



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on May 24, 2023, at 1:24 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 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 Jr, Alternate

Jennifer Johnson-Williams, Secretary Alternate

The following individuals were absent: None.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the May 17, 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 17, 2023, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

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:
 - On May 23, 2023, Secretary Perkins contacted Glenn Coffee & Associates to request their assistance in drafting a guidance document for Public Safety/Tribal Officer use in the community on voting days. This request is pending a response from the Board's legal team.
 - On May 24, 2023, Secretary Perkins contacted CNO Information Technology to request a meeting to discuss procedures for livestreaming Election Board Hearings so that the Board maintains compliance with Article XXVIII, §1 of the Election Ordinance. The goal of the meeting is to set up a livestream like the Tribal Council Meetings. This request is pending a meeting date.
 - Record Management:
 - No new updates.
 - Marketing and Communications:
 - The following public notices and information have been recently published to the Tribal Elections webpage:
 - General Election 2023 – Sample Ballot for Council District 1
 - General Election 2023 – Sample Ballot for Council District 2
 - General Election 2023 – Sample Ballot for Council District 3
 - General Election 2023 – Sample Ballot for Council District 8
 - 5/10/2023 Election Board Meeting Minutes.
 - On May 18, 2023, Secretary Perkins received the final draft of the Biskinik creative for the Tribal Election Guide (June 2023); it was sent to print on this date.
 - A paper copy was provided to the Board at this meeting.
 - On May 23, 2023, Secretary Perkins participated in a radio interview for KOSU to create awareness for voter registration and Choctaw Nation OK elections. KOSU is a



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Central and northeast Oklahoma 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:
 - As of May 24, 2023, Secretary Perkins has been unsuccessful in initiating contact with the Durant Postmaster but will continue to try multiple methods of communication.
 - On May 23, 2023, Secretary Perkins approved requisition to begin procurement process for surveillance provider at voting locations.
- Candidates:
 - The next date that candidates can request an additional voter list is on May 26, 2023. Fee is \$25.
 - Due date for Campaign Financial Disclosure Statements [reporting period: May 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023] are coming up. The last day to submit to Secretary Perkins is June 5, 2023.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2023:
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, May 31, 2023, from 1pm – 4pm.
- An overview of current activities that are ongoing with the CNO Voter Registration (VR):
 - As of May 24, 2023, we have a total of 48,434 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	748	1281
2	894	1071	1965
3	1206	718	1924
4	455	1701	2156
5	756	1061	1817
6	533	1194	1727
7	1148	1409	2557
8	1404	1314	2718
9	3063	2276	5339
10	683	1059	1742
11	1236	1961	3197
12	1027	737	1764
Unaffiliated	20247	0	20247
GrandTotal	33185	15249	48434

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

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

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Candace Perkins
Secretary

approved 5-31-2023