



## CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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### AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

9:30 AM

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary
- III. Approval of Minutes from the June 16<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Current Items
  - a. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commissioners Agreements
  - b. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commission Attorney's Agreement.
  - c. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 General Election.
  - d. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 Run-Off Election.
- IX. Executive Session
  - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations, or protests
  - b. Personnel
  - c. Exit Executive Session
- X. Action from Executive Session
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjourn

**POSTED**  
6/20/2025

By June 20, 2025, 5:00 PM  
Cherokee Nation Election Office  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

Posted by: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, 9:30am

#### **I. Call to order**

- a. The Regular Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 9:30am

#### **II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary**

- a. Election Commission Secretary, Pamela Sellers, called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty - Chairman

Cheryl Cooper – Vice Chairperson

Pamela Sellers – Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

Sherry Reynolds – Commissioner

Office Staff – Connie Parnell & Marcus Fears

Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

- a. The June 16<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes were approved in a Special Meeting held on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. No minutes needed to be approved.

#### **IV. Administrator's Report**

- a. Marcus reported on completing the General Election, follow-ups on Candidate financials and preparing for the Run-Off Election in July. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 1)**

#### **V. Election Director's Report**

- a. Connie reported on completing the General Election, finishing machine PM's and organizing the Run-Off Election. She presented names and documentation of 8 individuals who received voter credit for submitting their absentee ballot and also voted a challenged ballot. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to refer the names and documentation to the Marshal Service. The motion was



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seconded by all Commissioners. She also mentioned some voter registration forms inside the challenged ballot envelopes. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to table removal of the VR's until the outcome of the election has been certified.

### **(Attachment 2)**

#### **VI. Attorney's Report**

- a. Nothing to report, litigation free.

#### **VII. Old Business**

#### **VIII. Current Items**

- a. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commissioners' Agreements.
  - i. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to amend the agreements of Sherry Reynolds, Elizabeth Ballew, Pamela Sellers and Cheryl Cooper by \$5000.00 each.
- b. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commission Attorney's Agreement.
  - i. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to amend Harvey's agreement by \$20,000.00.
- c. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 General Election.
  - i. No Action Taken.
- d. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 Run-Off Election.
  - i. No Action Taken.

#### **IX. Executive Session**

#### **X. Action from Executive Session**

#### **XI. Announcements**

- a. Marcus announced needing to change passwords.

#### **XII. Adjourn**

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to adjourn at 10:01am. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

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July 03, 2025 Administrators Report

Marcus Fears Administrator  
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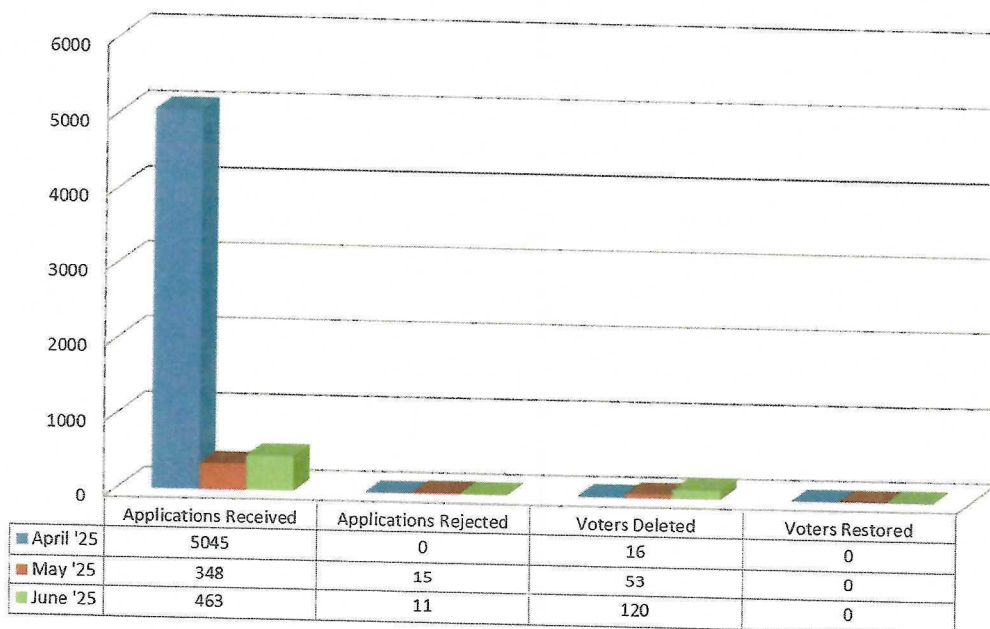
### I. OFFICE:

Early Walk-In Voting kicked off the month of June with the election on June 7<sup>th</sup>. After the appeals period ended, absentee ballots for the Runoff election were mailed pursuant to statute on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Financial deficiencies were issued and follow-ups were made for any that owes a fine. As we prepare for this Runoff, thank you to everyone, the Staff, the Commission, the extra workers, the precinct workers, even CN IT, the Contracts department and Security for all the hard work this cycle.

