



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 4th, 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 August 14th Special Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Current Items
 - a. Discussion and possible action regarding 2025 General Election.
 - b. Discussion 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
 - 1. Consideration and possible action on accepting the Performance Evaluations of the Staff.
 - 2. Consideration and possible action on the Performance Evaluation of the Administrator.
 - 3. Consideration and possible action on the Performance Evaluation of the Election Director.
 - 4. Consideration and possible action regarding Performance Incentive Awards.
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- X. Action from Executive Session
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjourn

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By August 22, 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, September 4th, 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 9:31am

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

- a. 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

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the August 14th Special Meeting. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the August 14th Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Administrator's Report

- a. Marcus reported on incoming voter registrations, follow-ups on Candidate financials and the approved budget for FY2026. 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 election supplies & equipment being stored and a Zoom call with CSA and Maxim to discuss our system to choose the closest precinct to a voters address when a voter does not select a precinct for themselves. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Election Directors Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 2)**



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VI. Attorney's Report

- a. N/A

VII. Old Business

VIII. Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 General Election.
 - i. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to process any voter registration forms that were sealed inside a challenged ballot affidavit envelope. It is noted that anything else in the affidavit envelope remains intact, only the VR removed to process, and noted on the envelope that form was removed to process. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.
- b. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 Run-Off Election.
 - i. No Action Taken.

IX. Executive Session

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to enter Executive Session at 9:45am.

X. Action from Executive Session

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to exit Executive Session at 10:36am.
- b. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to award Performance Incentive Awards to the Election Director and Administrator for \$2,000 and to the staff, Clerks I, II & III with \$500 each. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

XI. Announcements

- a. Marcus handed out FY2026 agreements for Hart, Maxim and CSA to review before the next scheduled meeting on October 2nd.

XII. Adjourn

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 10:39am. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer



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September 04, 2025 Administrators Report

Marcus Fears Administrator
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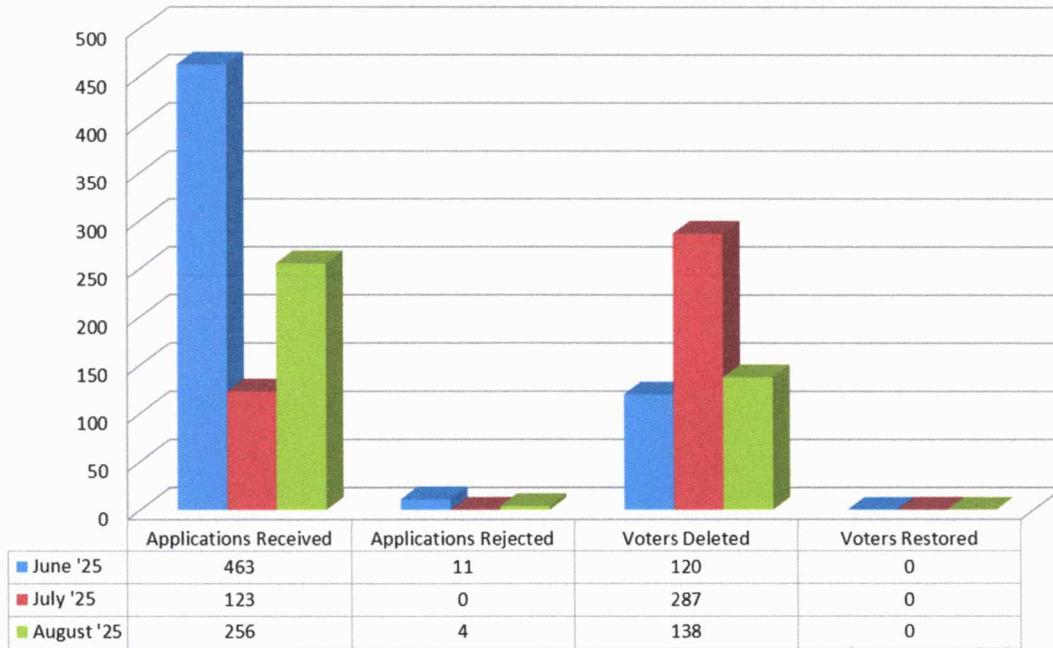
I. OFFICE:

In August we accepted Final Financials from the remaining Candidates who hadn't already submitted them. Just a reminder those submitted in August still need reviewed. I have a separate report highlighting the status of all Candidates regarding their financials. Newly elected officials were sworn in on August 14th and now to begin preparations for the next one. Lastly, Maggie brought in around 250 voter registration forms last week.

II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 09/02/2025

80,323 Total Registered Voters; **43,249** In-District; **37,074** At-Large

Voter Registration Statistics



A. Statistical Report:

*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- 4 total Requisitions for August
- FY2025 is on target

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 1	Hulbert D-1	1,700
	Okay D-1	355
	Tahlequah B D-1	1,414
	Total for District	3,469
Dist No. 2	Tahlequah A D-2	1,636
	Tahlequah B D-2	1,137
	Total for District	2,773
Dist No. 3	Keys D-3	1,067
	Marble City D-3	1,385
	Tahlequah B D-3	861
	Total for District	3,313
Dist No. 4	Ft. Gibson D-4	1,425
	Vian D-4	840
	Warner D-4	936
	Total for District	3,201
Dist No. 5	Owasso D-5	577
	Tulsa D-5	1,082
	Total for District	1,659
Dist No. 6	Muldrow D-6	1,041
	Roland D-6	375
	Sallisaw D-6	1,483
	Total for District	2,899
Dist No. 7	Belfonte D-7	315
	Dahlongnegah D-7	640
	Stilwell D-7	3,181
	Total for District	4,136
Dist No. 8	Briggs D-8	1,451
	Kansas D-8	690
	Westville D-8	1,101
	Total for District	3,242
Dist No. 9	Adair D-9	1,075
	Jay D-9	656
	Kenwood D-9	1,620
	Total for District	3,351

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 10	Afton D-10	587
	Grove D-10	715
	Jay D-10	965
	West Siloam Springs D-10	267
Total for District		2,534
Dist No. 11	Nowata D-11	959
	S. Coffeyville D-11	630
	Vinita D-11	1,455
	Welch D-11	177
Total for District		3,221
Dist No. 12	Bartlesville D-12	1,643
	Collinsville D12	361
Total for District		2,004
Dist No. 13	Catoosa D-13	469
	Claremore D-13	118
	Owasso D-13	2,117
Total for District		2,704
Dist No. 14	Chelsea D-14	558
	Claremore D-14	1,735
Total for District		2,293
Dist No. 15	Justus Tiawah D-15	472
	Locust Grove D-15	800
	Pryor D-15	1,178
Total for District		2,450
At Large	At Large	37,074
Total for District		37,074
Grand Total		80,323



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August - 2025 Directors Report

Finished cleaning up election documents.

All the election equipment is stored for between election time.

Had a zoom meeting with CSA on what we want them to do with our street guide enhancements. We will be making a trip to OU in Norman to accomplish the areas for the polling places in the districts, to allow it to attach them to the closest polling place, if the voter does not select the polling place.

We worked on fine-tuning storage building.

Took a weeks vacation. Had a great time.

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☒ **REGULAR MEETING** ☐ **SPECIAL MEETING**

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 9/4/25 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 ☐ Covid

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

Visitors:

John Young

Cherokee Nation Election Commission
Regular Meeting Sign-in Sheet
Thursday, September 4, 2025 9:30 AM

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