

**TITLE 9
EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER ONE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Section 101. Education Committee; Qualification; Appointment; Removal.

(a) The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma shall officially recognize an Education Committee, which shall be charged and empowered with the duties and responsibilities listed in Section 104 of Title 9.

(b) The Education Committee shall be a five (5) member Committee and a member of the Seminole Nation, with the exception of Seminole Freedmen.

- (1) The Education Committee shall consist of a minimum of two (2) members of the General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, preferably members with experience in teaching or the education profession.
- (2) Committee members who are not Council members shall have experience in teaching or the education profession and one member of the Seminole Nation who is currently enrolled at an institution of higher learning.
- (3) The Principal Chief shall appoint the members of the Education Committee, subject to confirmation by the General Council.
- (4) The Principal Chief and Assistant Chief shall be ex officio, non-voting members of the Education Committee.
- (5) At least three (3) official Committee members shall be in attendance in order to establish a quorum.

(c) The first meeting of the Education Committee, after at least three (3) appointments are confirmed by the General Council, shall be organized by the Principal Chief. At the first meeting of the Education Committee, the members shall select within their membership a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Recording Secretary.

(d) The Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma may at any time recall the appointment of any member of the Education Committee for good cause shown, subject to the approval of a majority of the Council.

(e) Voting on agenda items by the Education Committee shall be by roll call vote and shall be recorded by the Recording Secretary.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. TO-2008-02, February 19, 2008]

Section 102. Term.

The term of Education Committee members shall be four (4) years from the date of appointment by the Chief and confirmation of the General Council.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. TO-2008-02, February 19, 2008]

Section 103. Duties.

The duties of the Education Committee shall include the following :

- (a) Develop short and long range plans for the immediate and future needs of education of the members of the Nation from kindergarten through college and beyond, including but not limited to vocational schooling and adult education; and
- (b) Develop of a non-profit foundation for education and youth activities of members of the Seminole Nation; and
- (c) Work with education institutions attended by members of the Seminole Nation to achieve increased education opportunities for members and to address shortcomings and complaints by members of the Seminole Nation regarding these educational institutions; and
- (d) Make recommendations for implementation of any agreements between the Seminole Nation and educational institutions such as, but not limited to, the agreement between the National Indian Gaming Commission and the Seminole Nation; and
- (e) Recommend to the General Council further development of laws for the Nation regarding education; and
- (f) Prepare and submit an annual report of activities, findings and proposals for review by the General Council as provided for in Section 105 in Title 9; and
- (g) Utilize professional Seminole Nation educators, citizens in the community, and students as an advisory resource to the Education Committee; and
- (h) Perform any additional duties as authorized by the General Council.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. TO-2008-02, February 19, 2008]

Section 104. Education Committee: Compensation.

Pursuant to Title 16, Section 602, in which all members Committees, Boards and Task Forces of the Seminole Nation receive a stipend of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), this law shall apply to persons appointed to the Committee who attend the meetings of Education Committee. If the amount paid to members of Committees, Boards and Task Forces of the Seminole Nation is modified in Title 16, Section 602, the modifications shall also apply to the Education Committee.

[HISTORY: Ordinance No. TO-2008-02, February 19, 2008]

Section 105. Education Committee Governed by General Council.

(a) It is to be understood and directed that the Education Committee will be extended the fullest and best cooperation of all concerned while in the performance of its duties and will be working in the best interests of the citizens of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

(b) The Education Committee is governed by the General Council and shall submit an annual report of activities, findings and proposals for review at the Quarterly Meeting of the General Council held the first Saturday of September each year.

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