



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 15th, 2025

4:00 PM

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary
- III. Approval of Minutes from the April 3rd Special Meeting
- IV. Old Business
- V. Current Items
 - a. N/A
- VI. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations, or protests
 1. Discussion and possible action regarding Absentee Ballot Request Forms for District 5.
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- VII. Action from Executive Session
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjourn

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Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

Posted by: _____



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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 15th, 2025, 4:00pm

I. Call to order

- a. The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 4:00pm

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

- a. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Pamela Sellers to allow Elizabeth Ballew and Cheryl Cooper 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-by phone

Pamela Sellers – Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner-by phone

Sherry Reynolds – Commissioner

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 April 3rd Special Meeting. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the April 3rd Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Old Business

- a. None

V. Current Items

- a. None

VI. Executive Session



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- a. Prior to entering Executive Session, Chairman Doherty asked Mr. Wilkes if he had anything else to present to the Commission. He did not.
- b. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to Enter Executive Session at 4:02pm.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding Absentee Ballot Request Forms for District 5.

VII. Action from Executive Session

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to Exit Executive Session at 4:43pm.
- b. After review of a written statement from Mr. Wilkes and a technical explanation from Cherokee Nation IT showing metadata of the email from origin to completion, Sherry Reynolds made a motion that the Absentee Ballot Request Forms submitted by Charles Wilkes be rejected for the reason that report of metadata from Cherokee Nation IT shows the Absentee Ballot Requests were not requested until 12:02:49 on April 8 2025, after the deadline of midnight, April 7, 2025. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

VIII. Announcements

- a. None

IX. Adjourn

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to adjourn at 4:45pm. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

 REGULAR MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 4/15/25 at 4:00 AM/PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty Present/Absent

Pamela Sellers Present/Absent

Elizabeth Ballew Present/Absent By phone

Cheryl Cooper Present/Absent By phone

Sherry Reynolds Present/Absent

Quorum Established: YES NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin

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

Visitors:

Peyton Qualls _____

Charles Wilkes _____

Cherokee Nation Election Commission
Special Meeting Sign-in Sheet
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 4:00PM

Print Name	Signature
Paiten Taylor - Qualls	TU TU ON
Charles Wilkes	Charles Wilkes