannon Wheeler, NPTEC Chaplain.

**Nez Perce Tribe General Council
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September 26,2026

Meeting called to order by Chairman Miles at 9:15 a.m. with a quorum established and the General Council Chairperson and

General Council Secretary being present.

Opening prayer Ashton Picard, NPTEC Vice Chairman

REPORTS:

11. NATURAL RESOURCES / CLIMATE CHANGE / LAND COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE

Ashton Picard, Chairman Natural Resources. Brief verbal presentation and written report.

Jessie Leighton, Vice Chairman, Climate change. written report and powerpoint.

Shirley Allman, Vice Chairperson, Land Commission. Verbal and written report.

Erik Holt, Chairman Fish and Wildlife Commission, verbal and written report.

Open questions and discussion.

Point of Privilege

Gayla Gould her advocacy for water code study for her law degree.

Motion Joyce McFarland, second Marsan Lawyer that the Nez Perce General Council directs NPTEC to immediately issue a public statement that the Nez Perce Tribe does not recognize claims of any tribe that they share territory (traditionally or contemporarily) within the Nez Perce Treaty of 1855 or the ICC areas. Motion carries.

Motion by Judy Oatman, second Julian Matthews to adopt resolution regarding prohibition on data centers.

Danae Wilson offers friendly **amendment** to include language to develop code to prohibit development of data centers. Acceptable to motion maker and second.

Gwen Carter proposes friendly **amendment** to include groundwater, wetlands, slews, intermittent streams. Acceptable to motion maker and second. Motion carries. **NPGC Fall 26-01 with amendments.**

Motion by Danae Wilson, second Julian Matthews to accept the report and excuse the panel. Motion carried.

Point of Privilege

Introduction of the Yancy family members of the Nez Perce Tribe.

12. HUMAN RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE

Marson Lawyer, Chairperson, Human Resources Subcommittee written report and powerpoint. Acknowledge gift of seven rifles to the NP Veterans

Honor Guard by Jess and Jessie Leighton.

Roberta Jose-Bisbee, Executive Director, NMP written report and powerpoint.

Taricia Moliga, NPTHA Board Chairperson; powerpoint presentation

Douglas Marconi Sr., NPTHA Executive Director; written and powerpoint

Marjorie Hyde, Chairperson, Circle of Elders

Betty Kinser, Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Joyce McFarland, Education Manager, Youth Advisory Board; powerpoint

Victoria Konen, Executive Director, NPT Boys and Girls Club; written report.

Open for questions and discussion.

Motion Danae Wilson, second Shirley Allman to accept the report and excuse the panel. Motion carried.

Ballots arrived and per election ordinance the meeting turned over by Chairman Miles to the election judges at 4:32 p.m.

13. SPECIAL ELECTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION ON ENROLLMENT.

Amendment requires 2/3 majority of total votes cast.

Election results total votes cast in 570 with 1 invalid. 329 in favor 240 against. MOTION FAILED.

Motion by Ryan Oatman, second Sonya Samuels to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Closing Prayer Ashton Picard

Colors Retired by NPTEC members and tribal veterans.