



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 2nd, 2025

9:45 AM

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary
- III. Approval of Minutes from the October 2nd Regular Meeting
- IV. Old Business
- V. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action on revision recommendations to Legislative Act 30-24.
- 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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Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 2nd, 2025, 9:45am

I. Call to order

- a. The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 9:45am.

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

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 October 2nd Regular Meeting. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to table the October 2nd Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Old Business

- a. None

V. Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action on revision recommendations to Legislative Act 30-24.
 - i. Marcus, along with other members of the Policies Committee, presented to the entire Commission their revision recommendations. After discussion, Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the revision recommendations to Legislative Act 30-24 with the recommended change of wording by Mr. Chaffin. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.



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VI. Executive Session

VII. Action from Executive Session

VIII. Announcements

- a. Marcus and Connie mentioned being invited to handout candy on Halloween to children at Child Development. They also mentioned an email from IT stating the need for updating the operating system on our server as well as purchasing shelving for the new storage building.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 10:09am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Sellers



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Legislative Act 30-24 Revision Recommendations

I. § 12. C. Duties – 10.

10. Return all of the Ballot Transfer Cases containing unvoted ballots, after counting and ~~lock,~~ seal, and mark the Ballot Transfer Cases with the name of the Precinct and date of election;

II. § 12. C. Duties – 11.

11. Return the voted ballots, partially used books of ballots, used ballot stubs, unused ~~ballots,~~ spoiled and mutilated ballot envelope, one totals tape and one Certificate of Vote locked and sealed inside the Gray Voted Ballot Bag ~~Ballot Transfer Cases~~ to the Election Commission Office immediately following the election; ~~and,~~

III. § 64. B. Preservation and Counting.

Preservation and Counting. Each voted Challenged Ballot shall be placed in a Secrecy Envelope by the Voter and then placed in the Challenged Ballot Affidavit, which has been completed by the Challenged Ballot Official ~~Inspector~~ and signed by the Voter. The Challenged Ballot Official ~~Inspector~~ will attach the Voter Registration Application to the outside of the Challenged Ballot Affidavit envelope. Challenged Ballots shall not be counted with the other cast ballots, but shall be maintained in a separate bag marked "Challenged Ballot Bag" Following the close of the election, the Election Commission shall determine whether the person who cast a Challenged Ballot was entitled to vote in the Precinct where the ballot was cast. If the person was so entitled, the ballot will be opened, counted, and secured in a container in the vault. All counted Challenged Ballots will be totaled with other votes before Certification of the election. If the person was not entitled to vote, the ballot will not be opened or counted. If the Voter was not entitled to vote, the Un-opened Challenged Ballots will be secured in the vault separate from the counted ~~County~~ Challenged Ballots.

IV. § 73. A. Timelines.

Timelines. Registered Voters may request Absentee Ballots by mail, ~~email, fax~~ or in person at the Election Commission Office as provided in § 72 of this Title at the beginning of the Election Period until the fifth working day after the close of Voter Registration from the upcoming General Election, and such request shall be received by the Election Commission prior to 5:00 pm ~~midnight~~, CST in which the absentee ballot may be voted. Registered Voters may request Absentee Ballots by email, or fax at the Election Commission Office as provided in § 72 of this Title at the beginning of the Election Period until the fifth working day after the close of Voter Registration from the upcoming General Election, and such request shall be received by the Election Commission prior to midnight, CST in which



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the absentee ballot may be voted. Absentee Ballots shall be mailed to Registered Voters requesting the ballot in a two-day period starting on the last Tuesday in April of the election year and ending on the Wednesday immediately following said Tuesday.

V. **§ 80. A. Handling of Requested Absentee Ballots Not Received and Spoiled Absentee Ballots**

Should a Voter request an Absentee Ballot and then not receive it, he or she may obtain an Absentee Ballot by contacting the Election Commission Office to inform them that their requested Absentee Ballot was not received. The Election Commission shall send the Election Commission approved form to the Voter by mail, e-mail, fax or the Voter can pick one up in-person at the Election Commission Office. The Election Commission shall also make the form available on its website. The Voter shall then complete the form to request a replacement Absentee Ballot and submit the request back to the Election Commission. The form can be submitted by mail, email, fax or hand delivery. The Voter must wait ten ~~(10)seven (7)~~ days from the day the ballots were first mailed before requesting a second Absentee Ballot. No replacement Absentee Ballot shall be mailed after Saturday~~Tuesday~~ prior to Election Day.

VI. **§ 92. F. Preservation of Ballots and Other Election Materials.**

After the required number of Tally Reports of the vote have been created, the Ballot Box shall be unlocked and all ballots, including the "Spoiled/Mutilated Ballot Envelope," a copy of the signed Precinct Certificate of Vote and a copy of the electronic results shall be placed in the Gray Voted Ballot Bag~~Ballot Transfer Case~~. Said Gray Voted Ballot Bag~~Ballot Transfer Case~~ shall be sealed, and the Inspector shall return the Gray Voted Ballot Bag~~Ballot Transfer Case~~, along with all other election materials and the originals of the Certificate of Vote, forthwith to the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall not disturb anything in the Gray Voted Ballot Bag~~Ballot Transfer Case~~, and the case shall remain sealed at a secure location designated by and under the control of the Election Commission until opened by order of the Election Commission for recount purposes, or by order of the Supreme Court if necessary in an Election Appeal proceeding filed pursuant to Section 101 of this Title. All ballots and other election materials shall be retained for a minimum period of two years from the date of the election at which they were cast, under the supervision of the Election Commission Office; provided that after said two year period, the ballots may be destroyed by order of the Election Commission.

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

 REGULAR MEETING

✓ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 10/2/25 at 9:45 (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:

None
