



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, August 4th, 2025

5:00 PM

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary
- III. Approval of Minutes from the July 28 Special Meeting
- IV. Old Business
- V. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action regarding the 2025 Run-Off Election.
 - b. Certification of the 2025 General/Run-Off Election Results.
 - c. Discussion and possible action regarding Election Commission storage building.
- 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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7/31/25

By August 1, 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, August 4th, 2025, 5:00pm

I. Call to order

- a. The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 5:03pm.

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 Sherry Reynolds to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- b. Election Commission Vice Chair Cheryl Cooper, called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairperson

Cheryl Cooper – Vice Chairperson

Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

Sherry Reynolds – Commissioner – by phone

Office Staff – Marcus Fears

Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin

III. Old Business

- a. None

IV. Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action regarding the 2025 Run-Off Election.
 - i. Marcus reported that there was no appeal filed for the Run-Off Election. He also presented a draft of a certificate put together by Connie to be presented to the winning candidates of the 2025 General Elections. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the certificate for the 2025 General Elections with recommended changes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- b. Certification of the 2025 General/Run-Off Election Results.
 - i. After a brief discussion on the election results provided, Chairman Doherty asked Marcus to read the certification containing the



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districts and names of the winning Candidates for the 2025 General Elections. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Cooper to accept the Certification of the 2025 General/Run-Off Election Results. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding Election Commission storage.
 - i. No action was taken

V. Executive Session

- a. N/A

VI. Action from Executive Session

- a. Discussion,

VII. Announcements

- a. The next scheduled meeting will be August 7th at 9:30am.

VIII. Adjourn

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 5:32pm. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

ELECTION COMMISSION

CHEROKEE NATION

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

Pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the Cherokee Nation

The Election Commission certifies that

Is elected to the office of

In testimony whereof, the Election Commission of the Cherokee Nation has caused this Certificate of Election to be issued by the Chairman of the Election Commission on the day of .

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Chairman

Cumulative Results Report

CHEROKEE NATION

Official Results

2025 General Election

Registered Voters

7714 of 60182 = 12.82%

Polling Places Reporting

26 of 26 = 100.00%

Run Time 8:39 AM
Run Date 07/30/2025

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DISTRICT 2 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
CANDESSA TEHEE		130	92.86%	103	87.29%	46	65.71%	279	85.06%
ISSAC COLLINS		10	7.14%	15	12.71%	24	34.29%	49	14.94%
Cast Votes:		140	100.00%	118	100.00%	70	100.00%	328	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

DISTRICT 4 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
URIAH L. GRASS		122	38.36%	13	39.39%	147	43.11%	282	40.75%
JANIS KAY DEARMAN		128	40.25%	9	27.27%	86	25.22%	223	32.23%
STEPHEN L. MAPLES		47	14.78%	2	6.06%	54	15.84%	103	14.88%
MANDY MICHELLE SCOTT		13	4.09%	4	12.12%	26	7.62%	43	6.21%
JOIE SNEED		1	0.31%	2	6.06%	21	6.16%	24	3.47%
ANA STROBLE GALLARDO		7	2.20%	3	9.09%	7	2.05%	17	2.46%
Cast Votes:		318	100.00%	33	100.00%	341	100.00%	692	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

DISTRICT 5 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
ASHLEY L. GRANT		114	68.26%	3	100.00%	41	29.50%	158	51.13%
CHARLES WILKES		35	20.96%	0	0.00%	80	57.55%	115	37.22%
FRANK D. WHITLOCK		18	10.78%	0	0.00%	18	12.95%	36	11.65%
Cast Votes:		167	100.00%	3	100.00%	139	100.00%	309	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

DISTRICT 7 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
JOSHUA SAM		246	95.35%	43	93.48%	355	84.93%	644	89.20%
DERRICK ROSS		12	4.65%	3	6.52%	63	15.07%	78	10.80%
Cast Votes:		258	100.00%	46	100.00%	418	100.00%	722	100.00%
Undervotes:		0		0		0		0	
Overvotes:		0		0		0		0	

