## Biography

My name is Michael Fairbanks, Chairman of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, since 2019. I grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota and moved up north after high school.

My education consists of two Associate of Science degrees: business management and nutrition, Bachelor of Arts in American Indian studies and Post bachelor's in the Naadamaadiwin Special Education Program.

I am graduating with a Master of Arts in education from Augsburg University.

I have worked in tribal administration in various capacities for the last 20 years, which included the deputy director of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe.