



# NHBP TRIBAL COURT

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
ESTABLISHING PROCESS FOR PUBLIC VIEWING  
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC OF  
HEARINGS ON APPEALS TO THE NHBP TRIBAL COURT OF  
NHBP ELECTION BOARD DECISION - ELECTION CHALLENGE NO. 2021-A  
ISSUED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE ON JUNE 17, 2021**

The Court, upon consultation with the attorneys of all parties and interested persons in *Rios and Smit v. NHBP Election Board*, Tribal Court Case No. 21-151-AMA/ELE, and *NHBP Tribal Council and Chairman Jamie Stuck v. NHBP Election Board*, Tribal Court Case No. 21-152-AMA/ELE, shall hold the Hearings in these two matters jointly. The holding of these Hearings at the same time is being done for the convenience of the parties, attorneys, and the Court and does not indicate a decision on the pending Motion to Consolidate the Cases.

With Election cases of fundamental importance to all Tribal Citizens, the Chief Judge, who is also the presiding judge in the above-referenced Election cases, is establishing amended procedures to facilitate public access to the Hearings by publishing the Zoom access information, along with the requirements for participation, on the Tribal Court webpage in advance of the Hearings.

**The Hearings shall be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, June 21, 2021**

The Zoom access information is as follows:

- Polycom and other H323 Systems - Dial 162.255.37.11##93714423044

- Windows, Android, and Apple Devices -  
<https://misc.a0.zoom.us/j/93714423044?pwd=ZnJsbnR5TXRlRS9HRVpKZ3RKL2R0Zz09>

- Phone Call (No Video) - Call 646 876 9923 and enter Meeting ID 937 1442 3044 & Password 492627

- SIP Systems - Dial [93714423044@zoomcrc.com](mailto:93714423044@zoomcrc.com)

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- One Tap Mobile

+13126266799,,93714423044# US (Chicago); Password 492627

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- Phone Call (No Video) - Call Dial +1 312 626 6799 US Toll and enter Meeting ID 937 1442 3044 & Password 492627

- Alternative for Windows Desktops and Laptops - Go to the Zoom Web Site (zoom.us), Click on “Join a Call” and enter using Meeting ID 937 1442 3044 & Password 492627

- Alternative for Android and Apple Phones and Tablets - Download the Zoom app from the store prior to the call and then use Meeting ID 937 1442 3044 & Password 492627 to join.

Password Note: Use Password 492627 for all access methods.

The Chief Judge respectfully reminds all those participating in and observing that:

1. **All persons participating in or observing these Court Hearings conduct themselves according to the NHBP Tribal Court Rules and in the spirit of the Seven Grandfathers Teachings.**
2. **Attorneys and parties are expected to participate by video.** The Court will ask an attorney or party who is experiencing technological difficulty relating to video participation to place the issue on the record for approval by the Court for participation by phone.
3. **Individuals who are not attorneys for the parties or a party may observe the Hearings by video or phone.**
4. **All attorneys and parties remain on mute except when speaking.** The Court has not previously placed participants, whether attorneys, parties, Court Staff, or members of the public on mute, in part to ensure that objections are heard in a timely and same manner as if present in the Courtroom. However, the Court has also asked that all persons place themselves on mute to assist with arguments and sworn testimony being heard, both by those at the proceeding and to ensure the proceedings can be transcribed if needed.
5. **All persons observing these Court Hearings keep their video or phone on mute** for the same reasons as noted above.
6. **All persons observing the Hearings must be identifiable by having their name visible on the screen, and the name of any or all other persons also present, if participating by video.** As participation in a public matter when there is not a public health crisis requires an individual to travel to the Court, complete safety screening procedures, and enter the Courtroom where they are visible to all present.
7. **Any person participating by phone will be asked to give their name, and the name of any or all other persons also present, with Court Staff then replacing their phone number with the person’s name.** This process facilitates the same transparency as observing in the Courtroom while protecting an individual’s private phone number.

8. Any individual who is not an attorney or party is recommended to access the Zoom Hearing fifteen minutes (15 minutes) prior to the 1:00 PM Hearing to assist with the Court having the ability to facilitate a timely start of the proceedings.

The Chief Judge, through the inherent authority of the Tribal Court with its establishment in the NHBP Tribal Constitution as an independent branch of Tribal Government that is responsible for the administration of the Judicial Branch for this sovereign Native Nation, has issued Administrative Orders and other Court documents to maintain operation of the Tribal Court throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. Public viewing of matters not confidential by the NHBP Constitution, Tribal laws, the NHBP Tribal Court Rules, or federal law if applicable, has been available throughout the Pandemic by contacting the Court for access information to the proceeding. These procedures have been amended to facilitate access to the Hearings in this matter due to the importance of Elections to all Tribal Citizens.

Questions may be addressed to Administrative Court Staff. Court Staff phone numbers and email addresses are as follows:

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The NHBP Tribal Court Staff continue to offer prayers for safety and good health to all as the COVID-19 Pandemic continues but is, hopefully, near its end.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

June 17, 2021  
Date

  
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Hon. Melissa L. Pope, Chief Judge (Bar No. P55328)