

**CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 2025
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**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TRIBAL COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER AND
PROCEDURE TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION AND VOTING BY VERIFIED
TRIBAL MEMBERS**

Tribal Council Resolution No: 081625STC-003

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WHEREAS, The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under a Constitution (Cheyenne & Arapaho Constitution) approved by the tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, Article V, § 2. Powers (a), The Tribal Council shall have the power to set policy for the Tribes and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by this Constitution.

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council is the supreme governing body of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, composed of all enrolled Tribal members eighteen (18) years of age or older, as provided in Article V of the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution does not require in-person attendance for Tribal Council participation, and the Tribes are committed to promoting accessibility, inclusion, and engagement among all Tribal members, regardless of geographic location or physical ability; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic led to the Legislative Branch implementing secure remote participation and voting measures, which have increased participation and set a precedent for modernizing Tribal governance; and

WHEREAS, A significant portion of the Tribal Council resides outside the service area or faces economic, health-related, or logistical barriers to in-person attendance, which historically led to the issuance of fuel card assistance to support participation; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds it both fiscally responsible and equitable to provide a secure remote voting option in place of fuel card assistance, thus reducing travel costs while increasing voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Tribal Council has identified a vendor capable of integrating remote participation with existing systems to ensure vote security, verification, and anonymity;

WHEREAS, This Resolution will rescind and replace Tribal Council Resolution No. 100524ATC-009 in its entirety. Fuel cards will not be awarded to members of Tribal Council to attend any Tribal Council Meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby amends the Tribal Council Rules of Order and Procedure to include the following section:

Remote Participation and Voting

1. **Verified Enrollment** – All enrolled Tribal members eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be eligible to participate remotely in any duly called Tribal Council meeting upon advance registration using their enrollment number.
 2. **Remote Access** – Registered Tribal members shall be provided secure, real-time access to observe the meeting and vote electronically on any resolution brought before the body.
 3. **Voting Integrity** – Remote votes shall be counted simultaneously with in-person votes using secure technology and procedures that ensure one vote per verified Tribal member, maintain ballot secrecy, and prevent duplicate voting.
 4. **Transition of Fuel Card Assistance** – Fuel card assistance for Tribal Council meetings shall be discontinued upon full implementation of the remote voting system. Tribal members who prefer to attend in person will continue to be provided in-person access and a voting keypad upon check-in.
 5. **Live Demonstration** – At the Special Tribal Council Meeting called in August 2025 Tribal members were allowed to observe, test, and comment on the security and usability of the proposed remote voting system prior to full implementation.
 6. **Program Oversight** – The Office of Tribal Council shall oversee the implementation and maintenance of the remote voting system, including communication, registration, vendor coordination, and technical assistance.
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BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that this resolution will rescind and replace Tribal Council Resolution No. 100524ATC-009 in its entirety.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall apply to all future Tribal Council meetings unless amended or repealed by subsequent action of the Tribal Council.



Tribal Council Chairperson

I, Jennifer Bailey, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Tribal Council Resolution 081625STC-003, which was voted on by the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Special Tribal Council Meeting on August 16, 2025, by a vote of 117 for, 106 against, and 5 abstaining.

Jennifer Bailey
Tribal Council Secretary