### II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 07/01/2025

**80,023** Total Registered Voters; **42,855** In-District; **37,168** At-Large

#### Voter Registration Statistics



#### A. Statistical Report:

\*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

### III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- 10 total Requisitions for June
- FY2025 is on target

<b>District</b>	<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Voters</b>
Dist No. 1	Hulbert D-1	1,686
	Okay D-1	354
	Tahlequah B D-1	1,406
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,446</b>
Dist No. 2	Tahlequah A D-2	1,604
	Tahlequah B D-2	1,134
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,738</b>
Dist No. 3	Keys D-3	1,051
	Marble City D-3	1,404
	Tahlequah B D-3	862
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,317</b>
Dist No. 4	Ft. Gibson D-4	1,394
	Vian D-4	826
	Warner D-4	916
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,136</b>
Dist No. 5	Owasso D-5	552
	Tulsa D-5	1,052
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>1,604</b>
Dist No. 6	Muldrow D-6	1,045
	Roland D-6	372
	Sallisaw D-6	1,481
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,898</b>
Dist No. 7	Belfonte D-7	311
	Dahlongegah D-7	637
	Stilwell D-7	3,166
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>4,114</b>
Dist No. 8	Briggs D-8	1,455
	Kansas D-8	686
	Westville D-8	1,087
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,228</b>
Dist No. 9	Adair D-9	1,049
	Jay D-9	645
	Kenwood D-9	1,611
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,305</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Voters</b>
Dist No. 10	Afton D-10	577
	Grove D-10	706
	Jay D-10	950
	West Siloam Springs D-10	260
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,493</b>
Dist No. 11	Nowata D-11	949
	S. Coffeyville D-11	620
	Vinita D-11	1,430
	Welch D-11	175
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,174</b>
Dist No. 12	Bartlesville D-12	1,645
	Collinsville D12	357
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,002</b>
Dist No. 13	Catoosa D-13	461
	Claremore D-13	102
	Owasso D-13	2,113
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,676</b>
Dist No. 14	Chelsea D-14	562
	Claremore D-14	1,731
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,293</b>
Dist No. 15	Justus Tiawah D-15	468
	Locust Grove D-15	791
	Pryor D-15	1,172
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,431</b>
At Large	At Large	37,168
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>37,168</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>80,023</b>



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### JUNE - 2025 Directors Report

Election is done and now on to the next election on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

I started the PMs on the rest of the equipment on June 30, 2025. The 4 machines with errors have been sent in for repairs. No errors on equipment on election day

The election work and organizing the election has been completed. Ready for the disbursement. I have confirmed the locations for the runoff and confirmed the precinct officials at the precincts. All is good I will reach out to the locations the week of the election for a gentle reminder.

Absentee ballots were sent out on time June 24, 2025. Just waiting on the first call from any voters with questions.

After the contest period I went into the vault to organize the election ballots, forms and other components of the election that need to be kept for 3 years, and the permanent election documents placed in the folder for the vault.

Our vault is overflowing and there is no more room for additional election items to be stored. Thank goodness this is a small election.

Thank you, Commissioners, for all that you do here, it is a big job.

# CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

☒ REGULAR MEETING

☐ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 7/3/25 at 9:30 AM/PM at the CNEC Office

## Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty ☒ Present/Absent

Pamela Sellers ☒ Present/Absent

Elizabeth Ballew ☒ Present/Absent

Cheryl Cooper ☒ Present/Absent

Sherry Reynolds ☒ Present/Absent

Quorum Established: ☒ YES / NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin ☒

Staff Present: ☒ Marcus Fears, ☒ Connie Parnell, ☐ Kendal Bishop, ☐ Charlene Keys,  
☐ Allison George

## Visitors:

John Young

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# Cherokee Nation Election Commission

# Regular Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:30 AM

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