



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, June 15th, 2023

3:00 PM

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of Minutes from the June 13th Special Meeting
- IV. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations or protests
 1. Consideration and possible action regarding Phillips complaint
 2. Consideration and possible action regarding Watts complaint
 3. Consideration and possible action regarding Cornsilk complaint
 4. Consideration and possible action regarding first complaint of Cara Cowan Watts and David Walkingstick
 5. Consideration and possible action regarding second complaint of Cara Cowan Watts and David Walkingstick
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- V. Action from Executive Session
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commission Investigators contract.
 - b. Consideration and possible action on Press Release.
 - c. Certification of the Election Outcome for Candidates not involved in Run-Off.
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjourn

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Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2023

I. Call to order

- The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 3:00 P.M.

II. Roll call

- Election Commission Secretary Shawna Calico called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairperson
Pamela Sellers – Vice Chairperson
Shawna Calico – Secretary
Randy Campbell – Commissioner
Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

- Office staff present: Marcus Fears and Connie Parnell
- Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the June 13th, 2023 Special Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to table the June 13th, 2023 Special Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Executive Session

- Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to enter Executive Session at 3:01. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to exit Executive Session at 3:52. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

V. Action from Executive Session

- In regards to the Phillips complaint. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew that after hearing a report from the investigator for the Election Commission no evidence of a violation was found of the election code. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.



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- In regards to the Watts complaint. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew that after hearing a report from the investigator for the Election Commission no evidence of a violation was found of the election code. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- In regards to the Cornsilk complaint. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew that after hearing a report from the investigator for the Election Commission no evidence of a violation was found of the election code. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- In regards to the first complaint of Cara Cowan Watts and David Walkingstick. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew that after hearing a report from the investigator for the Election Commission no evidence of a violation was found of the election code. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- In regards to the second complaint of Cara Cowan Watts and David Walkingstick. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew that after hearing a report from the investigator for the Election Commission no evidence of a violation was found of the election code. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

VI. Old Business

- None

VII. Current Items

- Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commission Investigators contract. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to amend the Election Commission Investigators contract by \$20,000. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Consideration and possible action on Press Release. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the press release with corrections. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Certification of the Election Outcome for Candidates not involved in Run-Off. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Certification of the Election Outcome for Candidates not involved in Run-Off. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 1)**

VIII. Announcements

- None



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IX. Adjourn

- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Elizabeth Ballew to adjourn at 4:05 P.M. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Shawna Calico, Secretary/Treasurer

Shawna Calico

FOR RELEASE June 2023

Precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2023 for the Cherokee Nation General Run-off Election. The Run-off Election will be for the following districts District 1 Hulbert, District 3 Tenkiller, and District 8 Goingsnake. The voting locations are listed below.

Voters are urged to take their voter identification cards with them to the polls. Your voter identification card can help Precinct Officials find your name in the Precinct Signature Book, and it may also help them resolve the problem if you are not listed in the Precinct Signature Book.

Voters whose names are not found in the Precinct Signature Book or a voter who disagrees with the information shown in the Signature Book may cast a Challenged ballot. A Challenged ballot is sealed in a special envelope and counted after the Challenged Ballots are returned to the CNEC office if the voter's information can be verified by the Cherokee Nation Election Commission.

Anyone who is eligible and in line at the precinct at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2023 will be entitled to vote.

If you think your precinct has changed and you did not receive a new voter registration card, you may contact the

Cherokee Nation Election Commission, 918-458-5899 or 1-800-353-2895 to verify your current precinct location.

Below is a list of the precincts and their location.

Early Walk-in voting will be available at the Election Commission on Saturday July 1, July 4, 5, and 6. Hours of operation are from 7 to 7 each day. If you have an absentee that you would like to dope off, the Drop Box is available on each day of early voting and on Election Day July 8 2023.

District 1 Hulbert

Tahlequah 1 Sequoyah High School Cafeteria

17091 S Muskogee Ave Tahlequah, OK 74464

Hulbert 1 Hulbert Cherokee Community Center

405 S Rogers Ave Hulbert, Ok 74441

Okay 1 SR Citizen Center

3701 E 75 St N Okay, Ok 74446

District 3 Tenkiller

Tahlequah 3 Sequoyah High School Cafeteria

17091 S Muskogee Ave Tahlequah, OK 74464

Keys 3 Keys Community Bldg

19083 E 840 Rd Park Hill, OK 74451

District 8 Goingsnake

Stilwell 8 Maryetta Eagleton Activity Bldg.

470819 E 810 Rd Stilwell, Ok 74960

Westville 8 Westville School (Cafeteria)

500 W Chincapin Westville, OK 74965

Bell 8 Bell Public School

88963 S 4729 Rd Stilwell, OK 74960



Cherokee Nation Election Commission

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Certification of the 2023 General Election Outcome

Principal Chief	Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Deputy Chief	Bryan Warner
District 6 Tribal Councilor	Daryl Legg
District 12 Tribal Councilor	Dora Patzkowski
District 13 Tribal Councilor	Joe Deere
District 14 Tribal Councilor	Kevin Easley, Jr.
At Large Tribal Councilor	Julia Coates

We, the undersigned Election Officials of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission, do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate Election Outcome and winning Candidates of the 2023 General Election not involved in the Run-Off. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation and Title 26 CNCA, Elections and the Rules and Regulations of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission.

Dated this 15 day of June, 2023.

Rick Doherty, Chairperson

Pamela Sellers, Vice Chairperson

Shawna Calico, Secretary/Treasurer

Randy Campbell, Commissioner

Elizabeth Ballew, Commissioner

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

 REGULAR MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 6-15-23 at 3:00 AM/PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty Present/Absent

Pamela Sellers Present/Absent

Shawna Calico Present/Absent

Randy Campbell Present/Absent

Elizabeth Ballew Present/Absent

Quorum Established: YES / NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin **CNEC Investigator:** Nick Goodwin

Staff Present: Marcus Fears, Connie Parnell, Kendal Bishop, Charlene Keys

Visitors:

Chad Hunter _____

