



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on May 7, 2025, at 1:01 pm in the Ibaichvffa (Membership) Conference Room #1251 at the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) Headquarters Building in Durant, Oklahoma; and, via conference call.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary, Candace Perkins.

Invocation was given by Alternate, Wayne Tipps Jr.

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

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| Virginia Kay Green, Chairperson (by phone) | Jane Parent, Member (by phone) |
| Sylvia Sigler, Alternate (by phone) | 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 April 9, 2025, Regular Meeting were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates prior this meeting.

Secretary Perkins called for Approval of Minutes.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the April 9, 2025, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Alternate Tipps Jr.

Secretary Perkins called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.



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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):
 - On hold until after the 2025 election cycle.
- Operational Updates including:
 - Overview of election events since the last meeting:
 - Candidate Filing Period (April 21, 2025 – April 23, 2025)
 - On April 21, 2025, at 8:00AM, Jennifer Johnson-Williams and Secretary Perkins asked the Board whether it was releasing the list of prospective candidates on a daily basis or only on the last day of filing at 4:30pm (i.e. Public Notice). It was agreed by the Board to wait until Public Notice to release names of prospective candidates. Present during discussion: Candace Perkins, Jennifer Johnson-Williams, Kay Green, Jane Parent, Wayne Tipps.
 - Prospective candidates filing on April 21, 2025:
 - Jennifer Turner, D5
 - Jess Henry, D4
 - James Dry, D9
 - Jerry G. Williams, D7
 - Anthony Dillard, D10
 - Regina Mabray, D12
 - Vickie McClure, D12
 - Marlena Crase, D5
 - Sharona Farmer, D5
 - Jennifer Woods, D6
 - Prospective candidates filing on April 22, 2025:
 - Kenneth G. Marshall, D4
 - Joey D. Tom, D7
 - Earl Smith, D5
 - Prospective candidate filing on April 23, 2025:
 - Kimberly Ford, D5



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- Tami Gonzalez Cantrell, D5
 - Adrian Johnico, D7
 - Vincent "Vinnie" Terrell, D5
- At the end of day on April 23, 2025, Alternate Tipps made a Motion to approve the public notice of prospective candidates for distribution. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler. Motion Passed.
- Contest of Candidacy Period (April 24, 2025 – April 25, 2025)
 - No contests were filed on either day.
- On April 28, 2025, Secretary Perkins accepted a Withdrawal of Candidacy Form from Jerry G. Williams.
- Candidate Information Session on April 29, 2025:
 - The Election Board went through a brief question and answer session with candidates. All prospective candidates were given a Tribal Candidate Guide, including a calendar of deadlines and other important dates, at the time of filing. Candidates were encouraged to read the guide and Election Ordinance and bring their questions to the information session.
 - The Voter List, generated on April 28, 2025, was distributed to all qualified candidates on paper and electronic formats.
 - It was agreed by the Board to publish the Public Notice of Qualified Candidates on the Tribal Elections webpage only. Present during discussion: Candace Perkins, Jennifer Johnson-Williams, Kay Green, Wayne Tipps.
- Legal and Compliance:
 - As of April 16, 2025, the Election Ordinance, approved by CB-24-25 and the BIA, is published on the Choctaw Nation website.
- Record Management:
 - No new updates.
- Marketing and Communications:
 - The following public notices and information have been recently published to the Tribal Elections webpage:
 - Election Board Meeting Minutes March 12, 2025.
 - Election Board Meeting Minutes April 4, 2025.
 - Tribal Candidate Guide 2025.
 - 2025 Voter Count by District Report.
 - Public Notice of Qualified Candidates 2025.
 - Planning for the photo shoot at the Durant Voting Location on Thurs, July 10, 2025, has started. This project will allow the Election Board to have stock photos for use in advertisements and media. MARCOM will handle the project planning and implementation with the Board providing the budget.



