



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 1st, 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 April 3rd 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 drawing for Watchers for the 2025 General Election
 - b. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 General 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

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By April 18, 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, May 1st, 2025, 9:30am

I. Call to order

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

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

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to allow Rick Doherty 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 by phone

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 by phone

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Vice Chairperson Cheryl Cooper asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the April 15th Special Meeting. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the April 15th Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

IV. Administrator's Report

- a. Marcus reported on VR and ABRF deadlines and processing forms. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 1)**



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V. Election Director's Report

- a. Connie reported on all things election, confirming locations, precinct training and election prep. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the Election Director's Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 2)**

VI. Attorney's Report

- a. N/A

VII. Old Business

VIII. Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action on drawing for Watchers for the 2025 General Election.
 - i. The Administrator handed out the lists of Watcher nominations from each Candidate for Precinct, Early Walk-In, Absentee Verification and Tabulation Watchers and explained the drawing procedure. One category at a time, the Election Commission conducted the Watcher drawings pursuant to Title 26 CNCA §§53 & 54. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the Watchers as drawn for the 2025 General Election. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.
- b. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 General Election.
 - i. Connie gave election updates. No Action Taken.

IX. Executive Session

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to enter Executive Session at 10:29am.

X. Action from Executive Session

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to exit Executive Session at 11:13am.
 - i. On the claim of District 2 Candidate Collins' signage not having "Paid For By...", Elizabeth Ballew made a motion which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds for the Administrator to notify Mr. Collins to correct the signage pursuant to Title 26 CNCA Section 49 B within 10 business days in order to not receive a civil penalty pursuant to Section 104 C. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.



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XI. Announcements

XII. Adjourn

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to adjourn at 11:14am. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Sellers



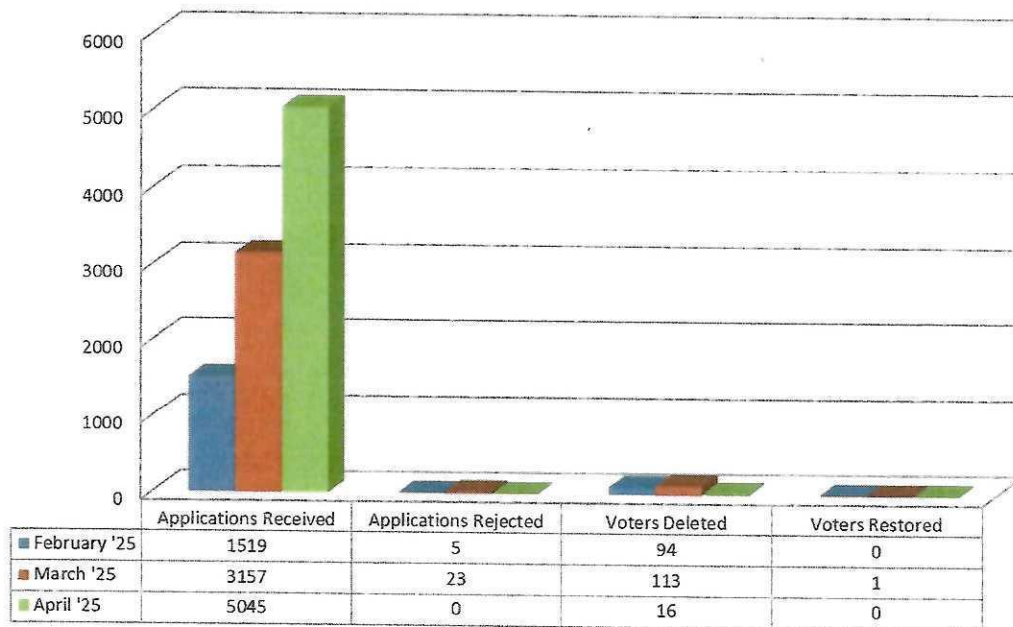
I. OFFICE:

April was a busy time for the office. With the Voter Registration deadline on March 31st and the Absentee Request deadline on April 7th, much of the first couple weeks of April consisted of getting forms entered. Once all forms were confirmed to be entered, any requests for lists were fulfilled and we began preparing for the stuffing and mailing of the absentee ballots. As Connie will likely mention in her report, absentee ballots were stuffed on April 22nd and a huge thank you to all of those that were able to help get that done. Lastly, the ballots were taken to the Post Office to be mailed pursuant the Election Law on April 29th.

II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 04/29/2025

80,177 Total Registered Voters; 42,975 In-District; 37,202 At-Large
Total Applications: 5,045; 0-Voter Registrations & 5,045-Absentee Requests

Voter Registration Statistics



A. Statistical Report:

*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- 102 total Requisitions for April; 93 were Precinct Officials
- FY2025 is on target

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 1	Hulbert D-1	1,690
	Okay D-1	355
	Tahlequah B D-1	1,401
Total for District		3,446
Dist No. 2	Tahlequah A D-2	1,606
	Tahlequah B D-2	1,137
Total for District		2,743
Dist No. 3	Keys D-3	1,055
	Marble City D-3	1,407
	Tahlequah B D-3	864
Total for District		3,326
Dist No. 4	Ft. Gibson D-4	1,393
	Vian D-4	829
	Warner D-4	919
Total for District		3,141
Dist No. 5	Owasso D-5	554
	Tulsa D-5	1,055
Total for District		1,609
Dist No. 6	Muldrow D-6	1,051
	Roland D-6	374
	Sallisaw D-6	1,489
Total for District		2,914
Dist No. 7	Belfonte D-7	311
	Dahlongegah D-7	638
	Stilwell D-7	3,173
Total for District		4,122
Dist No. 8	Briggs D-8	1,464
	Kansas D-8	691
	Westville D-8	1,100
Total for District		3,255
Dist No. 9	Adair D-9	1,051
	Jay D-9	647
	Kenwood D-9	1,614
Total for District		3,312

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 10	Afton D-10	578
	Grove D-10	706
	Jay D-10	948
	West Siloam Springs D-10	261
Total for District		2,493
Dist No. 11	Nowata D-11	949
	S. Coffeyville D-11	619
	Vinita D-11	1,434
	Welch D-11	174
Total for District		3,176
Dist No. 12	Bartlesville D-12	1,658
	Collinsville D12	360
Total for District		2,018
Dist No. 13	Catoosa D-13	465
	Claremore D-13	99
	Owasso D-13	2,126
Total for District		2,690
Dist No. 14	Chelsea D-14	565
	Claremore D-14	1,736
Total for District		2,301
Dist No. 15	Justus Tiawah D-15	468
	Locust Grove D-15	792
	Pryor D-15	1,169
Total for District		2,429
At Large	At Large	37,202
Total for District		37,202
Grand Total		80,177



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April - 2025 Directors Report

Precinct contracts are finished, Dahlenegah is confirmed, and the contract has gone through their board meeting and was approved.

Started out with precinct official training at our new precinct location, Justus Tiawah. It is a very good location. Inspectors were trained here in the Election Commission office. It went well and had lots of good questions and comments.

All the new street segments and amended street segments located in the reservation have been completed by CSA.

Finished the ballot process and the AB ballots arrived. Also received the precinct ballots on April 18th. Things are moving along.

The master lists are finished for the precinct's supplies.

The absentee ballots were prepared for the mailing on the 22 of April.

Continuing precinct official training on Saturdays in April.

Will finish the equipment and the preventative maintenance when I predefine the equipment for the election. This will be in May.

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REGULAR MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Cheryl Cooper

MEETING DATE: 5/1/25 at 9:30 AM PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty Present Absent *By phone*

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:
