



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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ELECTION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 6th, 2026

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 July 9th Special Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action regarding Servpro.
 - b. Consideration and possible action regarding election forms.
 - c. Consideration and possible action regarding 2027 General Election.
- IX. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations, or protests
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- X. Action from Executive Session
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjourn

The Election Commission complies with the Cherokee Nation Open Meetings Act. The public is welcome and invited to attend all Regular and Special Meetings of the Election Commission; however, the Commission will not entertain public questions or comments during these meetings. All inquiries or comments should be submitted in writing to election-commission@cherokee.org. The Commission will provide a response within 5-10 business days.



July 24, 2026 by 5:00 PM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

Posted by: _____



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ELECTION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 6, 2026

9:30 AM

Call to order

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

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

Rick Doherty, Chairperson – Present

Cheryl Cooper, Vice Chairperson - Present

Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer - Present

Sherry Reynolds, Commissioner – Present

Debra Proctor, Commissioner - Present

Harvey Chaffin, Election Commission Attorney - Present

Office Staff Present – Connie Parnell & Marcus Fears

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the July 9th Special Meeting. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the July 9th Special Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Administrator's Report

The Administrator reported on Servpro completing their mold remediation, meeting with IT on what is needed to get internet and phone to the storage building and meeting with Nixon, the company the CN uses for maintaining all of the generators. They assessed our power needs with the addition of the storage building and will be sending their recommendations for an upgrade. Debra Proctor made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. (Attachment 1)



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Election Director's Report

The Election Director reported that the new absentee documents have been ordered, now on to the absentee tracking process. She has been working with CSA and Maxim on adding the ranges to the voting locations so the system will select the closest location in the district if the voter does not select one. New chairs, tables and table dolly for the storage building have been received, along with a great deal of organizing and labeling. Precinct officials' contracts are finalized, lists of precinct officials and training schedules are coming up very soon. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Election Director's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 2)**

Attorney's Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action regarding Servpro.
Marcus and Connie reported that Servpro reduced their final bill to the original estimated amount. No action taken.
- b. Consideration and possible action regarding election forms.
Connie presented Watcher sheets for review with the addition that Watchers are now required to be Cherokee Citizens. Debra Proctor made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Watcher sheets as presented. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Marcus handed out all of the documents for both Candidate Packets. He requested Attorney and Commissioner review on some of the documents due to them requiring more attention because of Election Law changes. The items presented had minimal or no change. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the documents of the Candidate Packet as presented. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Items with a * were approved & items with a * are to be reviewed. A green check signifies that the item has already been approved. **(Attachment 3)**
- c. Consideration and possible action regarding 2027 General Election.
No Action Taken

Executive Session



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Action from Executive Session

Announcements

In order to approve the remainder of the Candidate Packet and review Rules and Regulations, a Special Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 11 at 9:30am.

Adjourn

Debra Proctor made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 11:02am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer



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ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

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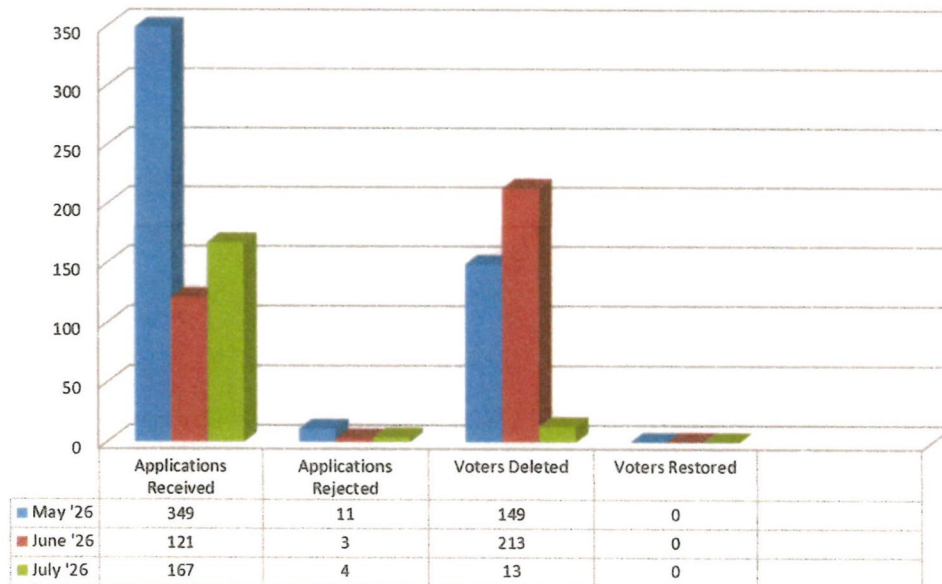
OFFICE

July has flown by. Servpro completed their mold remediation process in the storage building. We will discuss that further under Current Items. Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs conducted an indoor and outdoor air quality inspection. For the most part everything was within the expected range. There was a sample of mold that was higher inside than outside. They believed that due to Servpro's air-scrubber fans in use at the time of sampling in combination with a dirty return air filter, the mold counts were elevated. They issued recommendations for dehumidifier levels, air temperature, a new filter and testing again once the recommendations have been met. We have replaced the filter and have set the dehumidifiers and temperature accordingly. We also have a bid for labor and materials to run fiber to the storage building from IT by LynxSystems. Lastly, MIDCON will be here August 13 for document disposal.

VOTER PROCESSING

41,754 In-District Voters; **36,180** At-Large Voters totaling **77,934** Registered Voters as of 08/04/2026

Voter Registration Statistics



Statistical Report:

Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 11 total Requisitions for July.
- FY2026 is still on target.