DISTRICT 9 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Total
CLIFTON HUGHES		189	10	131	330
DEBRA S. MCGILVER		66.32%	52.63%	39.82%	52.13%
MIKE PURCELL		80	3	91	174
RUSTY DOWMAN HENSON		13	3	65	81
ANTHONY RAY DAVIS		0	0	0	0
CONNIE NEWTON		2	2	37	41
CODY SCOTT		1	1	5	7
Cast Votes:		285	19	329	633
Undervotes:		58	5	186	0
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

DISTRICT 10 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Total
ELVINA SHOTPOUCH		170	5	201	376
HALEY BUZZARD		26	4	129	159
Cast Votes:		196	9	330	535
Undervotes:		0	0	0	0
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

DISTRICT 11 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Total
KENDRA SUE MCGEADY		311	2	301	614
JANATHA KETCHUM-CARTER		220	7	182	409
TIMOTHY TYLER KEETON		11	0	18	29
Cast Votes:		542	9	501	1,052
Undervotes:		0	0	0	0
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

DISTRICT 15 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Total
DANNY CALLISON		322	11	163	496
JENNIFER BLALOCK		16	0	35	51
Cast Votes:		338	11	198	547
Undervotes:		0	0	0	0
Overvotes:		0	0	0	0

Cumulative Results Report**CHEROKEE NATION****Official Results**

2025 General Election

Registered Voters

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Polling Places Reporting

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AT-LARGE TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
JOHNNY JACK KIDWELL		2,021	78.79%	63	81.82%	0	0.00%	2,084	78.88%
BRANDI ROSS		431	16.80%	13	16.88%	0	0.00%	444	16.81%
JONATHAN CARTER		83	3.24%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	83	3.14%
WILLIAM CROWDER		30	1.17%	1	1.30%	0	0.00%	31	1.17%
Cast Votes:		2,565	100.00%	77	100.00%	0	0.00%	2,642	100.00%
Undervotes:		1		0		0		1	
Overvotes:		4		0		0		4	

*** End of report ***

Cumulative Results Report**CHEROKEE NATION****Official Results****Registered Voters**

633 of 3136 = 20.18%

Polling Places Reporting

5 of 5 = 100.00%

2025 General Runoff Election

Run Time 8:13 AM
Run Date 07/31/2025

7/26/2025

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DISTRICT 4 TRIBAL COUNCILOR - VOTE FOR ONE

Choice	Party	Absentee Voting		Early Voting		Election Day Voting		Total	
URIAH GRASS		167	49.70%	21	70.00%	171	64.53%	359	56.89%
JANIS KAY DEARMAN		169	50.30%	9	30.00%	94	35.47%	272	43.11%
Cast Votes:		336	100.00%	30	100.00%	265	100.00%	631	100.00%

*** End of report ***



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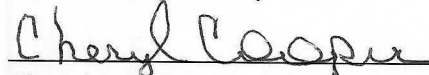
Certification of the 2025 General/Run-Off Election Results


District 2 Tribal Councilor	Candessa Tehee
District 4 Tribal Councilor	Uriah Grass
District 5 Tribal Councilor	Ashley L. Grant
District 7 Tribal Councilor	Joshua Sam
District 9 Tribal Councilor	Clifton Hughes
District 10 Tribal Councilor	Melvina Shotpouch
District 11 Tribal Councilor	Kendra Sue McGeady
District 15 Tribal Councilor	Danny Callison
At Large Tribal Councilor	Johnny Jack Kidwell


We, the undersigned Election Officials of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission, do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate Election Outcome and winning Candidates of the 2025 General Elections. We further certify that said elections were conducted in accordance with the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation and Title 26 CNCA, Elections and the Rules and Regulations of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission.

Dated this 4 day of April, 2025.


Rick Doherty, Chairperson


Cheryl Cooper, Vice Chairperson


Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer


Elizabeth Ballew, Commissioner


Sherry Reynolds, Commissioner

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

 REGULAR MEETING

 SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: _____

MEETING DATE: 8/4/25 at 5: 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

Quorum Established: YES / NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin ☒

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

Visitors:
