



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met early on February 11, 2026, at 11:16 am in the Ibaiachvffa (Membership) Conference Room #1251 at the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) Headquarters Building in Durant, Oklahoma. The meeting needed to be moved to an earlier time because Headquarters would be closing early due to water outage.

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

Opening prayer was given by Alternate, Wayne Tipps Jr.

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

Vacant, 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 November 12, 2025, Regular Meetings were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates at this meeting.

Secretary Perkins called for Approval of Minutes.

Member Parent made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2025, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Alternate Tipps

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 included:
 - A financial snapshot of FY26 operating expenses for cost center.
 - Secretary Perkins made a motion to Approve the purchase of two (2) new multi-function printers for Voter Registration Coordinators using the election budget. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.
Secretary Perkins called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**
- Strategic Updates including:
 - Election Management System (project with Information Technology):
 - On February 10, 2026, Secretary Perkins met with IT team to open the sustainment cycle and discuss new and/or updated features for the EMS this year.
- Operational Updates including:
 - Legal and Compliance:
 - No new updates - On June 10, 2025, Secretary Perkins met with the Board's external legal attorney, Denise Lawson, to discuss document handling procedures for petitions to use with the Constitutional Amendment Procedures Code. A draft will be an ongoing legal project until it is finalized by the Secretary. Denise provided the first draft of document handling procedures on August 13, 2025.
 - No new updates - Election Board Behavior and Conduct Policy.
 - Draft 1 was discussed on June 18, 2025, meeting; this will be an ongoing project for the year.
 - On September 11, 2025, the Election Board met with Tribal Council to discuss after-election opportunities and recommendations including:
 - Improving Opportunities to volunteer for the Voting Location Board:
 - To accommodate this request, Tribal Council would need to update the Election Ordinance (EO) to remove restrictions on CNO employment in Article XII, Section 2(c), and Article X, Section 2(c).
 - Researching potential timeline change for General Elections to increase time for voters to receive and return their mail in ballots.
 - Changes to the Election Ordinance will be presented to Tribal Council by its July meeting.
 - On January 5, 2026, the Election Board received notification from Chief's Office that Chairperson, Virginia Kay Green, has resigned her seat.
 - Chief Batton's office has sent a nomination letter to Tribal Council for Rogers Scott to fill the vacancy on the Election Board. Tribal Council will meet on February 12, 2026, to review the letter of nomination and biography.



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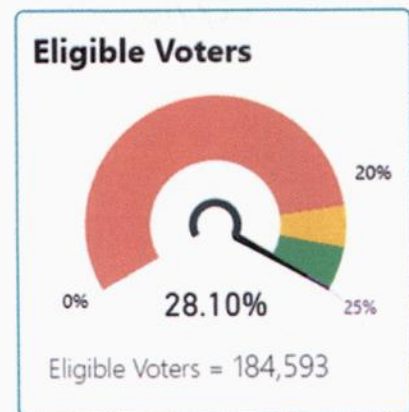
- Record Management:
 - No new updates.
- Marketing and Communications:
 - The following public notices and information have been recently published to the Tribal Elections webpage:
 - Election Board Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2025.
 - General Election Calendar 2027.
 - Market Research provided the final analysis report for the 2025 Voter Registration Deployments to Secretary Perkins on November 5, 2025 (Copy Provided).
- Information Technology:
 - On February 02, 2026, Secretary Perkins met with our IT and Procurement support teams to finalize a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an election service provider. The goal of this RFP is to reach out to all election service providers, including Automated Election Services, to determine competitive costs and evaluate new technology. This will be standard practice going forward. The RFP will be initiated by Procurement by February 20, 2026.
- Other Support Teams:
 - No new updates.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2025 (Copy Provided):
 - Next regular meeting will be May 13, 2026, at 11am in Durant, OK.
 - The Board discussed having a welcome lunch for the new member at the next meeting and moving meeting time from 1pm to 11am.
- An overview of current activities that are ongoing with the CNO Voter Registration (VR):
 - As of February 11, 2026, have a total of 51,868 registered voters, which is 28.31% 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	748	1298
2	909	1135	2044
3	1223	870	2093
4	468	1840	2308
5	856	1398	2254
6	530	1202	1732
7	1142	1373	2515
8	1392	1404	2796
9	3026	2331	5357
10	682	1076	1758
11	1303	2112	3415
12	1098	1039	2137
Unaffiliated	22161	0	22161
Grand Total	35340	16528	51868



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NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Perkins called for New Business.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Nominate Jane Parent as new Chairperson to replace Virginia Kay Green. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

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

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Nominate Wayne Tipps as new Member to replace Jane Parent. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X Candace Perkins

Candace Perkins
Secretary

APPROVED 05/13/2026