



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on April 9, 2025, at 1:01 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 Tipps Jr.

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

Virginia Kay Green, Chairperson

Jane Parent, Member

Sylvia Sigler, Alternate

Wayne Tipps Jr, Alternate

Candace Perkins, Secretary

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 March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting and April 4, 2025 Special 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 March 12, 2025, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Member Parent.

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

Member Parent made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the April 4, 2025, Special Meeting. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

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



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Perkins provided the following information to the Board:

- Financial Updates including:
 - A summary financial snapshot of FY25 operating expenses for cost center.
 - A budget cycle timeline for planning the FY26 budget was provided.
- Strategic Updates including:
 - Election Management System (project with Information Technology):
 - Go live was August 1, 2024.
 - Phase 2 – Go Live was February 10, 2025, which included calendar, task, and asset inventory functions.
 - On hold until after the 2025 election cycle.
- Operational Updates including:
 - Legal and Compliance:
 - On January 15, 2025, General Counsel for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Renley Dennis of Whitten Burrage Law, submitted CB-24-25 containing amendments to the Choctaw Nation's Election Ordinance to Benjamin L Daniels, BIA Superintendent at Talihina Agency. Pursuant to the Principal Chiefs Act of 1970 (Pub.L. 91-495, 84 Stat. 1091), we are requesting approval of the attached amendments from the Secretary of Interior.
 - On February 6, 2025, Benjamin L. Daniels confirmed that he will submit CB-24-25 to the Regional Office as soon as possible.
 - On March 17, 2025, Secretary Perkins received notification that CB-24-25 was approved by the BIA. (Copy Provided)
 - A copy of the approved Election Ordinance is pending publication on the Choctaw Nation website.
 - On March 31, 2025, Secretary Perkins met with the Senior Director of Audit, Compliance, and Ethics to discuss the complaint review process used in EthicsPoint. Since the amended Election Ordinance requires notarization on some complaints then the Election Board will no longer use EthicsPoint. It was agreed that individuals who try to report Tribal Election concerns through EthicsPoint will receive the following message: Yakohe for your report. Election concerns are not reviewed through the EthicsPoint system, and no further action will be taken for this report through EthicsPoint. If you would like further information on how to



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submit an inquiry or complaint regarding issues with tribal elections, please reach out to electionboard@choctawnation.com.

- On April 1, 2025, the public received notification that Ron Perry, Council Member District 5, had resigned his office and that the resignation took effect immediately. There are two (2) years remaining on the term which results in a Special Election.
 - On behalf of the Board, Secretary Perkins contacted General Counsel and the Board's external legal counsel to begin discussing options to fill the vacant seat in Council District 5. Key points from legal counsel:
 - Article XXV, Section 1 states that Chief must officially call for a Special Election. Chief Patton complied by sending the Election Board an official notice on April 3, 2025.
 - Article XXI, Section 3 states that "The Secretary shall designate the dates for special elections, including the date of the election which shall be on a Saturday and the filing period which shall be the three (3) days (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) beginning on the twelfth (12th) Monday preceding the election, and provide sufficient notice to voters." This section supports the option that the General Election and Special Election may run concurrently on the same timeline this year. The goal of the Special Election is to ensure that District 5 has a representative to support their needs as soon as possible.
 - Council District 5 will be in its regular rotation for the next General Election in 2027.
 - Secretary Perkins contacted the Information Technology teams for Choctaw Nation and Automated Election Services to determine a variety of timeline options for the General Election and Special Election.
 - Secretary Perkins contacted the Election Board to let all know about the vacant seat in Council District 5.
 - On April 4, 2025, the Election Board held a Special Meeting to discuss public notices for Special Election dates. Public meeting minutes are documented for this date.
- Record Management:
 - Annual document reviews in PolicyTech:
 - No revision necessary for 09.00.01 - Statement of Confidentiality for Voter List Distribution - Election Board, REF# 5553 v3. (Copy Provided)
 - Legal review completed by Denise Lawson at Coffee Lawson Fields PLLC on March 17, 2025.
 - Preparing the Board Office for the Filing Period:
 - Paper copies of the Filing Packet (Copy Provided)



