



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 24th, 2025

4:30 PM

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary
- III. Approval of Minutes from the February 24th Special Meeting-Hearing
- IV. Old Business
- V. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action on Certification of Eligibility for Candidates David Walkingstick and Steven Carter for the 2025 General Election
- VI. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations, or protests
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- VII. Action from Executive Session
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjourn

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By February 21, 2025, 5:00 PM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

Posted by: _____



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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 24th, 2025, 4:30pm

I. Call to order

- a. The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 5:44pm

II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to allow Commissioner Sherry Reynolds to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- b. Election Commission Secretary, Pamela Sellers, called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairperson

Cheryl Cooper – Vice Chairperson

Pamela Sellers – Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

Sherry Reynolds – Commissioner by phone

Office Staff – Connie Parnell & Marcus Fears

Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the February 24th Special Meeting-Hearing. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to table the February 24th Special Meeting-Hearing Minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Old Business

- a. None

V. Current Items



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- a. Consideration and possible action on Certification of Eligibility for Candidates David Walkingstick and Steven Carter for the 2025 General Election.
 - i. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to deny certification of eligibility for David Walkingstick for the 2025 General Election. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
 - ii. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to deny certification of eligibility for Steven Carter for the 2025 General Election. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. It was noted that under Section 37 B of the Election Law, three (3) days are given to allow a denied candidate to provide addition information.

VI. Executive Session

- a. None

VII. Action from Executive Session

- a. None

VIII. Announcements

- a.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 5:49pm. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer



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2025 Candidate Certification of Eligibility

Dist	Candidate	Approve	Deny
2	David Walkingstick		✓
4	Steven Carter		✓

We the Commission have certified the eligibility of the candidates for the 2025 General Election.

Dated this 24 day of February, 2025.

Rick Doherty

Rick Doherty, Chairperson

Cheryl Cooper

Cheryl Cooper, Vice Chairperson

Pamela Sellers

Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Ballew

Elizabeth Ballew, Commissioner

by phone

Sherry Reynolds, Commissioner



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Pamela Sellers, Secretary / Treasurer
Elizabeth Ballew, Commissioner
Sherry Reynolds, Commissioner

February 24, 2025

David Walkingstick
walkingstick80@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Walkingstick:

In accordance with CNCA Title 26 Elections §34, Establishment of Residency, The Cherokee Nation Election Commission is issuing this letter to inform you that after the investigative process and Hearing Decision was completed, your eligibility was denied for the 2025 Cherokee Nation General Election, based on not verifying residence within District 2, for which you filed, for a continuous period of 270 days prior to the date of the General Election pursuant to 26 CNCA 34.

Sincerely,

Rick Doherty, Chairperson
Cherokee Nation Election Commission



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February 24, 2025

Steven Carter
district2stevecarter@hotmail.com

Dear Mr. Carter:

In accordance with CNCA Title 26 Elections §34, Establishment of Residency, The Cherokee Nation Election Commission is issuing this letter to inform you that after the investigative process and reviewing additional documents provided by you pursuant to Title 26 CNCA 34 B was completed, your eligibility was denied for the 2025 Cherokee Nation General Election, based on not verifying residence within District 4, for which you filed, for a continuous period of 270 days prior to the date of the General Election pursuant to (Title 26 CNCA 34 B).

Sincerely,


Rick Doherty, Chairperson
Cherokee Nation Election Commission

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

 REGULAR MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 2/24/25 at 5:44 AM/PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty Present/Absent

Pamela Sellers Present/Absent

Elizabeth Ballew Present/Absent

Cheryl Cooper Present/Absent

Sherry Reynolds Present/Absent *by phone*

Quorum Established: YES/NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin

Staff Present: Marcus Fears, Connie Parnell, Kendal Bishop, Charlene Keys,
Allison George

Visitors:

Cara Lowen Watts

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