



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, December 4th, 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 November 6th Regular 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 on 2026 Election Commission Regular Meeting Schedule.
 - b. Discussion and possible action regarding revision recommendations for L.A-30-24.
- 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

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

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 4th, 2025, 9:30am

I. Call to order

- a. The Regular 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. The following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairman

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 November 6th Regular Meeting. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the November 6th Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Administrator's Report

- a. Marcus reported on receiving the final revisions of financial reports containing a \$0 balance, also completing storage building inventory and submitting all paperwork for occupancy and insurance purposes. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 1)**

V. Election Director's Report

- a. Connie reported on storage building contents, having a Zoom meeting over improvements and Policies needing to meet. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Election



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Directors Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

(Attachment 2)

VI. Attorney's Report

- a. N/A

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action on 2026 Election Commission Regular Meeting Schedule.
 - i. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the 2026 Election Commission Regular Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding revision recommendations for LA-30-24.
 - i. Discussion only with Council Attorney John Young present; Council work group to meet December 10th to review revisions, Commission inquired about the drop-dead date to submit any addition revision recommendations if necessary. No action was taken.

IX. Executive Session

X. Action from Executive Session

XI. Announcements

Marcus and Connie mentioned Council lunch December 16th and announced Commission Christmas lunch on December 18th.

XII. Adjourn

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 9:49 am. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer



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November 02, 2025 Administrators Report

Marcus Fears Administrator

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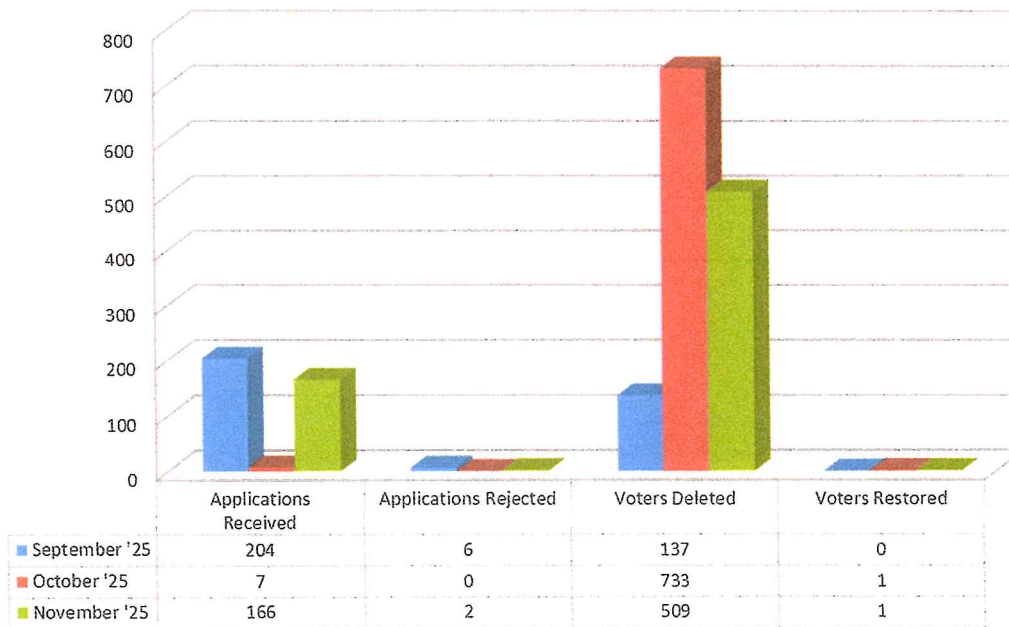
I. OFFICE:

To date, all expected Revised Final Financial Reports have been submitted and contain a \$0 balance. I have those in my office ready for review. Maggie brought in VR's from the Tulsa State Fair and Community Meetings. Lastly, all paperwork related to the storage building should now be completed. Connie and I put together a detailed inventory of the contents of the storage building, and I submitted our structure value along with estimated value of all of its contents for insurance purposes. We are inspected and cleared, receiving our Certificate of Occupancy from Risk Management.

II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 11/26/2025

79,233 Total Registered Voters; **42,842** In-District; **36,391** At-Large

Voter Registration Statistics



A. Statistical Report:

*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1 total Requisitions for November.
- FY2026 is on target and off to a great start.

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 1	Hulbert D-1	1,676
	Okay D-1	351
	Tahlequah B D-1	1,400
Total for District		3,427
Dist No. 2	Tahlequah A D-2	1,624
	Tahlequah B D-2	1,116
Total for District		2,740
Dist No. 3	Keys D-3	1,064
	Marble City D-3	1,378
	Tahlequah B D-3	855
Total for District		3,297
Dist No. 4	Ft. Gibson D-4	1,415
	Vian D-4	836
	Warner D-4	926
Total for District		3,177
Dist No. 5	Owasso D-5	587
	Tulsa D-5	1,073
Total for District		1,660
Dist No. 6	Muldrow D-6	1,026
	Roland D-6	374
	Sallisaw D-6	1,467
Total for District		2,867
Dist No. 7	Belfonte D-7	313
	Dahlongah D-7	633
	Stilwell D-7	3,136
Total for District		4,082
Dist No. 8	Briggs D-8	1,431
	Kansas D-8	685
	Westville D-8	1,086
Total for District		3,202
Dist No. 9	Adair D-9	1,069
	Jay D-9	650
	Kenwood D-9	1,593
Total for District		3,312

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 10	Afton D-10	586
	Grove D-10	721
	Jay D-10	951
	West Siloam Springs D-10	268
Total for District		2,526
Dist No. 11	Nowata D-11	958
	S. Coffeyville D-11	631
	Vinita D-11	1,440
	Welch D-11	176
Total for District		3,205
Dist No. 12	Bartlesville D-12	1,628
	Collinsville D12	365
Total for District		1,993
Dist No. 13	Catoosa D-13	463
	Claremore D-13	130
	Owasso D-13	2,058
Total for District		2,651
Dist No. 14	Chelsea D-14	553
	Claremore D-14	1,717
Total for District		2,270
Dist No. 15	Justus Tiawah D-15	468
	Locust Grove D-15	794
	Pryor D-15	1,171
Total for District		2,433
At Large	At Large	36,391
Total for District		36,391
Grand Total		79,233



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November- 2025 Directors Report

The new storage building and contents have been inventoried for insurance. Moving forward working with CSA and Maxim and CN IT. We had the zoom meeting, and I sent you the recording to watch. It was a very good meeting about tracking the absentees going out to the voters and coming back to the EC. This way we can track and be able to give a response on where their ballot is. We can answer if it has been received back here at the post office before we start scanning. This process will also let us know if it is being returned undeliverable. I would like to have policies to start meeting on policy changes so that we can get them done in plenty of time before the next election cycle.



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2026 Regular Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Time
January 08, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
February 05, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
March 05, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
April 02, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
May 07, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
June 04, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
July 02, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
August 06, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
September 03, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
October 01, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
November 05, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.
December 03, 2026	Election Commission Office	9:30 A.M.


Rick Doherty, Chairperson

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☒ REGULAR MEETING

☐ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 12/4/25 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:

John Young

Cherokee Nation Election Commission
Regular Meeting Sign-in Sheet
Thursday, December 4, 2025 9:30 AM

Print Name

John C. Johnson