TITLE 7 – ENROLLMENT, COMMITTEES, ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS

CHAPTER 7-16 VISIONS COMMITTEE

7-16-1 Purpose

This Chapter 7-16 establishes the Visions Committee ("Committee") of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians ("Tribe") as a standing committee under the Planning Department. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Tribal Council, gathering and prioritizing the needs and desires of the General Council—both within and outside the Service Area—to inform future strategic planning.

7-16-2 Authority

Pursuant to the CLUSI Constitution, Article I, §1 and Article VI, §2, the Tribal Council exercises legislative authority. Under CLUSITC 7-5, the Tribal Council may establish standing committees to assist in providing quality services to Tribal citizens and to develop, maintain, and protect Tribal assets and interests.

7-16-3 Establishment of Committee

The Tribal Council hereby establishes the Visions Committee as a standing committee of the Tribe under the Planning Department.

7-16-4 Definitions

For purposes of this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Service Area" means the Oregon counties of Coos, Lane, Lincoln, Douglas, and Curry.

(b) "Tribe" means the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon.

(c) "Standing Committee" means a committee created by ordinance to fulfill ongoing functions on behalf of the Tribal Council.

(d) "Citizen" means an enrolled Tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians.

(e) "General Council" means the full Tribal membership as defined by the CLUSI Constitution.

7-16-5 Membership

(a) The Committee shall consist of five (5) enrolled Tribal citizens as voting members.

(b) A non-voting staff member, assigned by the Planning Director, shall provide clerical and logistical support.

(c) Appointments should, where feasible, reflect diverse representation, including:

(1) One Youth Council representative over the age of eighteen, if the Youth Council is established and a representative is available;

(2) One Elder representative.

(3) At least two members residing outside the Tribe's Five-County Service Area (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln counties);

(4) More than one member with Indigenous Knowledge or cultural knowledge (e.g., Indigenous stewardship, traditional forestry, fishing, or hunting; ceremony, traditional technologies, language/history, basketry, traditional gaming, storytelling); and

(5) More than one member with relevant education, knowledge, and/or skills in finance, business administration, and/or planning.

7-16-6 Committee Member Qualifications

Members shall:

(a) Be impartial and able to serve without bias;

(b) Possess strong communication skills;

(c) Demonstrate respect for differing opinions and provide constructive feedback;

(d) Possess knowledge, skills, and/or relevant work or committee experience that advances the Committee's goals; and

(e) Be dedicated to incorporating traditional values into future planning.

7-16-7 Meetings & Procedures

(a) The Committee shall meet quarterly or as needed.

(b) Every meeting shall have written minutes transcribed and all meetings shall be and available to Tribal Council.

(c) Meetings are closed to Committee members and assigned support staff to ensure efficiency. Guests may be permitted with prior approval of the Chair and a majority vote of the Committee.

(d) Committee members are encouraged to attend Tribal events to assist with outreach and data collection.

7-16-8 Duties

The Committee shall:

(a) Advise the Tribal Council and coordinate with the Planning Department to identify improvement opportunities and offer recommendations that guide Tribal strategic planning. Recommendations may include new programs, enhancements to existing programs, or other priorities emerging from membership outreach.

(b) Develop and employ multiple methods to collect input from the General Council (e.g., survey tools, newsletter articles, focus groups). All communications and survey content require prior approval from the Planning Department and shall be handled confidentially.

(b) Conduct, collect, synthesize, and prioritize membership feedback and present it to the Tribal Council twice per year in a consistent format.

(c) Review, annually, the Program Service Guide to include content of information to share with General Membership in outreach efforts and to remain familiar with current programs and services.

(d) Engage in other activities and perform additional duties as directed by the Tribal Council.

(e) When gathering and prioritizing feedback, the Committee shall capture viewpoints on program needs, service enhancements, and community priorities related to Tribal enterprises and economic activities, as expressed by the General Council.

(f) The Committee acts solely in an advisory capacity to the Tribal Council.

7-16-9 Terms of Service

Committee members are appointed by the Tribal Council for four-year (4) terms. Members appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

7-16-10 Application of CLUSITC Chapter 7-5

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, CLUSITC 7-5 (General Committee Code) applies to the Committee.

7-16-11 Sovereign Immunity

Nothing in this Chapter waives the sovereign immunity of the Tribe, any Tribal entity, department, or program, or any Tribal official or employee, except as expressly and specifically provided herein.

7-16-12 Severability

If any provision of this Chapter is found invalid or illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction under applicable federal or Tribal law, that provision shall be severed and the remainder of this Chapter shall remain in full force and effect.

APPENDIX A

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND EDITORIAL CHANGES

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The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians approves The Visions Committee Code draft for Second Reading and final approval by Resolution No.26-006 at a Tribal Council meeting on January 11, 2026. Creating Ordinance No. 109. Vote was 7 (for), 0 (against), 0 (absent) and 0 (abstaining).

The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians approves The Visions Committee Code draft for First Reading and 28-day comment period by Resolution No.25-199 at a Tribal Council meeting on November 9, 2025. Vote was 6 (for), 0 (against), 1 (absent) and 0 (abstaining).