



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 18th, 2025

9:30 AM

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary
- III. Approval of Minutes from the February 6th Regular Meeting
- IV. Old Business
- V. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action on setting Hearing dates for Challenges of Eligibility for the 2025 General Election
 - b. Consideration and possible action on Certification of Eligibility of Candidates for the 2025 General Election Period
- 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 14, 2025, 5:00 PM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18th, 2025, 9:30am

I. Call to order

- a. The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 9:30am

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

- a. 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

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 6th Regular Meeting. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the February 6th Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Old Business

- a. None

V. Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action on setting Hearing Date for Challenges of Eligibility for the 2025 General Election.
 - i. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to enter Executive Session at 9:32am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.



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- ii. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to exit Executive Session at 9:46am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
 - iii. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to set the date for Hearings for Tuesday, February 25 at 9:30am and for the Administrator to send the Notice of Hearing, copies of the Challenges and the Hearing Procedure to the Candidate and the Contestant. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
 - b. Consideration and possible action on Certification of Eligibility of Candidates for the 2025 General Election.
 - i. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 2 Candessa Tehee. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 2 Issac Collins. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to hold in abeyance Eligibility for District 2 David Walkingstick until after Eligibility Hearing. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 4 Janice Kay Dearman. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 4 Joie Sneed. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 4 Mandy Michelle Scott. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 4 Stephen L. Maples. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 4 Uriah Grass. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a



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motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Deny Eligibility for District 4 Steven Carter based on residency. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 4 Elana Stroble Gallardo. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 5 Ashley L. Grant. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 5 Frank D. Whitlock. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 5 Charles Wilkes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 7 Joshua Sam. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 7 Derrick Ross. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 9 Rusty Dowan Henson. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 9 Anthony Ray Davis. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 9 Clifton Hughes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 9 Cody Scott. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 9 Debra S. McGlasson. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for



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District 9 Mike Purcell. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 9 Connie Newton. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 10 Melvina Shotpouch. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 10 Haley Buzzard. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 11 Kendra Sue McGeady. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 11 Timothy Keeton. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 11 Janatha Carter. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 15 Danny Callison. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for District 15 Jennifer Blalock. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for At Large Johnny Jack Kidwell. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for At Large William Crowder. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for At Large Jonathan Carter. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to Approve Eligibility for At Large Brandi Ross. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.



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VI. Executive Session

- a. See notes for Executive Session within Current Items.
- b. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to re-enter Executive Session at 10:07am

VII. Action from Executive Session

- a. See notes for Executive Session within Current Items.
- b. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to exit Executive Session at 10:19am. No Action was taken.

VIII. Announcements

- a.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 10:21am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Sellers



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2025 Candidate Certification of Eligibility

| Dist | Candidate | Approve | Deny |
|------|------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 2 | Candessa Tehee | ✓ | |
| 2 | Issac Collins | ✓ | |
| 2 | David Walkingstick | | Obeya till 2/25 |
| 4 | Janis Kay Dearman | ✓ | |
| 4 | Joie Sneed | ✓ | |
| 4 | Mandy Michelle Scott | ✓ | |
| 4 | Stephen L. Maples | ✓ | |
| 4 | Uriah Grass | ✓ | |
| 4 | Steven Carter | | ✓ |
| 4 | Elana Stroble Gallardo | ✓ | |
| 5 | Ashley L. Grant | ✓ | |
| 5 | Frank D. Whitlock | ✓ | |
| 5 | Charles Wilkes | ✓ | |
| 7 | Joshua Sam | ✓ | |
| 7 | Derrick Ross | ✓ | |
| 9 | Rusty Dowan Henson | ✓ | |
| 9 | Anthony Ray Davis | ✓ | |
| 9 | Clifton Hughes | ✓ | |
| 9 | Cody Scott | ✓ | |
| 9 | Debra S. McGlasson | ✓ | |
| 9 | Mike Purcell | ✓ | |
| 9 | Connie Newton | ✓ | |
| 10 | Melvina Shotpouch | ✓ | |
| 10 | Haley Buzzard | ✓ | |
| 11 | Kendra Sue McGeady | ✓ | |
| 11 | Timothy Keeton | ✓ | |
| 11 | Janatha Carter | ✓ | |
| 15 | Danny Callison | ✓ | |
| 15 | Jennifer Blalock | ✓ | |



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| Dist | Candidate | Approve | Deny |
|------|---------------------|---------|------|
| AL | Johnny Jack Kidwell | / | |
| AL | William Crowder | / | |
| AL | Jonathan Carter | / | |
| AL | Brandi Ross | ✓ | |
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We the Commission have certified the eligibility of the candidates for the 2025 General Election.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2025.



Rick Doherty, Chairperson



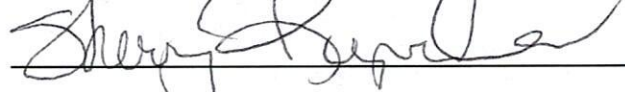
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Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer



Elizabeth Ballew, Commissioner



Sherry Reynolds, Commissioner

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 REGULAR MEETING X SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 2/18/25 at 9:30 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

Quorum Established: YES/NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin

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

Visitors:

Polly Tyler _____

Cara Cowan Watts _____

Cherokee Nation Election Commission

Special Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 9:30AM

| Print Name | Signature |
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| Polls Taylor DANIEL M. WILKINS | Polls Taylor DANIEL M. WILKINS |
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