



## **CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

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### **ELECTION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

*Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 April 13<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting
  - b. Consideration and possible action on recommendations by the Policies Committee.
    - i. Polling Locations
- VIII. Current Items
  - a. Consideration and possible action on Committees of the Election Commission.
  - b. Consideration and possible action on bank access Resolution.
  - c. Consideration and possible action on MIDCON services pursuant to CNCA Title 26 Elections and CNEC Rules and Regulations regarding record retention & disposal.
  - d. Consideration and possible action on recommendations by the Policies Committee.
- 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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April 23, 2026 by 5:00 PM  
Cherokee Nation Election Office  
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Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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*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 & Paige Crow**

#### Approval of Minutes

**Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the April 13<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.**

#### Administrator's Report

**The Administrator reported that new Clerk I, Paige Crow, started work on April 6<sup>th</sup> and is doing a wonderful job. He mentioned in April of 2027 everything posted on our website will need to be ADA compliant. Lastly, he mentioned he would share some additional information during Announcements. Sherry Reynolds 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 presented a detailed report on receiving our 6 new voting devices, working with Paige on Chronicle and focused on the presentation of new polling locations as discussed by the Policies Committee. Debra Proctor 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

- a. Approval of Minutes from the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting.  
**Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners**
- b. Consideration and possible action on recommendations by the Policies Committee.
  - i. Polling Locations  
**Debra Proctor made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the suggested areas as presented for polling locations for the 2027 Election. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.**

### Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action on Committees of the Election Commission.  
**-Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to amend the agenda to move Current Items, letter "a." to the end of the meeting. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Move to "b."**  
**-After no action was taken during Executive Session, the Commission went on to Current Items, letter "a." Debra Proctor made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to add Paige Crow to the Policies and Budget Committees. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by**



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**Debra Proctor to add all Commissioners to all Committees. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. Move to Announcements.**

- b. Consideration and possible action on bank access Resolution.  
**Marcus read the resolution. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the resolution to add Paige Crow with the changes added by Mr. Chaffin. (Attachment 3)**

- c. Consideration and possible action on MIDCON services pursuant to CNCA Title 26 Elections and CNEC Rules and Regulations regarding record retention & disposal.

**Marcus presented a table of items that detailed what the office currently has, what needs to be kept and pursuant to the mentioned laws/regulations, what may be disposed of. Debra Proctor made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the list provided and contact MIDCON regarding document disposal. Disposal may not happen until July. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.**

- d. Consideration and possible action on recommendations by the Policies Committee.

**Connie mentioned further items that need to be discussed in Policies such as election agreements, updating the voter registration form and mail absentee documentation. No action was taken.**

### Executive Session

**Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to enter Executive Session at 10:24am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.**

**Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to exit Executive Session at 10:29am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.**

### Action from Executive Session

**No action taken.**

**Back to Current Items, letter "a."**



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### Announcements

**Marcus pointed out time off calendars for May and June, he handed out for review an Investigator agreement and lastly, handed out FY2027 budget information. He also mentioned having a budget meeting with SOS on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the FY2027 election year budget. A Special Meeting to review the FY2027 budget will be Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Connie brought up talking to the Phoenix about an election section for upcoming election items.**

### Adjourn

**Debra Proctor made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to adjourn at 10:45am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.**

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

*Pamela Sellers*



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## ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

