

Teme-Augama Anishnabai Elections Appeal Committee Decision, October 15, 2026

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Ground 1 — Appeal concerning the nomination of Joseph Katt

The Appeals Committee has considered Tammy Presseault's appeal concerning the rejection of Joseph Katt's nomination for Ogimaa.

The TAA Election Process identifies three requirements for a valid nomination: a mover, a seconder, and a list indicating support from at least 25 eligible TAA Citizens. While the written text does not explicitly state whether the 25 supporters must be distinct from the mover and seconder, the Committee understands that established TAA electoral practice has treated these as separate requirements—involving 27 distinct eligible Citizens in total.

The Committee reviewed the circumstances surrounding the nomination submission. The nomination discrepancy was identified approximately three hours prior to the nomination deadline. Upon identifying the discrepancy, the Electoral Officer promptly notified both the mover and the nominee that two additional eligible supporters were required to meet the 27-person threshold. The correspondence further indicates that an opportunity to provide the additional signatures was offered before the close of nominations, but the deficiency was not remedied.

The Electoral Officer is charged with administering the nomination process fairly, consistently, and in accordance with established practice. In this instance, the Committee finds that the Electoral Officer administered the nomination process fairly and consistently by identifying the deficiency, communicating it to the mover, and providing an opportunity for correction.

While the Committee acknowledges that the wording of the nomination requirements could be clearer, it finds that the Electoral Officer's interpretation was consistent with established electoral practice and that the nomination process was administered fairly and reasonably. Accordingly, the Committee does not find that the rejection of the nomination constituted an electoral irregularity warranting the setting aside of the election results or the ordering of a new election.

Decision: The Committee therefore denies this ground of appeal.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the nomination guidelines and application forms be revised before the next election to expressly state that the mover, seconder, and 25 supporting Citizens must be distinct individuals, consistent with established electoral practice.

Grounds 2 and 3

The concerns of the voting method and creation of the interim constitution are beyond the scope of our mandate as an Election Appeals Committee. They are governance-related issues which members can address at the next Assembly as they are important issues that should be addressed and amended based on discussions with all TAA Citizens.