



Rodney A. Butler is the Chairman of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation since January, 2010. Mr. Butler's service on Tribal Council began in 2004, one year later in 2005, he was appointed Tribal Council Treasurer; a position he held through 2009. During his tenure, Mr. Butler chaired the Tribe's Finance, Housing and Judicial Committees, the MPTN Utility Authority, and served as an Interim CEO for Foxwoods Resort Casino.

Mr. Butler earned his Bachelor's Degree in Finance from the University of Connecticut where he played Defensive Back for the UConn Huskies' football team. Prior to Tribal Council, Butler worked in the finance department at Foxwoods Resort Casino. He later became Chairman of the Tribal Business Advisory Board; an executive body responsible for overseeing the Tribe's non-gaming businesses and commercial properties. Butler was actively involved in multiple resort expansions at Foxwoods, as well as community development initiatives on the Reservation, the establishment of the Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribe Endowment Trust, and the legalization of Sports Betting and iGaming in the state of Connecticut. He was also a participant in Harvard Business School's program: "Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities" and is a regular speaker on national panels related to Native American issues.

Chairman Butler presently serves on the Board of Directors for Mashantucket Pequot Interactive and is on the board of Foxwoods El San Juan Casino. He also serves as the President of NAFOA, as Alternate Vice President for the National Congress of American Indians and on the boards for the United South and Eastern Tribes, Indian Gaming Association, American Gaming Association, the Mystic Aquarium, and the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut. He is the 2019 recipient of the Citizen of the Year award from the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, and the National Indian Gaming Association's John Kieffer Sovereignty Award. In 2018, he received the St. Edmund's Medal of Honor Award from the Enders Island Retreat Center. In 2017, Chairman Butler was appointed "Tribal Leader of the Year" by the Native American Finance Officers Association.

As Chairman, Butler's primary focus is to ensure long-term stability for the Tribe's citizens, government, and business enterprises.