



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 9th, 2025

8:30 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 3rd Special Meeting
- IV. Approval of Minutes from the June 5th Regular Meeting
- V. Old Business
- VI. Current Items
 - a. Certification of the Vote Count for the 2025 General Election
 - b. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 General Election
- VII. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations, or protests
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- VIII. Action from Executive Session
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjourn

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By June 6, 2025, 5:00 PM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 9th, 2025, 8:30am

I. Call to order

- a. The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 8:30am

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

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to allow Sherry Reynolds to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- b. Election Commission Secretary, Pamela Sellers, called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairperson

Cheryl Cooper – Vice Chairperson

Pamela Sellers – Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

Sherry Reynolds – Commissioner by phone

Office Staff – Connie Parnell & Marcus Fears

Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the June 3rd Special Meeting. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the June 3rd Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- b. Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the June 5th Regular Meeting. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the June 5th Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Old Business

- a. None



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V. Current Items

- a. Certification of the Vote Count for the 2025 General Election.
 - i. Rick asked Marcus to read the Vote Count on all Candidates. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper approving the Vote Count for election with challenge ballots. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- b. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 General Election.
 - i. Marcus shared with the Commission, earlier that morning, Debra McGlasson submitted a notarized Candidate Withdrawal Form, withdrawing herself from the election to be held on July 26th. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper accepting the withdrawal. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
 - ii. It was announced that the recount deadline is Wednesday, June 11th and Monday, June 16th, the deadline for appeal. No action.

VI. Executive Session

- a. None

VII. Action from Executive Session

VIII. Announcements

- a. None

IX. Adjourn

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 8:42am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Sellers

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Unofficial Results

Registered Voters

7714 of 60182 = 12.82%

Polling Places Reporting

26 of 26 = 100.00%

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DISTRICT 2 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
CANDESSA TEHEE		130	92.86%	103	87.29%	46	65.71%	279	85.06%
ISSAC COLLINS		10	7.14%	15	12.71%	24	34.29%	49	14.94%
Cast Votes:		140	100.00%	118	100.00%	70	100.00%	328	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

DISTRICT 4 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
URIAH L. GRASS		122	38.36%	13	39.39%	147	43.11%	282	40.75%
JANIS KAY DEARMAN		128	40.25%	9	27.27%	86	25.22%	223	32.23%
STEPHEN L. MAPLES		47	14.78%	2	6.06%	54	15.84%	103	14.88%
MANDY MICHELLE SCOTT		13	4.09%	4	12.12%	26	7.62%	43	6.21%
JOIE SNEED		1	0.31%	2	6.06%	21	6.16%	24	3.47%
ELANA STROBLE GALLARDO		7	2.20%	3	9.09%	7	2.05%	17	2.46%
Cast Votes:		318	100.00%	33	100.00%	341	100.00%	692	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

DISTRICT 5 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
ASHLEY L. GRANT		114	68.26%	3	100.00%	41	29.50%	158	51.13%
CHARLES WILKES		35	20.96%	0	0.00%	80	57.55%	115	37.22%
FRANK D. WHITLOCK		18	10.78%	0	0.00%	18	12.95%	36	11.65%
Cast Votes:		167	100.00%	3	100.00%	139	100.00%	309	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

DISTRICT 7 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
JOSHUA SAM		246	95.35%	43	93.48%	355	84.93%	644	89.20%
DERRICK ROSS		12	4.65%	3	6.52%	63	15.07%	78	10.80%
Cast Votes:		258	100.00%	46	100.00%	418	100.00%	722	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

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DISTRICT 9 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
CLIFTON HUGHES		189	55.10%	10	41.67%	131	25.44%	330	37.41%
DEBRA S. MCGLOSSON		53	15.45%	1	4.17%	120	23.30%	174	19.73%
MIKE PURCELL		80	23.32%	3	12.50%	91	17.67%	174	19.73%
RUSTY DOWAN HENSON		13	3.79%	3	12.50%	65	12.62%	81	9.18%
ANTHONY RAY DAVIS		5	1.46%	4	16.67%	66	12.82%	75	8.50%
CONNIE NEWTON		2	0.58%	2	8.33%	37	7.18%	41	4.65%
CODY SCOTT		1	0.29%	1	4.17%	5	0.97%	7	0.79%
Cast Votes:		343	100.00%	24	100.00%	515	100.00%	882	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

DISTRICT 10 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
MELVINA SHOTPOUCH		170	86.73%	5	55.56%	201	60.91%	376	70.28%
HALEY BUZZARD		26	13.27%	4	44.44%	129	39.09%	159	29.72%
Cast Votes:		196	100.00%	9	100.00%	330	100.00%	535	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

DISTRICT 11 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
KENDRA SUE MCGEADY		311	57.38%	2	22.22%	301	60.08%	614	58.37%
JANATHA KETCHUM-CARTER		220	40.59%	7	77.78%	182	36.33%	409	38.88%
TIMOTHY TYLER KEETON		11	2.03%	0	0.00%	18	3.59%	29	2.76%
Cast Votes:		542	100.00%	9	100.00%	501	100.00%	1,052	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

DISTRICT 15 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
DANNY CALLISON		322	95.27%	11	100.00%	163	82.32%	496	90.68%
JENNIFER BLALOCK		16	4.73%	0	0.00%	35	17.68%	51	9.32%
Cast Votes:		338	100.00%	11	100.00%	198	100.00%	547	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

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AT-LARGE TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
JOHNNY JACK KIDWELL		2,021	78.79%	63	81.82%	0	0.00%	2,084	78.88%
BRANDI ROSS		431	16.80%	13	16.88%	0	0.00%	444	16.81%
JONATHAN CARTER		83	3.24%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	83	3.14%
WILLIAM CROWDER		30	1.17%	1	1.30%	0	0.00%	31	1.17%
Cast Votes:		2,565	100.00%	77	100.00%	0	0.00%	2,642	100.00%
Undervotes:		1		0		0		1	
Overvotes:		4		0		0		4	

*** End of report ***




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We the Election Commission of the Cherokee Nation do hereby Approve the Official Vote Count of the 2025 General Election.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2025.


Rick Doherty, Chairperson


Cheryl Cooper, Vice Chairperson


Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer


Elizabeth Ballew, Commissioner


Sherry Reynolds, Commissioner

Cherokee Nation Election Commission
Special Meeting Sign-in Sheet
Monday, June 9, 2025 8:30AM

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CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

 REGULAR MEETING

 SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 6/9/25 at 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:

Cara Cowan-Watts _____

Mike Purcell _____

Connie Purcell _____

Chad Hunter _____