



UNITED HOUMA NATION

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Election Board:

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The UHN Election Board is announcing the Runoff Election process for the position of United Houma Nation Principal Chief for the 2026 standing election. As there was not a single candidate who captured a majority (as clarified in the Emergency Ordinance No. June-26-01 as 50% + 1, a runoff will take place on Saturday, September 5, 2026.

The Election Board has certified Lora Ann Chaisson (incumbent) and Adam Crappel as the two candidates moving forward in this runoff. The sample ballot is at the end of this announcement for voter reference.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION:

To vote in this runoff election, tribal citizens **MUST** have been registered by the May 6, 2026, voter deadline advertised in the June election. No new open voter registration period is allowed as per the Emergency Ordinance.

Please note that the United Houma Nation has a voter registration requirement as per the UHN Constitution. To find out more about the UHN's voter registration process, contact the office above or go to the <https://unitedhoumanation.org/citizen-enrollment/>

ABSENTEE VOTING:

If eligible registered voters are not going to be available to vote on Election Day or anyone who would prefer to vote absentee must do so starting Thursday, July 30, 2026, through Monday, August 31, 2026. Absentee voting can take place in one of two ways:

1. Eligible voters appear in person at the UHN Administrative Office (address above) Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 4:00pm with a photo ID and cast their vote through the absentee process.
2. Eligible voters unable to appear at the office must submit a written request with an original signature to the UHN Administrative Office, located temporarily at the address above, to request a mailed absentee ballot. All cast ballots must be received at the UHN Houma Office by 4pm, Monday, August 31, 2026, to be counted.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY:

The polling locations for the Saturday, September 5, 2026, at large election will be the same as those of the June election. Eligible voters will be mailed official notices of their polling locations by the first of August so they can have ample time to receive notice of the election and their assigned location.

Anyone who believes they are registered to vote and does not receive such a letter is urged to contact the UHN Administrative Offices to confirm your status as well as your address on file. If you know you have had a change of address, please update that immediately so you can be assigned to the correct polling site.

The polls will be open from 6:00am to 8:00pm on the day of the election.

Here is what ELIGIBLE UHN voters need to know in preparation of voting on Saturday, September 5, 2026:

1. ONLY ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO WERE REGISTERED BY MAY 6, 2026, DEADLINE ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS RUNOFF ELECTION. Letters are going out to all eligible registered voters in advance of the election to notify them of their ability to vote in this election. If eligible registered tribal voters do not receive this letter by Friday, August 14, 2026, please contact the UHN Administrative Office at (985)223-3093 to confirm voting status.
2. All tribal voters will need to present a photo ID to vote. Acceptable photo ID can be a tribal voter ID, Louisiana state driver's license or state ID.
3. Anyone who voted by absentee ballot cannot vote at the poll UNLESS he/she/they relinquish the assigned absentee ballot at the poll on Election Day.
4. No one who registered to vote after the May 6, 2026, deadline will be able to vote in this election. However, such individuals will be eligible for future elections immediately following.

Below is a sample ballot for everyone's review. Please DO NOT return this sample ballot. Mail in sample ballots will not count.

RUNOFF Election – Principal Chief

SAMPLE BALLOT

Place a check mark (✓) next to the candidate you wish to select as Principal Chief of the United Houma Nation.

_____ Lora Ann Chaisson (incumbent)

_____ Adam Crappel