



TO: The Narragansett Tribal Assembly
FROM: Narragansett Tribal Election Committee
DATE: September 10, 2026
RE: Revised 2026 Election Timeline and Plan Forward

REVISED ELECTION TIMELINE AND PLAN FORWARD

Dear Members of the Narragansett Tribal Assembly,

The Narragansett Tribal Election Committee (TEC) is writing to provide the Tribal Assembly with an update regarding the 2026 Tribal Election and to formally outline the Committee's plan moving forward. After careful consideration of the circumstances and delays that have occurred throughout the election preparation process, the Election Committee has determined that the election will need to be **postponed from the originally anticipated 2026 timeline**, with the goal of conducting the election in **mid-January 2027**.

This change is necessary to allow the Committee adequate time to complete the required election processes and to ensure that the election is conducted in a fair, transparent, organized, and orderly manner. The Committee has faced significant obstacles outside of its control, including delays related to election funding and the availability of election equipment. While the election itself will be postponed, **the work of the Election Committee will not stop**.

The Committee will continue making every effort to move the process forward and maintain momentum throughout the remainder of 2026. The additional time will be used to ensure that the Election Ordinance receives appropriate review with the Tribal Assembly, while simultaneously allowing the Committee to continue preparing for the upcoming election.

PROPOSED TIMELINE

OCTOBER 2026 Tribal Assembly Special Meetings — Election Ordinance Review

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Saturday, October 31, 2026 — Target Date for Ratification

DECEMBER 2026 Candidate Registration

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Thursday, December 3, 2026

Friday, December 5, 2026

JANUARY 2027 Election Activities

Saturday, January 9, 2027 — Candidate Rally



Saturday, January 16, 2027 — Election Day

Saturday, January 23, 2027 — Snow Date

These meetings will provide the Tribal Assembly with multiple opportunities to review the Election Ordinance, discuss proposed procedures, raise questions, and provide input prior to ratification. Our objective is to hold the election as early in January as reasonably possible while allowing sufficient time for the necessary election procedures to be completed properly.

The Committee recognizes that postponing the election is not ideal. However, moving forward with an unrealistic or compressed timeline would create unnecessary risks and could negatively impact the integrity and administration of the election. The Committee's previously proposed January timeline was developed specifically to allow adequate preparation while ensuring access to necessary resources and equipment.

This revised timeline is intended to provide a clear and organized path forward rather than allowing the current delays to result in further uncertainty.

The Election Committee will continue working during this period to prepare for registration, candidate activities, election administration, equipment, election workers, notices, and all other necessary components of the election process.

We also want to make clear that **all dates listed in this letter are tentative until the official Notice of Election is approved and posted.** The dates may be adjusted as necessary to ensure compliance with the Election Ordinance and the requirements of the election process.

The Election Committee remains committed to conducting an election that is fair, transparent, organized, and **beyond reproach**, while ensuring that the Tribal membership has adequate opportunity to understand and participate in the process.

We appreciate the Tribal Assembly's participation as we move through the ordinance review and ratification process. Our goal is to continue moving forward, maintain momentum, and bring this election to completion in **January 2027.**

Respectfully,

Narragansett Tribal Election Committee



Tribal Election Committee

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The following meeting dates and times are scheduled to review, amend, and accept our NIT Tribal Election Ordinance:

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Four Winds Community Center, North Building
Charlestown, Rhode Island (capacity 128 people)

AGENDA

Review, Amend, and Accept – NIT Tribal Election Ordinance

***NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO OTHER BUSINESS DISCUSSED DURING THIS
SPECIAL MEETING (THE CODE OF CONDUCT WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO)**

In effort to have a timely election,
if the TEC Ordinance is not completed/ratified by October 31, 2026, the TEC will use the
current approved/ratified version dated March 30, 2024.