

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

A Resolution Supporting the Nomination of Jennifer Pigeon for Eastern Oklahoma Region alternate to the Haskell Indian Nations University National Board of Regents

Resolution No. 26-03



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Principal Chief



Bill Anoatubby
Governor



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Chief



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Chief

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole Nation, representing approximately 877,000 Indian people throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Haskell Indian Nations University (Haskell), established in 1884, has evolved from an industrial training school to a fully accredited university serving Native students from more than 140 Tribal Nations with tuition-free post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, Haskell remains a culturally significant institution governed by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), serving an entirely Native American student body and playing a vital role in preserving Tribal heritage while fostering generations of Native leadership and scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Haskell contributes Tribal economic development, higher education attainment, and workforce readiness by graduating students in fields that directly benefit Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, Haskell Indian Nations University is at a critical juncture requiring strong, informed, and culturally grounded leadership to ensure institutional stability, accountability, and progress toward long-term Tribal self-governance; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Pigeon, a citizen of Cherokee Nation, is a respected tribal education advocate with professional experience in higher education, education administration, and policy-focused work advancing Native student success; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Pigeon has extensive experience in Indian Country and the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes has identified her as a well-qualified candidate to serve as an alternate member of the Haskell Indian Nations University National Board of Regents, ensuring continuity, informed decision-making, and sustained Tribal representation in university governance; and

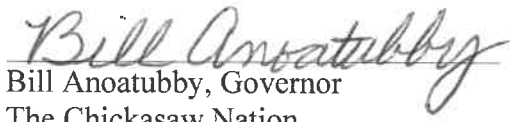
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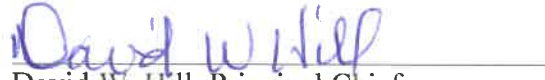
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes proudly supports the nomination of Jennifer Pigeon to serve as an alternate of the Haskell Indian Nations University National Board of Regents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes calls on the United States government to uphold its trust and treaty responsibilities by fully funding Haskell and supporting its transition toward Tribal governance and self-determination.


CERTIFICATION


The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma on this 9th day of January, 2026, by a vote of 24 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.


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The Chickasaw Nation


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