



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met early on May 13, 2026, at 12:08 p.m. 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, Jane Parent.

Opening prayer was given by Alternate, Wayne Tipps Jr.

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

Jane Parent, Chairperson

Wayne Tipps Jr, Member

Sylvia Sigler, Alternate

Roger Scott, 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 February 11, 2026, Regular Meetings were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates at this meeting.

Chairperson Parent called for Approval of Minutes.

Alternate Sigler made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2026, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Secretary Perkins.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.



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NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Parent called for New Business.

None.

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.
 - The timeline for FY27 budget planning.
- 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 I was discussed on June 18, 2025, meeting; this will be an ongoing project for the year.
 - No new updates - 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.



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- On February 14, 2026, Tribal Council accepted the letter of nomination for Rogers Scott. Roger took the Election Board oath at the council meeting. He will fill the vacancy left by Virginia Kay Green.
- Record Management:
 - No new updates.
- Marketing and Communications:
 - The following public notices and information have been recently published on the Tribal Elections webpage:
 - Election Board Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2025.
- Information Technology:
 - As part of the CNO Procurement standard practice, the Election Board and its IT support team evaluated proposals from election service providers to determine competitive costs and evaluate new technology. All CNO evaluators reviewed presentations on April 17th, April 21st, and April 22nd. Contract negotiations are expected to begin in May 2026.
- Other Support Teams:
 - On March 26, 2026, Secretary Perkins received notification that the CNO Space Allocation Committee approved the Board's request for new office space at the Gregory E Pyle Tribal Complex. Initial walkthrough for space planning occurred on April 13, 2026. Our goal is to have space ready by end of December 2026.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2025 (Copy Provided):
 - Next regular meeting will be August 12, 2026, at 1:00 pm.
- An overview of current activities that are ongoing with the CNO Voter Registration (VR):
 - As of May 13, 2026, have a total of 51,786 registered voters, which is 27.91% of the tribal membership eligible to vote.



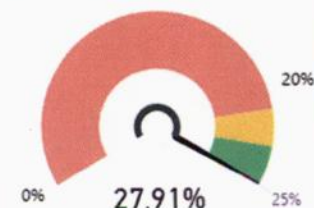
Voter Count by District

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Voting District	Out Of Nation	In Nation	Grand Total
1	551	750	1301
2	908	1135	2043
3	1225	864	2089
4	470	1840	2310
5	857	1394	2251
6	527	1199	1726
7	1137	1363	2500
8	1381	1405	2786
9	3014	2332	5346
10	676	1081	1757
11	1301	2095	3396
12	1099	1035	2134
Unaffiliated	22147	0	22147
Grand Total	35293	16493	51786

Eligible Voters



Eligible Voters = 185,547

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ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X Candace Perkins

Candace Perkins
Secretary

approved 08-12-2026