



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on May 11, 2022, at 1:06 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 Chairperson, Virginia Kay Green.

Invocation was given by Alternate, Wayne Tipps.

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

Virginia Kay Green, Chairperson

Jane Parent, Member

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the November 10, 2021, 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 November 10, 2021, Regular Meeting as amended. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

- There was an error in the Secretary's Report identifying Chairperson Green as calling for the report. It was corrected to Acting Chairperson Parent.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



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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 FY22 operating expenses for cost center.
 - The budget timeline for FY23; including an overall financial snapshot of the final budget request for cost center.
 - A projected cost overview for election 2023 provided by Terry Rainey, Automated Election Services, on April 8, 2022.
- Strategic Updates including:
 - The Election Board's proposed recommendations from the 2019/2021 elections were delivered to Chief Batton, Assistant Chief Austin Jr., and Tribal Council Speaker Williston on January 19, 2022, via Glenn Coffee and Associates and Whitten Burrage Law Firm.
 - On March 28, 2022, clarification was needed regarding the reference to CB030-86, the Choctaw Nation Administrative Procedure Act, in Article V. Election Board, Section 3 (p). It was advised that the Election Board should try to conform to the admin rule process. A copy of the Council Bill and Act is provided to the Board. This process will be revisited once the Election Ordinance is amended.
 - A PowerPoint presentation over proposed amendments was delivered to Tribal Council on April 28, 2022, by the Election Board and Glenn Coffee and Associates.
 - It was established at the April 28, 2022, meeting that Renley Dennis shall the Council Bill to amend the Election Ordinance and try to include a motion to approve by Tribal Council's May meeting.
 - A copy of the Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance with pending amendments is provided to the Board (red-lined version). This is the final draft of the Board's proposed recommendations provided to Renley Dennis on May 9, 2022. It includes additional recommendations that were not included in January's draft:
 - Article V. Election Board, Section 2 and 10: Removal of who delivers the oath to Election Board and Secretary Alternate.
 - Article V. Election Board, Section 10: Job title change for Deputy Director of Voter Registration to Program Manager of Voter Registration.
 - Clarification in Article VII, Section 13: Death of a candidate will allow new filing period to open only if no candidates remain.
 - Clarification in Articles XXVI, XXVII: Probable cause standard changed to "sufficient information".
 - Clarification in Article XXVIII: Transcript of public hearing made public at the discretion of Election Board.
 - Updated Appendix Form D: Voter Registration Form v4 was published on May 5, 2022.
- Operational Updates including:



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- Service terms for Election Board:
 - Letters of appointment for Jane Parent and Virginia Kay Green to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Election Board were confirmed by Tribal Council at their March 12, 2022, meeting.
- Marketing and Communications:
 - The Election Board branding project kicked off on October 26, 2021. The project was completed on March 7, 2022. Next steps will be to update all documents and forms using the brand standard.
 - As of May 10, 2022, the Choctaw Nation website (www.choctawnation.com) has a new look! The tribal elections webpage can still be found at www.choctawnation.com/elections. The Voter Registration webpage can still be found at www.choctawnation.com/vote.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2022 – Last amended on January 21, 2022:
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 1:00 pm.
- Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Approve the Election Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year (CY) 2023. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.
 - A paper copy was provided to the Board prior to this meeting.Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**
- Member Parent made a Motion to Approve the Public Notice of the General Election 2023 Calendar. – Seconded by Alternate Tipps.
 - A paper copy was provided to the Board prior to this meeting.Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**
- An overview of current activities that are ongoing with the CNO Voter Registration (VR):
 - As of May 2, 2022, there are a total of 45,146 registered voters which is 27.45% of the eligible tribal membership.
 - Voter Registration released its Annual Voter Registration Mail Drive on January 7, 2022, to all tribal members eligible to vote but not currently registered (104,696 letters).
 - As of May 2, 2022, we have received the following: 5,745 letters with an undeliverable address; 881 letters with a forwarding address; and 2,290 completed VR Forms.
 - The program is working with Information Technology to bring Voter Registration to the Chahta Achvffa portal. The first phase, projected to be complete in November 2022, will allow tribal members to view their voter information on record if a record exists and allow registered voters to print their current Voter Registration Certificate as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.



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

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X Candace Perkins

Candace Perkins
Secretary

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