

GU ACHI DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE BYLAWS

I. ESTABLISHMENT

The Finance Committee is established as one of the standing committees of the Gu Achi District and shall be known as the “Gu Achi District Finance Committee”

II. PURPOSE

1. To monitor the use of all funds and assets within the Gu Achi District.
2. To review and recommend the annual district budget and/or modifications to the Gu Achi District Council for approval.
3. To monitor and evaluate the expenditures of the annual budgets for the district.
4. To monitor and evaluate economic development projects created by the district.
5. To review financial requests for district and community operations prior to their recommendation to the Gu Achi District Council for action.
6. To recommend financial management of the businesses owned by the Gu Achi District.
7. To recommend any investment of funds for the sole purpose of earning interest on accounts which may increase district revenues, (i.e., to purchase discount treasury notes, government bonds, etc.)
8. To make quarterly reports on all finances of the district budgets, to the district council during the months of October, January, April & July.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Gu Achi District Finance Committee shall consist of three (3) District Council members, and one (1) District member at large. Committee shall elect a Chairperson from within their membership.
2. The Chairperson of the committee:
 - a. Shall serve until the end of their term.
 - b. Shall preside at all committee meetings.
 - c. In case of absence of the Chairperson where a quorum is present, the members will select a chairperson to preside over that meeting.

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3. The District Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and District Treasurer shall serve as ex officio non-voting members for the Finance Committee and will also provide quorum support for the committee if needed.
4. The District Council Secretary shall serve as the Secretary for the meetings.

IV. VOTING

Committee members will have voting rights, excluding the District Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and the District Council Secretary.

V. APPOINTMENT

The members shall be appointed by the Gu Achi District Council following the Tohono O'odham Nation's general elections.

VI. TERMS, RESIGNATIONS AND REMOVALS

The Finance Committee members shall serve for (2) two years. Committee members may resign from the Finance Committee, at anytime with a written resignation letter addressed to the Committee Chairperson. The District Council shall appoint another member to serve out the remainder of that term. The Finance Committee members may be removed by the Gu-Achi District Council, by resolution, for just cause.

VII. MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

1. Regular meetings of the Finance Committee shall be held on a day determined by the committee members immediately following their appointment. The decided committee meeting day will officially be recognized by a Gu Achi District Council Resolution. A change in the regular meeting day shall be submitted for prior approval by the Gu Achi District Council.
2. Special meetings may be called when necessary by a majority of the Committee Members or by the Chairperson of the Gu Achi District Council.
3. A quorum will be established with (3) three Committee Members present. Business shall be conducted only during this time. If the committee is unable to establish a quorum, no formal action will be taken.
4. If a quorum is unable to be established due to conflict of interest, the meeting will be automatically rescheduled to the next available meeting day. However, if an agenda item is of urgency, then the Chairperson of the Committee can reschedule at the earliest convenience.

5. The Finance Committee shall have closed meetings if an issue arises, which is deemed personal and confidential.
6. A committee member shall be removed if he/she fails to attend (3) three consecutive meetings without legitimate cause.

VIII. COMPENSATION

The Gu Achi District Finance Committee members shall receive compensation at a rate determined by the Gu Achi District Council, in accordance to the approved Fiscal Year Budget.

IX. AMENDMENTS

Policies, and By-laws, of the Gu Achi District Finance Committee may be, amended at anytime, or when deemed necessary by the Committee, subject to approval by the Gu Achi District Council.

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