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- On April 15, 2025, Secretary Perkins confirmed the date with Automated Election Services.
- On April 30, 2025, Secretary Perkins confirmed the date with MARCOM representative.
- Information Technology
 - The IT support team collaborated with Automated Election Services to work through mock processes and established communications between the two teams on April 22, 2025.
- Facility Management / Voting Locations:
 - On April 14, 2025, Secretary Perkins contacted all Community Center Field Workers to place calendar holds for election weekend so that centers will serve as voting locations.
 - On May 5, 2025, Secretary Perkins provided a courtesy update to Chief Batton, Assistant Chief Austin Jr, and Tribal Council that the Board was considering opening all community centers to serve as voting locations. The update was provided because the Tribal Council may request additional voting locations but the official request must be passed by a vote of Tribal Council. Those additional voting locations will require a site evaluation to determine whether requested location(s) meet all facility and technical requirements needed by the Election Board. It is advisable that the decision of the Tribal Council to request more locations needs to occur at its May meeting to continue with the operational timeline for tribal elections.
- Other Support Teams:
 - On May 1, 2025, Secretary Perkins met with the Executive Director of Public Safety to discuss logistics for daily ballot pickup, including calendar management and other election information needs for General/Special or potential run-off elections.
 - Secretary Perkins updated the Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2025 to include the daily ballot collection schedule for Run-off election.
 - Secretary Perkins sent Outlook calendar invitations to Executive Director hold times for daily ballot pickup during the General/Special and Run-off elections.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2025 (Copy Provided):
 - Hotel rooming list: amended May 5, 2025 (Copy Provided)
 - Next event is Monday, May 14, 2025, at 1pm.
 - The Election Board confirmed that we will offer two (2) days of Voting Location Board training on 7/2/25 and 7/3/25.
 - Secretary Perkins asked the Board to determine who will take open dates for daily ballot pickups so the calendar can be updated.
 - Secretary Alternate Johnson-Williams will not be able to participate from 7/7/25 through 7/11/25.



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- 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 2.49% or 35 forms received.
 - As of May 7, 2025, we have a total of 51,070 registered voters which is 28.24% of the tribal membership eligible to vote.

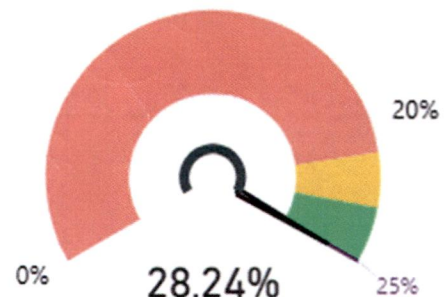


Voter Count by District

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| Voting District | Out Of Nation | In Nation | Grand Total |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | 549 | 739 | 1288 |
| 2 | 912 | 1137 | 2049 |
| 3 | 1231 | 866 | 2097 |
| 4 | 457 | 1733 | 2190 |
| 5 | 760 | 1098 | 1858 |
| 6 | 536 | 1202 | 1738 |
| 7 | 1153 | 1373 | 2526 |
| 8 | 1401 | 1416 | 2817 |
| 9 | 3045 | 2325 | 5370 |
| 10 | 684 | 1081 | 1765 |
| 11 | 1315 | 2131 | 3446 |
| 12 | 1059 | 900 | 1959 |
| Unaffiliated | 21967 | 0 | 21967 |
| Grand Total | 35069 | 16001 | 51070 |

Eligible Voters



Eligible Voters = 180,855

5/7/25 6:25:07 AM

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Perkins called for New Business.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Approve the first Public Notice of Open Voting Locations to be distributed through all methods of communication, including the Tribal Elections webpage. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

Secretary Perkins called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Move into Executive Session. – Seconded by Tipps Jr.



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Secretary Perkins called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED**. Start: 1:00 pm.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Move out of Executive Session. – Seconded by Tipps Jr.

Secretary Perkins called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED**. End: 1:14 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary Perkins called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED**.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X Candace Perkins
Candace Perkins
Secretary 05-14-25 approved