

**SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
ELECTION COMMISSION**

Complaint: Isaac McKechnie

May 6, 2026

BACKGROUND

On May 6, 2026, the Election Commission filed a complaint against Isaac McKechnie. In that complaint, the Election Commission alleges that Isaac McKechnie violated 10.115 for failure to file a monthly report detailing all contributions and expenditures by the 5th day of May.

The complaint requested the following relief:

1. That a Notice to Rectify be issued to Isaac McKechnie according to the sanction schedule.

ANALYSIS

The Election Commission requested the Election Commission Attorney pursuant to 10.121(2) on whether the allegations in the contest constitute a violation of this Code. The Election Commission Attorney presented his findings to the Election Commission during the May 6, 2026, meeting.

The relevant code sections to this contest are 10.115 and 10.121.

10.115 (1) Each Candidate and Non-Candidate Registrant shall file reports under oath and penalty of perjury with the Designated Representative at the Designated Office detailing all Contributions and expenditures, including without limitation, advertising, flyers, postage, fundraising expenses, phone bank charges, online contributions, and other campaign costs, in accordance with this Section. An initial report shall be filed within five (5) days of registering as a Non-Candidate Registrant or submitting a Letter of Intent as a Candidate. Interim reports shall be filed monthly no later than the fifth (5th) day following the end of each month. A final report shall be filed no later than the deadline set for Contests.

10.121(3) The Election Commission, establishing two categories of Complaints: Administrative Complaints and Campaign Complaints.

- a. Administrative Complaints: shall mean any type of action that is related to filing paperwork with the Election Commission. These types of Complaints can be initiated administratively by a majority vote of the Election Commission

outside of the complaints/contest process. Examples of these types of Complaints include missed report filing deadline or failed to place endorsement on an advertisement. The Election Commission shall make the following types of decisions on these types of Complaints:

- i. Dismiss the Complaint in writing as being without merit, if a Complaint is based on second-hand knowledge, it shall be dismissed as being without merit; or
 - ii. Issue a notice pursuant to the published Sanctions Schedule.
- b. Campaign Complaints: shall mean any type of violation related to campaigning. These types of Complaints can only be initiated by members or candidates through the complaint process. The Election Commission shall make the following types of decisions on these types of Complaints:
- i. Dismiss the Complaint in writing as being without merit, if a Complaint is based on second-hand knowledge, it shall be dismissed as being without merit; or
 - ii. Convene a hearing on the matter and render a written decision pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.

This is a complaint filed by the Election Commission pursuant to a majority vote of the Commission on May 6, 2026, and is an Administrative Complaint for failure to file required paperwork with the Election Commission. Under 10.120(3), all findings of the Election Commission regarding any complaints or contests shall be published on the Tribe's Website once the decision has been finalized in writing.

All candidates are required to submit their contribution and expense reports by the 5th of each month. The Election Commission sent a reminder on April 10th to each candidate on their responsibility to submit their contribution and expense report by the 5th of each month, and if any late or missing final financial reports, the Election Commission Sanction Schedule will take effect. It is the responsibility of each Candidate to ensure they file all required paperwork with the Election Commission in a timely manner under Chapter 10.

As of the Election Commission meeting on May 6th Isaac McKechnie has not filed their contribution and expense report for the month of April.

FINDINGS

The Election Commission makes the following findings:

1. That Isaac McKechnie did not timely file their contribution and expense report and violated Tribal Code 10.115.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the Election Commission makes the determination pursuant to 10.121(3)(a)(ii) that Isaac McKechnie violated 10.115 and under Section 5(a) of the sanction schedule, a Notice to Rectify will be issued.



Election Commission Vice-Chairperson

May 6, 2026