THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH

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Official Statement Regarding the Removal of Tribal Chairperson Corrina Bow

The Tribal Council of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah hereby notifies its members that Chairperson Corrina Bow has been removed from the office of Tribal Chairperson effective immediately.

On November 4, 2024, the Tribal Council held a hearing regarding a complaint against Ms. Bow for unethical and improper conduct under the Tribal Council Standards of Conduct. Ms. Bow was afforded the opportunity to examine witnesses called against her, call witnesses on her own behalf, and to be represented by counsel of her choice, at her own expense.

In Executive Session following the hearing, the Tribal Council, by a majority vote of its members, found that Ms. Bow has engaged in unethical and improper conduct in violation of the Tribal Council Standards of Conduct, and that these violations constitute willful misconduct under Article XII, Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. By a majority vote of its members, the Tribal Council found that the proper sanction for Ms. Bow's misconduct is removal from the office of Tribal Chairperson pursuant to Section 9(D) of the Tribal Council Standards of Conduct and Article XII, Section 2 of the Constitution.

In accordance with Article XII, Section 2(b)(5) of the Constitution, a special election shall be held of the eligible voters of the Tribe to elect a new Chairperson from among the five (5) remaining Tribal Council members: Hope Silvas, Tamra Borchardt-Slayton, Delice Tom, Simon Pikyavit, and Toni Kanosh. The special election shall occur by December 4, 2024. Vice-Chairperson Hope Silvas shall serve as Acting Chairperson for the Tribe until the special election concludes and a new Chairperson is elected. Further information on the special election is set forth below.

Sincerely,

Hope Silvas (Nov 8, 2024 14:39 MST)

Hope Silvas
Acting Chairperson
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah

Special Election Process

- The special election shall be held no later than December 4, 2024. In accordance with the Election Ordinance, the Election Board shall issue a notice including the date, time, and method of voting for the election, and a list of the candidates at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the special election. The notice shall be posted at the Tribal Administration Office, Band areas/buildings, and other methods of communication approved by the Tribal Council.

- Any enrolled member who is eighteen (18) years of age or older as of the date of the election shall be eligible to vote in the special election.

- The Election Board shall certify the results of the special election to the Tribal Council within five (5) business days after the special election.

- The current Vice-Chairperson shall remain the Vice-Chairperson unless she is elected as the new Chairperson; in the event the Vice-Chairperson is elected as the new Chairperson, the Tribal Council member receiving the next highest number of votes in the special election shall become the Vice-Chairperson.

- The Tribal Council member elected as the new Chairperson shall vacate their position as Chairperson of their Band, and shall serve only as the Tribal Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson of the affected Band shall then serve as Band Chairperson and shall be the Band's representative to the Tribal Council, provided that he or she meets the qualifications for office.