



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on June 20, 2019 at 1:06 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, Judy Ogle.

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 13, 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 13, 2019 Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Secretary Perkins.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairperson Green called for Unfinished Business.

Member Alternate Ogle inquired about whether the Board could receive picture identification that is issued by Choctaw Nation Human Resources. Secretary Alternate will have to inquire as to whether this is a possibility. Key card access would not be an option extended to the Board as this is a safety and compliance measure in place for Choctaw Nation.



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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:
 - An update on address corrections for Choctaw Community Centers in Broken Bow, Antlers, Durant, and Atoka. Once approved, the 2nd publication of open Voting Locations will appear in the July 2019 edition of Biskinik.
 - A paper copy of the Choctaw Community Center Contact List obtained from Robyn Morgan, Senior Manager, was provided to the Board.
 - Automated Election Services has provided sample ballots. Those sample ballots will be posted on the Tribal Elections webpage by the end of the week, Fri, June 21st.
 - A tentative timeline for mail ballot distribution is pending confirmation of dates from Automated Election Services (AES). AES confirmed that ballots for International / Military voters were released on June 18th using an expediated mail service.

Secretary Perkins led the open discussion regarding the following:

- Notification of any Tribal Member / Candidate feedback that the Board has received.
- In planning for training of the Voting Location Workforce, Automated Election Services should have training materials ready for Board's review by Tues, June 25th. A paper copy of the Roots banquet event order (BEO) for training days was provided to the Board.
- The Board discussed placement of workers at specific locations. Secretary Perkins stated that she has delegated work to the Voter Registration Intern who will record information of interested tribal members using the "Voting Location Recruitment Form 2019". A paper file system that will be held by Voter Registration in the Membership Services Vault.

A question of stipend guidelines was posed to the Board by Secretary Perkins after reviewing the number and amounts of stipends paid in the 2015 and 2017 election years. During this discussion,

Member Parent presented a Motion to Pay a Stipend of \$150 plus mileage for Inspectors as a result of the responsibilities assigned to that position. – Seconded by Chairperson Green.

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

- 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 Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS



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Chairperson Green called for New Business.

Secretary Perkins provided a paper copy of the draft for the 2nd Public Notice of Open Voting Locations to the Board. This final notice shows an added location at the Fort Towson School Cafeteria and address corrections for some Choctaw Community Centers.

Secretary Perkins presented a Motion to Approve a Second and Final Public Notice of Open Voting Locations to be immediately released to Biskinik and other media. – Seconded by Member Parent.

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

Secretary Perkins presented a Motion to Standardize Mileage for each Board Member/Alternate, so a set payment occurs for each scheduled meeting. This would eliminate the need to record odometer readings at the start and end of trip. – 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 2:26 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X Candace Perkins
Candace Perkins
Secretary *Approved 6/26/19*