## IN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPREME COURT

CITIZENSHIP BOARD OF THE	)		
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION,	)		NOV 1 3 2025
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Appellant,	)		CONNIE DEARMAN
	)	Case No.: SC-2023-10	MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION COURT CLERIC
V.	)		
	)	(District Court Case No.: CV-2020-34)	
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RHONDA K. GRAYSON and	)		
JEFFREY D. KENNEDY,	)		
	)		
Respondents.	)		

## ORDER TAKING RESPONDENTS' RENEWED MOTION FOR CONTEMPT UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND DIRECTING APPELLANT TO SUBMIT MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Before: ADAMS, C.J.; LERBLANCE, V.C.J.; SUPERNAW, THOMPSON, JJ.

HARJO-WARE and MCNAC, JJ, recused and not participating in the decision. STOMSKI, J. not participating in the decision pursuant to Administrative Order 2025-05.

This matter comes before the Court pursuant to Respondents' October 14, 2025, Renewed Motion for Contempt and for Court Enforcement of Order and Judgment and for Order to Show Cause. The Respondents advise the Court that they have yet to receive notification from the Appellant that their applications for citizenship with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation have been approved. Further, the Respondents argue, "a reasonable amount of time to establish procedures in line with the Court's Order and issue Respondents citizenship cards [has passed]." The Appellant responds that it "has not willfully disobeyed this Court's Order and Opinion[,]" and that the Appellant "has not yet had the ability to comply with the Order[.]"

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See, Respondents' Renewed Motion for Contempt and for Court Enforcement of Order and Judgment and for Order to Show Cause, at 2. (October 14, 2025)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See, Appellant Citizenship Board of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Response to Respondents' Renewed Motion for Contempt and for Court Enforcement of Order and Judgment and for Order to Show Cause, at 5. (October 27, 2025) <sup>3</sup> Id.

The Court takes the Respondents' *Renewed Motion for Contempt* under consideration, and hereby directs the Appellant to file a monthly status report with the Court. The first report shall be due on or before close of business on **Friday**, **December 5**, **2025**.

IT IS SO ORDERED that the Appellant's first status report shall provide the following information:

- 1. With respect to Appellant's October 27, 2025, *Response* (at numbered paragraph 5), provide the Court with a summary explanation of each "necessary amendment" to "policies and procedures" that has been submitted by any MCN department in response to Principal Chief Hill's August 28, 2025, Executive Order 25-05.
  - a. Further, with respect to each proposed amendment submitted by any MCN department, advise if the Appellant intends to pursue that specific amendment, what actions have been taken by the department, the Appellant, the National Council, and/or the Nation to-date on that specific amendment, and an estimated time until completion of that specific amendment.
- 2. With respect to Appellant's October 27, 2025, *Response* (at numbered paragraph 7), provide the Court with a summary explanation of each "proposed code amendment" submitted by the Attorney General's Office, and a summary explanation of each proposed amendment to "the Citizenship Board's policies and procedures" and what specific actions have been taken by the Appellant, the National Council, and/or the Nation to-date, as well as an estimated time until completion on each proposed code/policy/procedure amendment.
- 3. With respect to Appellant's October 27, 2025, *Response* (at numbered paragraph 8), provide a summary explanation of all actions taken to-date by the Citizenship Board to promulgate administrative rules facilitating the Court's July 23, 2025, *Order and Opinion*.

Have any proposed administrative rules been published in the Muscogee Nation News todate? If so, when? Have any proposed administrative rules been filed with the National Council Secretary? If so, when? Have any proposed administrative rules been filed with the Court Clerk? If so, when?

- 4. With respect to Appellant's October 27, 2025, *Response* (at Argument and Authority, Page 6), provide a summary explanation of all anticipated "questions of national significance to be answered by the elected officials of the Nation," what specific actions have been taken on each question to-date, and an estimated time until completion on each question.
- 5. Provide a summary explanation of all additional questions that must be addressed (other than those mentioned above) before the Citizenship Board may issue citizenship documents pursuant to the Court's July 23, 2025, *Order and Opinion*, what (if any) steps have been taken to resolve those questions to-date, and an estimated time until completion on each question.
- 6. Provide a summary explanation detailing what the Appellant asserts is a reasonable timeframe for completion of all necessary steps prior to issuing citizenship documentation pursuant to the Court's July 23, 2025, *Order and Opinion*. Provide a summary explanation justifying this timeframe.

To be clear, the Court anticipates this initial status report to cover ALL areas in which the Appellant believes amendments to the Nation's code, internal policies and procedures, or any other area are required. Failure to provide complete information in this status report, or, in the future to claim that additional areas must be addressed, without good cause shown for the failure to include those items in this status report, will be taken into consideration, both with respect to future status

report requirements, and with respect to this Court's consideration of the Respondents' Renewed

Motion for Contempt.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will issue (1) a new set of monthly status report

requirements and (2) the next due date following the filing of the previous month's status report.

The Court's future status report requirements may direct the Appellant, the Respondents, or both

parties to provide the Court with specific updates/information. The Court reserves the right to

schedule a status conference, show cause hearing, and/or issue orders of contempt for non-

compliance with this, or any future Order.

FILED AND ENTERED: November 13, 2025

Andrew Adams III

Chief Justice

Vice-Chief Justice

Associate Justice

Associate Justice

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that on November 13, 2025, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Order and Opinion* with proper postage prepaid to each of the following: Graydon D. Luthey, Jr., R. Trent Shores, and Barrett L. Powers, GableGotwals, 110 N. Elgin Ave., Suite 200, Tulsa, OK 74120; Geri Wisner, Jeremy Pittman, and Clinton Wilson, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447; Rod Wiemer, 114 N. Grand, Okmulgee, OK 74447; Jana L. Knott, Bass Law, 252 NW 70<sup>th</sup> St., Oklahoma City, OK 73116; Damario Solomon-Simmons, Solomon Simmons Law, 601 S. Boulder Ave., Suite 602, Tulsa, OK 74119; M. David Riggs, Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis, 502 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Tulsa, OK 74119. A true and correct copy was also hand-delivered to the Clerk of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.

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