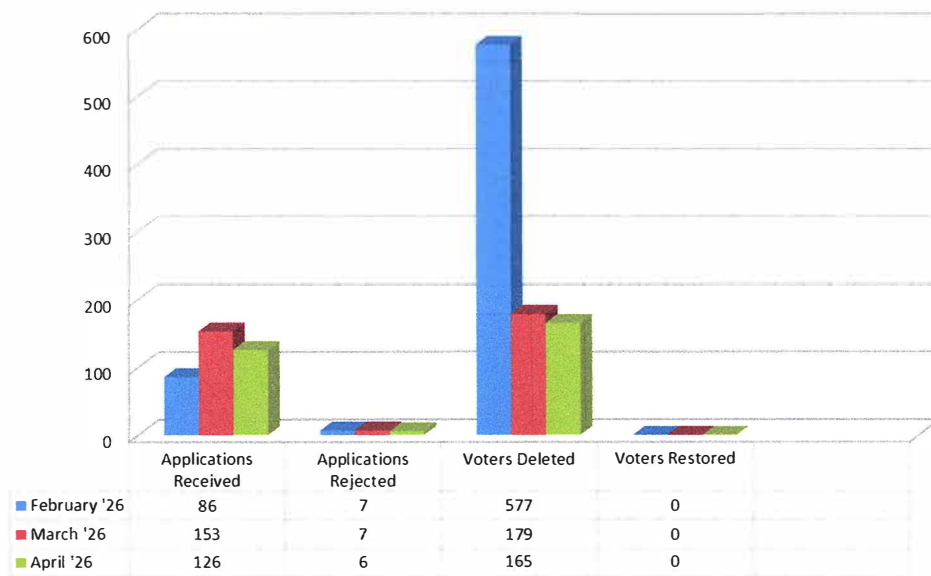
### OFFICE

New Clerk I, Paige Crow started on April 6<sup>th</sup>. She has worked with Connie on learning Chronicle and data entry, she has been working with the staff on printing, stickering and filing and I have worked with her and IT to get her a space set up here in the conference room when Charlene is out front. I also have her learning how to enter requisitions and make payments. She is a fast, eager learner, and is catching on quickly. Something new I discovered after uploading our last agenda, in April of 2027 we will be required to meet \*ADA compliance standards. I have watched training and been in communication with IT to make sure any documentation we put on our website is in full compliance. I will make small adjustments to any reports and minutes to make them compliant for our website.

### VOTER PROCESSING

**41,929** In-District Voters; **35,884** At-Large Voters totaling **77,813** Registered Voters as of 05/01/2026

Voter Registration Statistics



### Statistical Report:

Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 total Requisitions for April.
- FY2026 is on target.

<b>District</b>	<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Voters</b>
Dist No. 1	Hulbert D-1	1,670
	Okay D-1	337
	Tahlequah B D-1	1,379
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>3,386</b>
Dist No. 2	Tahlequah A D-2	1,597
	Tahlequah B D-2	1,091
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>2,688</b>
Dist No. 3	Keys D-3	1,062
	Marble City D-3	1,344
	Tahlequah B D-3	857
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>3,263</b>
Dist No. 4	Ft. Gibson D-4	1,353
	Vian D-4	811
	Warner D-4	915
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>3,079</b>
Dist No. 5	Owasso D-5	581
	Tulsa D-5	1,080
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>1,661</b>
Dist No. 6	Muldrow D-6	1,002
	Roland D-6	365
	Sallisaw D-6	1,439
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>2,806</b>
Dist No. 7	Belfonte D-7	307
	Dahlongegah D-7	621
	Stilwell D-7	3,098
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>4,026</b>
Dist No. 8	Briggs D-8	1,416
	Kansas D-8	689
	Westville D-8	1,050
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>3,155</b>
Dist No. 9	Adair D-9	1,061
	Jay D-9	629
	Kenwood D-9	1,557
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>3,247</b>

<b>District</b>	<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Voters</b>
Dist No. 10	Afton D-10	578
	Grove D-10	702
	Jay D-10	933
	West Siloam Springs D-10	260
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>2,473</b>
Dist No. 11	Nowata D-11	931
	S. Coffeyville D-11	613
	Vinita D-11	1,409
	Welch D-11	176
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>3,129</b>
Dist No. 12	Bartlesville D-12	1,567
	Collinsville D12	373
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>1,940</b>
Dist No. 13	Catoosa D-13	448
	Claremore D-13	130
	Owasso D-13	1,940
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>2,518</b>
Dist No. 14	Chelsea D-14	534
	Claremore D-14	1,667
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>2,201</b>
Dist No. 15	Justus Tiawah D-15	456
	Locust Grove D-15	763
	Pryor D-15	1,138
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>2,357</b>
At Large	At Large	35,884
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>35,884</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>77,813</b>

## 2026 April Election Directors report

April has been very busy, received 6 new voting devices grand total is now 78. They have been accepted and checked for defects. One device had to be sent back the power plug was defective.

