



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 13th, 2022

10:00 A.M.

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of Minutes from the October 11th Regular Meeting
- IV. Old Business
- V. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action on Press Releases for 2023 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

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October 12, 2022 by 10:00 AM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

Posted by: *R. Farnell*



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Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 13th, 2022

I. Call to order

- The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission for October 13, 2022 was called to order by Chairman Rick Doherty at 10:00 A.M.

II. Roll call

- Election Commission Secretary Shawna Calico called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:
Rick Doherty – Chairman
Pamela Sellers – Vice Chairperson
Shawna Calico – Secretary/Treasurer
Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner
- Office staff present: Connie Parnell

III. Approval of Minutes

- Chairman Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the October 11th Regular Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to table the minutes for the October 11th Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Old Business

- None

V. Current Items

- Consideration and possible action on Press Releases for 2023 Election.
 - i. Pam Sellers made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the first two Press Releases for the 2023 Election. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

VI. Executive Session

- None

VII. Action from Executive Session

VIII. Announcements

- None



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IX. Adjourn

- Pam Sellers made a motion, second by Elizabeth Ballew to adjourn at 10:24 A.M. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Shawna Calico, Secretary/Treasurer

Shawna Calico

FOR RELEASE, November 2022

June 3, 2023 is the next election for Cherokee Nation. Are you registered to vote for the Cherokee Nation Election?

Persons who are Cherokee Nation citizens, and at least 18 years old or will be 18 on June 3, 2023 may apply to become a registered voter by the deadline of March 31st 2023.

Persons who have never been registered to vote or are not currently registered in the District of their residence and those who are registered but who need to change their registration information may apply by filling out and submitting a Cherokee Nation Voter Registration Application form on or before March 31, 2023. Voters with a new 911 address will need to complete a Voter Registration Application form updating their new address information on or before the voter registration deadline.

The Election Commission is reaching out to the Citizens of the Cherokee Nation who want to vote in the upcoming General Election on June 3, 2023, and the General Run-off if one is necessary on July 8, 2023.

Now is the time to check and make sure you are registered to vote. Citizens are encouraged to check with the Election Commission office and to verify the information is correct.

Voter registration closes for the General Election on the last business day of March 2023. The date is the 31st of March, midnight Central Time Zone. Voter registration forms can be requested or submitted in-person, by US Mail, E-mail, and fax. The Voter registration forms are available in the Election Commission Office and on our website. The contact information for requesting, receiving, and submitting the Voter Registration form is listed here for your convenience:

Cherokee Nation Election Commission:

P.O. Box 1188, Tahlequah, OK 74465-1188

Phone: 918-458-5899, Toll Free: 1-800-353-2895

Fax: 918-458-6101

Website: <https://election.cherokee.org>

E-mail: election-commission@cherokee.org

The Election Commission responds in writing to every person who submits an application for voter registration. The response is either a Voter Notification Card listing the new voter's District number, or a letter that explains the reason or reasons the application for voter registration was not approved. Any person who has submitted a voter registration application and who has not received a response within 30 days should contact the Election Commission office.

2nd release 2022 (November)

The Cherokee Nation Election Commission will be conducting the 2023 General Election of the Cherokee Nation on Saturday June 03, 2023. The Tribal Council Seats open for office are Chief, Deputy Chief, Districts 1, 3, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, and one At-Large Council seat. Cherokee Citizens interested in running for office may pick up a Candidate packet beginning on December 01, 2022. The filing period for candidates will begin at 8:00 A.M. on February 06, 2023 and will continue through February 09, 2023 ending at 5:00 P.M. Candidates must file their declaration of candidacy in person at the Election Commission Office: 17763 South Muskogee Ave. Tahlequah Oklahoma.

The Cherokee Nation Election Commission will begin accepting Absentee Ballot request forms on January 02, 2023 through April 10, 2023. The Absentee Ballot request forms will be available from the Election Commission Office and online at <https://election.cherokee.org>

The closing date of Voter Registration Applications will be March 31, 2023. Voter Registration Applications will be available from the Election Commission Office and online at <https://election.cherokee.org>. If a voter has changed their address, name, or any other information, they will need to submit a new Voter Registration Application to update their records. The Elections in 2023 will be Chief, Deputy Chief and district elections and you must reside at an address located within that district of the Council seat.

Persons who are Citizens of the Cherokee Nation and at least 18 years of age prior to or on the Election Day may apply to become a registered voter. Provided that Tribal Citizens that are seventeen (17) years old and can show that their birthdate is prior to the date of the election shall be allowed to register to vote.

The exception is "New applicants under the age of 25 who reside outside the boundaries may select to register at-large or in a district of your choice; but this selection must be made at the time of your signing of this Voter Registration Form." It is very important to check your voter registration information that the Election Commission has on file for you establishing your district assignment for voting purposes.

The Cherokee Nation Election Commission office hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. The office is located 17763 S. Muskogee Ave, Tahlequah, OK 74464. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1188, Tahlequah,

OK 74465. You can reach us by phone at 918.458.5899 or toll free at 800.353.2895, by fax at 918.458.6101, or e-mail at election-commission@cherokee.org.

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 REGULAR MEETING

 ✓ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 10/13 at 10:07 (AM)/PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty (Present)/Absent

Pamela Sellers (Present)/Absent

Shawna Calico (Present)/Absent

Randy Campbell Present/(Absent)

Elizabeth Ballew (Present)/Absent

Quorum Established: (YES) / NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin ☐

CNEC Investigator: Nick Goodwin ☒

Staff Present: ☐ Marcus Fears, ☒ Connie Parnell, ☐ Kendal Bishop, ☐ Charlene Keys

Visitors:
