



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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ELECTION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 9th, 2026

9:00 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 2nd Regular Meeting
- IV. Old Business
- V. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commissioner agreements.
 - b. Consideration and possible action regarding Election Forms.
 - c. Consideration and possible action regarding 2027 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

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.

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July 8, 2026 by 9:00 AM

Cherokee Nation Election Office

17763 S. Muskogee Ave

Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

Posted by: _____



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ELECTION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 9, 2026

9:00 AM

Call to order

The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 9:00am.

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

Cheryl Cooper made a motion, which was seconded by Pamela Sellers to allow Debra Proctor to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Rick Doherty, Chairperson – Present

Cheryl Cooper, Vice Chairperson - Present

Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer - Present

Sherry Reynolds, Commissioner – Present

Debra Proctor, Commissioner – Attended by phone

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 2nd Regular Meeting. Cheryl Cooper made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the July 2nd Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Old Business

Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commissioner agreements.

Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to amend the Commissioners agreements for Commissioners Doherty, Sellers, Cooper and Reynolds adding \$5000.00 to cover compensation to the end of the fiscal year. Further noting for the minutes, that the



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amendment amounts are properly budgeted for this fiscal year. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

- b. Consideration and possible action regarding election forms.

Marcus brought back the Information Request Form with the updated timeframes discussed in the previous meeting. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Information Request Form with the recommended changes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. (Attachment 1)

Marcus also presented the Candidate Financial Request Form, noting the update to the Research Fee cost from the July 2nd meeting. After some discussion regarding the timeframe to fulfill these requests, Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Candidate Financial Request Form with the recommended changes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. (Attachment 2)

Connie presented and explained two Election Day emergency notices and a new signature form to be utilized if there is a delayed opening of a polling location on Election Day. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve both notices and the form. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Connie presented newly worded and laid-out Mail Absentee packet including new instructions and a new Affidavit Envelope. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Mail Absentee packet information with the recommended changes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

- c. Consideration and possible action regarding 2027 General Election. **Connie mentioned having made contact and having verbal confirmation with all precincts but one so far. Harvey had read through the Election Law and there was discussion over some of the new additions to the laws. There was no action taken.**

Executive Session

None

Action from Executive Session

None



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Announcements

Marcus gave updates on ordering tables and chairs for the storage building and a date for MIDCON services. Connie added meeting with IT to add internet and TV to the storage building for precinct official training purposes.

Adjourn

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

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Sellers



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Cherokee Citizen Information Request Form

This form is used when requesting Voter List(s), Voter History or Absentee Request List(s).

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select the list(s) you are requesting:

☐ **Voter List**

☐ **Voter History**

☐ **Absentee Request List**

- **Copy of Citizenship card is required.**
- Please allow up to 14-21 business days for your request to be fulfilled.
- For current lists, please allow 3 to 5 business days to fulfill your request.
- Submit request to election-commission@cherokee.org
- **Please note, requests for information other than a Voter List, Voter History, Absentee Request List or Financial Disclosure Reports, must be requested on a FOIA Request Form submitted to the Attorney General's Office and will be subject to their rules and regulations.**

In the space below, please provide a detailed description of the District(s) and/or Election Year(s) you are requesting.

Signature

Date

This section will be completed by the Election Commission Office:

Office Staff: _____ **Date Completed:** _____

Fee if Applicable: _____



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Acknowledgement of Cherokee Nation Election Laws

As you may be aware there have been significant changes in the Cherokee Nation Election Laws.

By requesting and receiving voter information and related data from the Cherokee Nation Election Commission ("Election Commission"), you are hereby advised that you are bound by the Cherokee Nation's laws, Title 26 CNCA Elections, which was unanimously approved by the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council.

As the Election Code makes clear, any use of this information in violation of the law may subject you to criminal penalties, which may include imprisonment, among other penalties. Furthermore, be advised that the Election Commission and/or the Cherokee Nation Courts may also impose civil penalties for violations of the Election Code.

Likewise, Independent Expenditures, as defined in the Election Code, are expressly forbidden and illegal under Cherokee Nation law. Contributing to, coordinating with, or directing an Independent Expenditure is a crime, punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years. In addition, fines and other civil penalties may be imposed in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 per occurrence.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES – VIOLATIONS OF THE ELECTION CODE, INCLUDING THE RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES, MAY SUBJECT YOU TO DISQUALIFICATION IN ADDITION TO CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AND CIVIL PENALTIES.

I acknowledge that I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and that I have requested voter information, or other related data, from the Election Commission. I am also aware that I can find the most current Election Law on the Election Commission website, <https://election.cherokee.org/downloads/>. I understand that the voter list I receive may be attributable to me.

The Cherokee Nation Election Commission is not authorized by Cherokee Law to give formal opinions or informal legal opinions. Only the Attorney General of the Cherokee Nation can give formal opinions that have the force of law until overturned by a Cherokee Nation Court. You may seek an opinion from your own legal counsel or from the Office of the Attorney General if you have legal interpretation questions regarding the Election Code.

Signature

Date



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Candidate Financial Disclosure Report Request

- When requesting Candidate Financials, please allow up to 10 business days after the due date of the 10th for your request to be fulfilled.
- A \$50/hr Research fee may be charged for requests of multiple Candidate Financials.

Date: _____

Name: _____
(Please print) First Middle Last

Address: _____
 Street, Road City State Zip

Phone No.: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail: _____

In the space below, please provide a detailed description of the Financial Disclosure Report(s) you are requesting (including for example, Candidate(s), election year(s), month(s), etc.):

Signature

Date

This section will be completed by the Election Commission Office:

Office Staff: _____ **Date Completed:** _____

Fee if Applicable: _____

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION ROLL CALL

 REGULAR MEETING

✓ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 7/9/26 at 9:00 (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:
