



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on May 17, 2023, at 1:27 pm in the Ibaichvffa (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 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

Jennifer Johnson-Williams, Secretary Alternate

The following individuals were absent: Wayne Tipps.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the May 10, 2023, 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 May 10, 2023, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Secretary Perkins.

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:

- Financial Updates including:
 - A financial snapshot of FY23 operating expenses for cost center.
 - Reminder of the approved timeline to complete planning for the FY2024 budget.
- Strategic Updates including:
 - Election Management System (project with Information Technology):
 - No new updates.
- Operational Updates including:
 - Legal and Compliance:
 - No new updates.
 - Record Management:
 - No new updates.
 - Marketing and Communications:
 - The following public notices and information have been recently published to the Tribal Elections webpage:
 - 04/25/2023 Certified Meeting Minutes
 - 04/12/2023 Certified Meeting Minutes
 - As of May 16, 2023, Secretary Perkins received the Biskinik creative for the Tribal Election Guide (June 2023); it is pending review.
 - On May 16, 2023, Secretary Perkins provided General Election 2023 sample ballots for Council Districts 2, 3, 8, and 11 to be added to the Tribal Elections webpage and can be used in election marketing campaigns.
 - On May 23, 2023, Secretary Perkins is scheduled to participate in a radio interview for KOSU to create awareness for voter registration and Choctaw Nation OK elections: KOSU is a Central and northeast Oklahoma's NPR affiliate. Local news and independent music at 91.7 FM (OKC), 107.5 FM (Tulsa), 88.3 FM (Stillwater) or www.kosu.org.
 - Facility Management:
 - No new updates.
 - Human Resources:
 - No new updates.
 - Service Providers:



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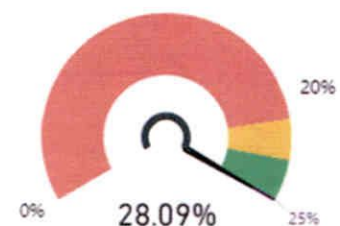
- On May 13, 2023, Terry Rainey with Automated Election Services provided sample ballots to be used on the web and mailed paper BallotPak samples to Secretary Perkins.
- On May 16, 2023, Secretary Perkins gave approval to Automated Election Services to begin making envelopes. This process for "making envelopes" was clarified by Terry Rainey as creating the approved design and printing envelopes. The next step would be inserting materials and addressing. Addressing will not occur until closer to the mail distribution deadline of June 17th.
- On May 16, 2023, Secretary Perkins stopped at Durant Post Office to contact the Postmaster in person. Postmaster is on vacation, so Secretary left a copy of the letter detailing process that was used in 2021 election and her business card asking for a phone call or email.
- Candidates:
 - The next date that candidates can request an additional voter list is on May 26, 2023.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2023:
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, May 24, 2023, from 1pm – 4pm.
- An overview of current activities that are ongoing with the CNO Voter Registration (VR):
 - As of May 17, 2023, we have a total of 48,305 registered voters which is 28.09% of the total count of tribal members who are eligible to vote.



Voter Count by District

| Voter District | Out Of Nation | In Nation | Grand Total |
|----------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | | 533 | 750 |
| 2 | | 894 | 1069 |
| 3 | | 1204 | 717 |
| 4 | | 454 | 1701 |
| 5 | | 756 | 1062 |
| 6 | | 533 | 1191 |
| 7 | | 1146 | 1405 |
| 8 | | 1402 | 1306 |
| 9 | | 3062 | 2275 |
| 10 | | 682 | 1058 |
| 11 | | 1219 | 1954 |
| 12 | | 1027 | 734 |
| Unaffiliated | 20218 | 0 | 20218 |
| GrandTotal | 33130 | 15222 | 48352 |

Eligible Voters



Eligible Voters = 171,946



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- Voter Information API with Election Service Provider:
 - No new updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Green called for New Business.

Secretary Perkins initiated discussion regarding the district affiliation process for voters (resident and non-resident).

This topic resurfaces at different points during all elections and should be discussed after this year's election by the Board and Tribal Council. Secretary Perkins did not present any motions but asked the Board to think through different processes for district affiliation so that when or if the Board's recommendations are requested by Tribal Council, then there will be options to present. There is not a wrong or right way to handle district affiliation but there are many different processes for it. The decision to modify district affiliation lies with Tribal Council but the Board should be ready to discuss how different options will affect the current process.

ADJOURNMENT

Alternate Sigler made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting. – Seconded by Member Parent.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X *Candace Perkins*

Candace Perkins
Secretary

Approved 5-24-2023