



# Choctaw Nation Election Board

## MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on August 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Ibaichvffa (Membership) Conference Room #1251 at the Choctaw Nation Headquarters Building in Durant, Oklahoma.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Virginia Green.

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.

Invited guests in attendance: Denise Lawson and Lee Slater with Glenn Coffee and Associates (GCA).

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*The Meeting Minutes from the July 30, 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 July 30, 2019 Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Secretary Perkins.

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

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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.



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- Operational Updates including:
  - An overview of the timeline and updates regarding legal proceedings associated with the appeal process of District 11 candidate, Nellie Meashintubby, including:
    - Case No. AC-19-1 in the Court of Appeals of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma which was dismissed on August 5, 2019 for lack of jurisdiction.
    - Case No. CC-19-1 in the Constitutional Court of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma which heard oral arguments on August 1, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Choctaw Judicial Center.
      - On August 1, 2019, a court order entering Findings of the Constitutional Court which agreed with the decision of the Choctaw Nation Election Board and denied the Petitioner's claim and petition for Declaratory Judgement.
    - Paper copies of all orders and summons received by the Secretary were provided to the Board.
    - The Election Board was represented by its external legal counsel, Glenn Coffee and Associates (GCA), who has served as legal counsel through the entire election cycle.
  - A paper copy of the correspondence emailed to Klint Impson, Bureau of Indian Affairs agent at the Muskogee Office on August 6, 2019. This is the notification of appeals filed with the Judicial branch of the Choctaw Nation and the Court's findings.
  - A paper copy of the Choctaw Nation Public Relations notice released through all internal and external media sources on August 8, 2019: "Choctaw Election Results Stand as Court Dismisses Appeal".

Secretary Perkins led the open discussion regarding the following:

- A letter from Chief Gary Batton was presented to the Election Board which expressed his appreciation for the Board's work through this election cycle. A paper copy of the letter was given to all members and alternates.
- An appreciation letter for Voting Location Board Members was mailed on August 7, 2019. All expense statements have been submitted to the Finance Department and payments have been issued. If there is a problem, please direct inquiries to the Secretary Perkins so that she can follow up on their behalf.
- A formal in person introduction between Glenn Coffee and Associates (GCA) and the rest of the Election Board. It was decided that Glenn Coffee and Associates (GCA) would develop a new draft of the Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance to address any procedural gaps or concerns expressed by the Board. Glenn Coffee and Associates may enter discussions with Whitten Burrage Law Firm and Brad Mallett on behalf of the Board. The new draft would be presented to the Election Board for approval prior to its submission to Tribal Council.
- Secretary Perkins has initiated a request for a meeting with Tribal Council.

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## ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Green made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting. – Seconded by Member Parent.

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



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Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.

## Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X Candace Perkins

Candace Perkins  
Secretary

Approved 01/15/2020