



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, December 30, 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 December 4th Special Meeting
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the December 4th Regular Meeting
- V. Current Items
- VI. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations, or protests
 - b. Personnel
 - 1. Discussion, interviews, and possible action to fill 5th Commissioner position.
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- VII. Action from Executive Session
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjourn

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By December 29, 2025, 9:30 AM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 30th, 2025, 9:30am

I. Call to order

- a. The Special 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. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to allow Elizabeth Ballew to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Rick Doherty – Chairperson

Cheryl Cooper – Vice Chairperson

Pamela Sellers – Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner – by phone

Sherry Reynolds – Commissioner

Office Staff – Connie Parnell

Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the December 4th Special Meeting. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the December 4th Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Old Business

- a. Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the December 4th Regular Meeting. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the December 4th Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.



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V. Current Items

- a. None

VI. Executive Session

- a. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to enter into Executive Session at 9:34am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- b. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to exit Executive Session at 11:09am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

VII. Action from Executive Session

- a. Harvey stated that the 4 Commissioners, not including the current 5th Commissioner, shall vote on the 5th Commissioner position.
- b. Interviews for the 5th Commissioner position were conducted during Executive Session. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to select Debra Proctor for the 5th Commissioner of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission to be confirmed by Principal Chief and Tribal Council. The motion was approved unanimously by the 4 Commissioners.

VIII. Announcements

- a. The next scheduled Regular Meeting is Thursday, January 8th at 9:30am

IX. Adjourn

- a. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 11:11 am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Sellers

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

**A RESOLUTION SELECTING COMMISSIONER AND PRESENTING TO
THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF AND THE COUNCIL FOR CONFIRMATION**

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation Election Commission is a constitutional autonomous and permanent entity charged with the administration of all Cherokee Nation elections as set forth in the Cherokee Nation Constitution.

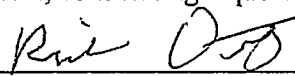
WHEREAS, the Election Code of the Cherokee Nation provides that the four Commissioners appointed by the Principal Chief and Council shall select a fifth Commissioner, who shall be confirmed by the; Principal Chief and Council; and, that in the event of a vacancy created by the resignation of such Commissioner, the remaining four Commissioners shall select a Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of the resigning Commissioner to be confirmed as aforesaid.

WHEREAS, the term of the Commissioner previously selected by the four Commissioners appointed by the four Commissioners appointed by the Principal Chief and Council, and confirmed by the Principal Chief and Council, has expired; and the Four Commissioners desire to select a Fifth Commissioner to serve a four (4) year term and present said Commissioner to the Principal Chief and Council for Confirmation.

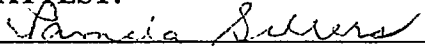
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOUR COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF AND COUNCIL that Debra Proctor is selected as the fifth Member of the Election Commission for a 4 year term. To be confirmed by the Principal Chief and Council; and, that the said Debra Proctor is respectively presented to the Principal Chief and Council for confirmation, all pursuant to Section 11 of the Cherokee Nation Election Code (26 CNCA 11).

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Cherokee Nation Election Commission at a duly called meeting on the 30th day of December, 2025, having four members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 4 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.


Rick Doherty, Chairperson of the
Cherokee Nation Election Commission

ATTEST:


Pamela Sellers, Secretary of the
Cherokee Nation Election Commission

YEAS AND NAYS AS RECORDED:

Rick Doherty yea Cheryl Cooper yea Pam Sellers yea Sherry Reynolds yea

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

 REGULAR MEETING

 ✓ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 12/30/25 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:

Chad Hunter _____

John Young _____

Special Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Tuesday, December 30, 2025 9:30AM

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