



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on May 21, 2019 at 1:14 pm in the Ibaiachvffa (Membership) Conference Room #1251 at the Choctaw Nation Headquarters Building in Durant, Oklahoma.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Virginia Green. The invocation was given by Member Alternate, Kitty Halcomb.

The Secretary, Candace Perkins, called the roll and the following individuals were present:

Virginia "Kay" Green, Chairperson

Kitty Halcomb, Member Alternate

Jane Parent, Member

Jennifer Johnson, Secretary Alternate

Candace Perkins, Secretary

Member Alternate, Judy Ogle, was not present at the meeting.

Three (3) voting members of the Board answered roll call – a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates prior to this meeting.

Chairperson Green called for Approval of Minutes.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting. – Motion seconded by Member Parent.

Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chairperson Green called for the Secretary's Report.



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Secretary Perkins provided the following information to the Board:

- Financial Updates including an overall financial snapshot of operating expenses for business unit, a condensed budget planning timeline for Fiscal Year 2020, the first draft of budget for Fiscal Year 2020, and a comparison of expenses from election years: 2013, 2015, and 2017.
- Operational Updates including:
 - A paper copy of 2019 Election Communication Timeline which is subject to change.
 - A paper copy of CB-89-19: Tribal Council Proposes an Amendment To The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Constitution To Be Considered For Adoption By A Vote of Qualified Tribal Members, which has been identified as Question 001 on the ballot.
 - A paper copy of CB-104-19: Proposed Amendment To The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Constitution To Provide For A Succession Plan For The Office Of The Chief, which has been identified as Question 002 on the ballot.
 - A paper copy of CB-102-19: To Approve A Council Bill Enacting The Constitutional Amendment Procedures Code.
 - A paper copy of Election Activity Notes for Weeks 1 – 5. These weeks contained activities outside the scope of a regular meeting including: Candidate Filing Period, Contest of Candidacy Period, and informal discussions.
 - A paper copy of the Press Release Distribution List via Email from the Choctaw Nation Public Relations Department which was used to distribute Public Notice of Qualified Candidates.
 - A paper copy of amended Meeting Schedule with a map of the Choctaw Nation Conference Center that identifies the four (4) rooms to be used for training. No changes were made to the schedule at this meeting.
- Operational Updates for Voter Registration regarding working with Automated Election Services for new Same Day Registration procedures and the replacement position for Voter Registration Specialist.

Secretary Perkins led the open discussion regarding the following:

- Selection of potential Voting Locations and the first public notice. To meet the May 22, 2019 deadline for Biskinik's June edition, Secretary Perkins made a motion to approve a Public Notice of Open Voting Locations for the Choctaw Nation General Election 2019 as amended to be distributed to Biskinik/other media outlets and posted to the Choctaw Nation Tribal Elections Webpage. – seconded by Member Parent.
Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**
- Secretary Perkins will send a letter to Tribal Council explaining decision to eliminate potential Voting Locations from consideration as they do not meet requirements; if needed, Tribal Council can submit a formal request of other locations at their June meeting.
- Planning for Tribal Election Command Centers with a paper copy provided to the Board. This document is subject to change as details become finalized.
- Updates to the Worker Management spreadsheet as potential Voting Location Board members. Alternate Halcomb provided seven (7) names to add; Chairperson Green provided four (4) names to add; and, Member Parent provided one (1) name for removal and one (1) name to add.



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NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Green called for New Business.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion on behalf of Candidate to amend Robert Wayne Karr, as listed on the Declaration of Candidacy form and as it appears on the ballot, to Robert Karr. – Motion seconded by Member Parent.

Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting. – Motion seconded by Member Parent.

Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X *Candace Perkins*

Candace Perkins
Secretary

Approved 5/29/19