



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on November 10, 2021, at 1:13 pm in the Ibaiachvffa (Membership) Conference Room #1251 at the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) Headquarters Building in Durant, Oklahoma.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson, Jane Parent.

No invocation was given.

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

Jane Parent, Acting Chair

Candace Perkins, Secretary

Sylvia Sigler, Alternate

Wayne Tipps, Alternate

Jennifer Johnson-Williams, Secretary Alternate

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

Virginia Kay Green was absent from this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the June 30, 2021, Regular Meeting were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates prior to this meeting.

Acting Chairperson Parent called for Approval of Minutes.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the June 30, 2021, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Alternate Tipps.

Acting Chairperson Parent called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was discussion of recommended changes to the Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance (red-lined version, dated 11/5/2021).



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- A paper copy of the entire Election Ordinance, including a draft of ordinance provisions for Complaint Hearings dated 10/26/2021, was provided to the Board prior to this meeting.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to approve 2021 additions to pending Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance revisions from 2019. This would allow Glenn Coffee and Associates to submit the Election Board's recommended changes from this year to the Burrage Law Firm. The Board requests that changes are approved by Tribal Council before the end of the year. The Board understands that language and content may vary prior to bill approval. – Seconded by Acting Chairperson Parent.

Acting Chairperson Parent called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Acting Chairperson Parent called for the Secretary's Report.

Secretary Perkins provided the following information to the Board:

- Financial Updates including:
 - An overall financial snapshot of FY22 operating expenses for cost center.
- Operational Updates including:
 - The Voter Participation Report 2021 was posted publicly on the Tribal Elections website (www.choctawnation.com/elections) on 10/26/2021.
 - The Election Board branding project kicked off on 10/26/2021. Secretary is expecting a brand design by the end of December 2021.
 - Upcoming service term expirations:
 - Chief Batton is aware that service terms are expiring in December 2021 for Virginia Kay Green and Jane Parent.
 - Secretary distributed \$25 Thanksgiving Gift Cards on behalf of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to all attendees. The gift cards replaced the annual Thanksgiving ham distribution.
- An overview of current activities that are ongoing with the CNO Voter Registration (VR) Department:
 - As of 11/1/2021, there are a total of 42,995 registered voters which is 26.04% of the eligible tribal membership.
 - Voter Registration has begun preparations for the Annual Voter Registration Mail Drive. Letters will be released in January 2022 to all tribal members eligible to vote but are not currently registered.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Approve the Election Board Meeting Schedule for 2022. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.



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- A paper copy was provided to the Board prior to this meeting.

Acting Chairperson Parent called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

There was discussion of Election Board compensation request for FY2022.

- A paper copy of the Election Board Compensation Memorandum was provided for review at this meeting. It was approved by Chief Patton on 1/8/2017. Also, Secretary provided research on public compensation guidelines for other election entities for review.
- Through verbal agreement, the Board decided to propose an additional stipend of \$150 on each early voting and election day. The justification is that the Board is required to be in attendance for more than 8 hours each voting day. All other meeting stipends and travel reimbursements for Chair/Member/Alternate would remain the same as previous agreement.
- Secretary will write the compensation proposal and contact Chairperson Green for a signature prior to submitting proposal to Chief's Office.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Acting Chairperson Parent called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

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Candace Perkins
Secretary

approved 5-11-2022