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 1	Hulbert D-1	1,316
	Okay D-1	335
	Peggs D-1	216
	Tahlequah B D-1	1,264
Total for District		3,131
Dist No. 2	Tahlequah A D-2	1,586
	Tahlequah B D-2	1,088
Total for District		2,674
Dist No. 3	Blackgum D-3	801
	Keys D-3	1,026
	Marble City D-3	533
	Sallisaw D-3	330
	Tahlequah B D-3	765
	Tenkiller D-3	155
Total for District		3,610
Dist No. 4	Ft. Gibson D-4	1,293
	Keefeton D-4	111
	Vian D-4	804
	Warner D-4	828
Total for District		3,036
Dist No. 5	Owasso D-5	548
	Tulsa D-5	1,085
Total for District		1,633
Dist No. 6	Muldrow D-6	771
	Roland D-6	367
	Sallisaw D-6	1,346
Total for District		2,484
Dist No. 7	Belfonte D-7	305
	Bell D-7	582
	Lyon Switch D-7	191
	Stilwell D-7	2,936
Total for District		4,014
Dist No. 8	Briggs D-8	1,202
	Chewey D-8	11

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 8	Kansas D-8	737
	S. Scraper D-8	21
	Tenkiller D-8	315
	Westville D-8	1,031
Total for District		3,317
Dist No. 9	Adair D-9	972
	Big Cabin D-9	76
	Jay D-9	583
	Kansas D-9	102
	Kenwood D-9	1,296
	Salina D-9	121
Total for District		3,150
Dist No. 10	Afton D-10	577
	Grove D-10	648
	Jay D-10	1,186
	West Siloam Springs D-10	260
Total for District		2,671
Dist No. 11	Copan D-11	158
	Nowata D-11	591
	Oologah D-11	322
	S. Coffeyville D-11	453
	Vinita D-11	1,228
	Welch D-11	122
Total for District		2,874
Dist No. 12	Bartlesville D-12	1,442
	Collinsville D12	473
	Ochelata D-12	314
Total for District		2,229
Dist No. 13	Catoosa D-13	446
	Claremore D-13	136
	Owasso D-13	1,837
Total for District		2,419
Dist No. 14	Chelsea D-14	506

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 14	Claremore D-14	1,572
Total for District		2,078
Dist No. 15	Chouteau D-15	282
	Justus Tiawah D-15	457
	Locust Grove D-15	627
	Pryor D-15	930
	Salina D-15	138
Total for District		2,434
At Large	At Large	36,180
Total for District		36,180
Grand Total		77,934

2026 July Election Directors report

Busy month,

Absentee documents are ordered will be here before September.

Have worked with CSA and Maxim on adding the ranges to the voting locations so the system will select the closest location in the district, only if the voter does not select their location. The voter's selection always comes first choice.

Now on to the absentee tracking process with the addition to the labels when I print them for the mailing process.

The building is coming along maintaining the humidity in the building.

Received the new tables and chairs. cart was done by facilities, and I have been out opening boxes and putting the election supplies in order on the shelves and filing cabinet. Labeling all the supply carts for the 60 precincts, 61 because Stilwell will receive two carts.

Working on the cover sheets for the precinct signature books, and the precinct official notebooks. Challenged ballot bags also will have to be relabeled. I am trying to get as much done now and not wait till later.

I will start organizing the lists of precinct officials for you to use when selecting the precinct officials in your area. I will work on a training schedule for you to have your people attend on the days that I have them scheduled. With over 300 precinct officials training in a short period of time, they will have to attend when and where I have them scheduled the groups will be in the locations out in the

reservation. There will be day training and evening training and Saturday training and not everyone can be on Saturdays. Inspectors will be trained together in groups of 10. That is 6 training courses for them I will have one Saturday, two times, and some evenings during the week. The new building will be very helpful for training here in Tahlequah.

The precinct officials' contracts are finalized and ready for you to have a copy to discuss with the people you are going to use as precinct officials. And remember we need absentee stuffers. We need a total of 20 so each Commissioner will get 5 for absentee ballots.

This election year we will put the packets together in a certain order and hopefully they will not lose anything and we won't forget anything.

The election is almost here; we are prepared for this much earlier than later.



2027 Election Cycle

Cherokee Nation Election Commission

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3. Election Information

- * 3.1 Voter Registration Form ✓
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- * 3.3 General Election Timeline
- * 3.4 Financial Disclosure Report
- * 3.5 Campaign Financial FAQ
- * 3.6 CNCA Title 26 "Elections" – Election Law ✓
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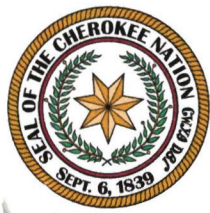


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- ✦ 1.7 Contest of Denial of Eligibility
- 1.8 CNEC Reproduction Fee List ✓
- 1.9 2025 Election Timeline Calendar ✓

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION ROLL CALL

☒ REGULAR MEETING

☐ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 8/6/26 at 9:30 (AM) PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty (Present)/Absent

Cheryl Cooper (Present)/Absent

Pamela Sellers (Present)/Absent

Sherry Reynolds (Present)/Absent

Debra Proctor (Present)/Absent

Quorum Established: (YES)/NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin ☒

Staff Present: ☒ Marcus Fears, ☒ Connie Parnell, ☐ Allison George, ☐ Charlene Keys,
☐ Paige Crow

Visitors:
