



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on June 13, 2019 at 1:07 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, Jane Parent.

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

Virginia "Kay" Green, Chairperson	Jane Parent, Member
Candace Perkins, Secretary	Judy Ogle, Member Alternate
Jennifer Johnson, Secretary Alternate	Kitty Halcomb, Member Alternate

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the June 5, 2019 Regular Meeting were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates at this meeting.

Chairperson Green called for Approval of Minutes.

Member Parent made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the June 5, 2019 Regular Meeting.
– Seconded by Secretary Perkins.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairperson Green called for Unfinished Business.

Secretary Perkins opened the floor to discuss and select the catered lunch that is to be provided at the Voting Location Board Member Training on July 8th and July 9th. The Roots menu options had been



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provided at the June 5th meeting for Board to review for an informal decision. Details were agreed upon so that Secretary Perkins could confirm with Roots, located at Choctaw Nation Administrative Offices.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chairperson Green called for the Secretary's Report.

Secretary Perkins provided the following information to the Board:

- Financial Updates including:
 - An overall financial snapshot of FY19 operating expenses for business unit.
- Operational Updates including:
 - A reminder of upcoming deadline for Biskinik is June 10, 2019 which we are expected to miss but Lisa Reed will hold a section in the July edition for the 2nd public notice of Voting Locations.
 - An update on USPS information, including business reply permit number and mailer ID, needed for mail ballot distribution. The business reply permit number and mailer ID were submitted to Automated Election Services for mail ballot distribution on June 10th. Secretary Perkins provided an account of her June 10th visit to the Durant Post Office and meeting with associated individuals regarding clarification on procedures that will be utilized during the election.
 - An update on Automated Election Services and the 3-day mail ballot preparation period beginning June 19th. Anticipated mail ballot release date by Automated Election Services is June 20th. Secretary Perkins also requested sample ballots for the purpose of adding to the Tribal Elections webpage and possibly Biskinik if space is available.

Secretary Perkins led the open discussion regarding the following:

- In planning for the second public notice of open voting locations, Secretary Perkins briefed the Board about Tribal Council's vote at their June 8th Regular Session to add an additional location in District 8 at Boswell. Secretary Perkins clarified that Councilman Perry Thompson had verbally confirmed to her that the additional location was the Fort Towson School. Secretary Perkins had already reached out to try to establish a connection with a primary and/or secondary contact for Fort Towson.
- In planning for the Voting Location Workforce, discussion about location placement and contact information was provided for past workers. Selected workers should begin receiving their training packets, including cover letter; WV9, Expense Statement, and Voter Registration Form in the next week.
- A paper copy of the Meeting Calendar was provided to the Board for discussion and review.
 - No changes were made at this meeting.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019.



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NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Green called for New Business.

Secretary Perkins provided a copy of an email request from Jayme Clifton to the Board, received June 12th, which stated that there were some issues with Council District 11 campaign signs in McAlester that are in violation of the City Code. He wanted to contact each of the four candidates by letter and requested the addresses each filed with their application for candidacy.

After discussion by the Board, it was decided that Secretary Perkins would issue a response and offer to mail the letters on the city's behalf to all candidates in District 11. This action allows the Board to maintain confidentiality and protect the personal addresses of tribal candidates. While enforcement of city/state/county codes with regards to sign placement is outside of the Board's authority, all tribal candidates were reminded at orientation and by email to observe city/state/county ordinances when placing campaign signs on public highways.

Secretary Perkins presented a Motion for Secretary to issue a response to an email request from Jayme Clifton, the Community Development Director for the City of McAlester, for the mailing addresses of Candidates in Council District 11. – Seconded by Chairperson Green.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X *Candace Perkins*
Candace Perkins
Secretary *Approved 6/20/19*