Policies have met and discussed the additional locations for the voters to choose in their district. I prepared packets of maps and locations of the districts and population of voters in the areas for you to review. With the selection of some of the locations we have had voting locations in the past. I have listed the locations that we have used in the past. I have also listed potential new locations for you to choose from. The next step is to confirm with the location that they are willing to allow us to use the location for our elections. The contract with the locations will have a few additions. Adding in the contract about opening late and must be open 7 hours. That means that they will stay longer to achieve the 12-hour voting day. Also, in the contract if we can establish a verbal long-term agreement for us to use their location for all future elections. We would still do an election year contract every election cycle that we would use the facility. We have a lot of CCO buildings to choose from to use in our elections that are available throughout the reservation. There would probably be a continued voting location throughout our elections. Just Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> I was able to meet up with the North Tulsa CCO organization, Wanetta Laurey asked us if we would please use her CCO building. It's brand new and very useful for voting. I am in the process of looking for additional CCO buildings after your decision about the communities that we need to

add voting locations. I have prepared a list of potential locations in the areas.

A lot of these will be good for training precinct officials in their communities.

We are receiving calls from people that want to be precinct officials. Taking names and numbers and their locations in the reservation. When you have your precincts, I will share them with you for consideration. It's always good to use people from the areas that they will be working.

I trained Paige on a lot of Chronical data entry, we went through the sections, and she is a fast learner.

I have been working on topics for the policies committee to meet and discuss.

I look forward to meeting with the voter registration group on additional information to add to the voter registration form. This will need to be done as soon as the locations are established. This information will be on the voter ID cards of the location of the polling place.

We received the notice from the budget department, and we are working on this also. Never ending.

The committee groups that will be meeting more now are:

Policies

Voter registration

Budget

## CNEC Committees

### Budget/Contracts:

Rick Doherty  
Cheryl Cooper  
Pamela Sellers  
Sherry Reynolds  
Debra Proctor  
Connie Parnell  
Marcus Fears  
Paige Crow

### Rules/Policies:

Rick Doherty  
Cheryl Cooper  
Pamela Sellers  
Sherry Reynolds  
Debra Proctor  
Connie Parnell  
Marcus Fears  
Paige Crow

### Voter Registration:

Rick Doherty  
Cheryl Cooper  
Pamela Sellers  
Sherry Reynolds  
Debra Proctor  
Connie Parnell  
Marcus Fears  
Alli George

### Equipment:

Rick Doherty  
Cheryl Cooper  
Pamela Sellers  
Sherry Reynolds  
Debra Proctor  
Connie Parnell  
Marcus Fears  
Charlene Keys

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## Certificate of Resolution

The undersigned being all the Commissioners of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission, hereby certifies the following is a resolution of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission adopted at a duly called meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission held on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

Resolved that Paige Crow, an Election Commission employee, be added to the list of current staff, joined by an Election Commissioner, allowed to access the Cherokee Nation Election Commission safety deposit box, located at First State Bank, Tahlequah, OK.

Dated the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2026.

### **Cherokee Nation Election Commissioners**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Doherty-Chairperson

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Cheryl Cooper -Vice Chair

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Pamela Sellers -Secretary/Treasurer

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Sherry Reynolds-Commissioner

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Debra Proctor-Commissioner



# CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION ROLL CALL

REGULAR MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 5/7/26 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:

Chad Hunter

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# Cherokee Nation Election Commission

## Regular Meeting Guest Sign-In Sheet

Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:30AM

Print Name	Signature
Chad Hunter	