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- Addendum to the Declaration of Candidacy Form that identifies the email address and acknowledgement that candidate will receive electronic notifications.
 - Paper copies of the Qualification Checklist used by Election Board. (Copy Provided)
 - Paper copies of the Tribal Candidate Guide - Election Board, REF# 9746 v4.
 - Secretary Perkins will have this guide finalized by April 17, 2025. Any changes by Election Board members may be given by email to the Secretary. (Draft Copy Provided)
 - Paper copies of the Public Notice of General Election Calendar 2025 and Special Election Calendar for District 5. (Copy Provided)
 - A phone will be operational in the office.
 - A copy machine will be operational in the office.
- Marketing and Communications:
 - The following public notices and information have been recently published to the Tribal Elections webpage:
 - Election Board Meeting Minutes February 12, 2025.
 - 2025 General Election and Special Election Calendar
 - The General Election Calendar 2025 was amended by the Election Board on April 4, 2025, to include the full calendar for the Special Election in Council District 5.
 - Notice of Special Election Dates for Council District 5
 - A standalone email with notice was emailed to subscribing tribal members.
 - The Press Release was published on the Choctaw Nation Website and on all information screens on Choctaw Nation property.
 - Information Technology
 - On February 10, 2025, Secretary Perkins requested a mock election in March 2025 with Automated Election Services. The goal of the mock election is to open communication channels between the new CNO development team and the AES development team and allow the CNO development team to see election processes in a test environment. Request is pending date confirmation from Terry Rainey.



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- Facility Management:
 - No new updates.
- Human Resources and other Support Teams:
 - On April 2, 2025, Secretary Perkins confirmed who will be the point of contact (POC) at Gaming Commission for background checks on prospective candidates. POC is noted on the Qualification Checklist used by the Election Board.
 - On April 8, 2025, Secretary Perkins confirmed who will be the point of contact (POC) in Human Resources for CNO employment checks on prospective candidates. POC is noted on the Qualification Checklist used by the Election Board.
 - On April 8, 2025, Secretary Perkins confirmed who will be the point of contact (POC) in Tribal Membership to verify tribal membership status and blood quantum on prospective candidates. POC is noted on the Qualification Checklist used by the Election Board.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2023 (Copy Provided):
 - Hotel rooming list: amended April 4 2025 (Copy Provided)
 - Next event is Monday, April 21, 2025, at 8am – First day of Candidate Filing Period.
- An overview of current activities that are ongoing with the CNO Voter Registration (VR):
 - On January 6, 2025, VR released its Voter Registration Mail Drive which included 1,405 packets to new tribal members identified between January 1, 2024, to December 30, 2024.
 - We have response rate of 2.42% or 34 forms received. (No change from last report)
 - As of April 9, 2025, we have a total of 51,069 registered voters which is 28.25% of the tribal membership eligible to vote.

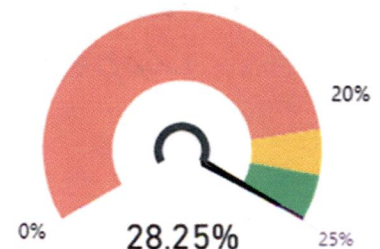


Voter Count by District

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Voting District	Out Of Nation	In Nation	Grand Total
1	550	741	1291
2	917	1139	2056
3	1238	870	2108
4	457	1731	2188
5	756	1059	1815
6	539	1211	1750
7	1158	1377	2535
8	1405	1417	2822
9	3061	2330	5391
10	685	1085	1770
11	1321	2135	3456
12	1052	847	1899
Unaffiliated	21988	0	21988
Grand Total	35127	15942	51069

Eligible Voters



Eligible Voters = 180,746

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NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Green called for New Business.

Secretary Perkins initiated a discussion regarding the Tribal Candidate Qualification Checklist, PolicyTech Ref# 5882 v3. This document will be used by the Election Board for each prospective candidate who filed for election.

Secretary made a Motion to Approve the Tribal Candidate Qualification Checklist, REF# 5882 v3 for use during the 2025 election cycle. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

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

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 1:40 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X Candace Perkins
Candace Perkins
Secretary
Approved 05-07-2025