



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on April 25, 2023, at 2:51 pm in the Aboha Chito Tuklo (Big Room #2) – Room #1711 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 Chairperson Green.

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

The following individuals were absent: 0

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates at this meeting.

Chairperson Green called for Approval of Minutes.

Alternate Sigler made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Member Parent.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chairperson Green called for the Secretary's Report.

Secretary Perkins provided the following information to the Board:

- Operational Updates including:
 - A brief overview of the materials being covered during the Candidate Information Session that occurred at 3:30pm directly following the Board's meeting on this date. Within the candidate folders, the following paper copies was provided to all qualified candidates and the Board:
 - The Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance, approved by CB-123-22, and accompanied by an approval letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
 - The Candidate Guide for Tribal Elections 2023, PolicyTech REF# 9746 v2.
 - Statement of Confidentiality, PolicyTech REF# 5553 v3.
 - Upon signing such document, each candidate received a paper and electronic copy of a Voter List for their specific council district; a copy of the Voter Count by District report, dated 4/24/2023; and each was invited to check their electronic copy of the Voter List prior to departure from the information session.
 - An information handout about Voter Registration information on Chahta Achvffa.
 - Election Service Provider:
 - Secretary Perkins emailed contact at Automated Election Services (AES) to request ballot proof prior to next meeting.
 - Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2023:
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, May 10, 2023, from 1pm – 4pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Green called for New Business.

Member Parent made a Motion to Approve the Public Notice of Qualified Candidates Appearing on the Choctaw Nation General Election Ballot for 2023. It will be released on April 26, 2023, for distribution through all communication channels, used in the June edition of Biskinik, and updated on the Tribal Elections webpage. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

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

Secretary Perkins initiated discussion about selecting open voting locations for General Election.



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Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Approve the first Public Notice of Open Voting Locations for the Choctaw Nation General Election 2023. It will be released on April 26, 2023, for distribution through all communication channels, used in the June edition of Biskinik, and updated on the Tribal Elections webpage. – Seconded by Member Parent.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X Candace Perkins
Candace Perkins
Secretary
approved 05-10-2023