

Note: This is Article V of the Amended Charter of Tohono O’odham Community College, approved by the Tohono O’odham Legislative Council in 2018.

Article V

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERSHIP, ROLE, COMPOSITION, APPOINTMENT, NUMBER, QUALIFICATIONS, TERM OF OFFICE

A. Role. The business affairs of the College shall be directed by the Board in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

B. Composition of the Board. The Board shall be composed of Trustees as provided in this Charter.

C. Appointment. The Trustees shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Nation with the approval of the Legislative Council. Candidates for the position of Trustee may be recommended by any Nation’s member. The name of candidates recommended for the position of Trustee shall be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Nation for review to ensure that every candidate meets the minimum qualifications provided in this Article. Every candidate that meets the minimum qualifications shall be subject to a background investigation in accordance with applicable requirements of the Legislative Council. No employee of the College, or elected official of the Nation, or any District elected official shall be eligible to serve as a Trustee.

D. Number of Trustees. The Board shall consist of no less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) Trustees at least two of whom shall be recognized O’odham elders.

E. Qualifications. Trustees, other than the two recognized O’odham elder Trustees, shall have the following qualifications:

- a. be an enrolled member of the Nation;
- b. have sufficient experience and dedication to higher education to make sound judgments concerning the operation of the College;
- c. have a minimum of a Bachelor of Arts or Sciences degree from an accredited institution of higher education; and
- d. is a recognized professional within his or her field of endeavor.

F. Term. Trustees shall serve staggered terms. Of the initial Trustees, half shall serve a term of two years, half shall serve a term of three years, and, in the event that there exists an odd number of Trustees, those remaining shall serve a term of four years. Thereafter, all terms shall be for four years. A Trustee shall be eligible for reappointment upon expiration of their terms of office. Each Trustee shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and qualified.