



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on August 14, 2024, at 1:15 pm in the Ibaichvffa (Membership) Conference Room #1251 at the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) Headquarters Building in Durant, Oklahoma.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Virginia Kay Green.

Invocation was given by Chairperson Green.

Secretary, Candace Perkins, called the roll and the following individuals were present:

Virginia Kay Green, Chairperson

Jane Parent, Member

Sylvia Sigler, Alternate

Wayne Tipps Jr, Alternate

Candace Perkins, Secretary

The following individuals were absent: Jennifer Johnson-Williams, Secretary Alternate

Three (3) voting members of the Board answered roll call – a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the May 15, 2024, Regular Meeting were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates at this meeting.

Chairperson Green called for Approval of Minutes.

Member Parent made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 15, 2024, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Secretary Perkins.

Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Perkins provided the following information to the Board:

- Financial Updates including:
 - A summary financial snapshot of FY24 operating expenses for cost center.
 - The timeline for FY25 budget planning was provided.
 - A summary financial snapshot for FY25 budget for cost center.
- Strategic Updates including:
 - Election Management System (project with Information Technology):
 - Go live was August 1, 2024.
 - The Election Board will be given a login tutorial by Bryanna Allsbury, CNO Information Technology, at this meeting.
- Operational Updates including:
 - Legal and Compliance:
 - As of June 5, 2024, Secretary Perkins spoke with Jacob Keyes, CNO Legal Division. Jacob clarified that the format of the Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance has changed to fall in line with Title 125: Governmental Public Administration Codification Authorization Act (Copy Provided). The ordinance is referred to as Choctaw Statutes, Title 95: Elections: Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance. While the format changed, the content remains the same and is now easier to identify different Council Bills that created it (Copy Provided).
 - A change recommendation from the CNO Legal Division to rename the official document from the Chief and Tribal Council Ordinance to the Elections Code has been given to Secretary Perkins.
 - Both compliance documents can be found on the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma's website under Tribal Codes, Acts, and Ordinances.
 - Record Management:
 - Annual document reviews in PolicyTech:
 - No new updates.
 - Marketing and Communications:
 - The following public notices and information have been recently published to the Tribal Elections webpage:
 - Election Board Meeting Minutes March 13, 2024.
 - Information Technology
 - No new updates.
 - Facility Management:



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- As of June 26, 2024, Secretary Perkins confirmed approval to use Judicial Center as the Tabulation Location with Paula Talley and Judge Pierce for General Election 2025. The confirmed dates are as follows:
 - General Election –
 - Thursday, July 10, 2025 – tabulation setup
 - Friday, July 11, 2025 – Early Voting; ballots on property starting at 4pm
 - Saturday, July 12, 2025 – General Election; ballots on property
 - Sunday, July 13, 2025 through Friday, July 18, 2025 – ballots on property; ballots will be transported to storage on Friday.
 - Run-off Election –
 - Thursday, August 7, 2025 – tabulation setup
 - Friday, August 8, 2025 – Early Voting; ballots on property starting at 4pm
 - Saturday, August 9, 2025- Run-off Election; ballots on property
 - Sunday, August 10, 2025 through Friday, August 15, 2025 – ballots on property; ballots will be transported to storage on Friday.
- As of July 12, 2024, the business reply mail permit fee and annual maintenance fee were paid for the year to United States Postal Services (USPS). In addition, there is new Postmaster being hired for the Durant Post Office. Secretary Perkins will begin trying to initiate contact in January 2025.
- Human Resources:
 - No new updates.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2023 (Copy Provided):
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 1pm.
- An overview of current activities that are ongoing with the CNO Voter Registration (VR):
 - Reminder that tribal members can view their voter registration information (phase I of OVR) on Chahta Achvffa Member Portal: <https://chahtaachvffa.choctawnation.com/>.
 - Go to the Voter Information tab on the landing page.
 - If the tribal member is not a registered voter, then they will see a message that directs members how to register to vote for the first time.
 - The 2nd phase of Online Voter Registration (OVR) on Chahta Achvffa went live on August 1, 2024 (Copy Provided). This will allow registered voters only to change the following information electronically:
 - Physical address for U.S. domestic addresses only.
 - Mailing address for U.S. domestic addresses only.
 - Primary and/or secondary phone number.
 - Email address.
 - Response to the Address Release Authorization.
 - OVR will be unavailable for a 2-week period starting the Sunday prior to a tribal election day through the Saturday following a tribal election day so that it does not



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conflict with the Same Day Registration process and data collection following election day.

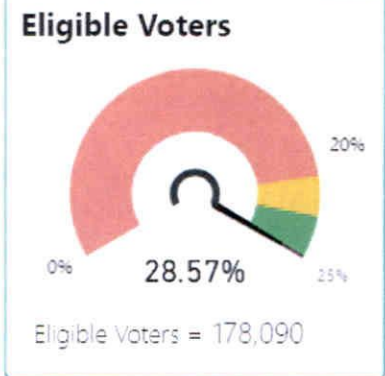
- Future changes to fully achieve OVR for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma are subject to change but include the following:
 - Phase 3 – Voter Registration wants to allow current registered voters who reside outside of the reservation to affiliate with a Council District. This is a restricted and audited process.
 - Phase 3 – Voter Registration wants to allow current registered voters to change an international or military (APO and FPO) residential or mailing address.
 - Phase 3 – Voter Registration wants to allow current registered voters to cancel their registration. This will require a document upload.
 - Phase 4 – Voter Registration wants to allow notification of deceased voters. This will require more collaboration with Tribal Membership as TM is the official system of record for tribal member information and Voter Registration will defer to their process. VR does not change demographic information for tribal members which includes: First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Birth Date, SSN4, or Gender.
 - Phase 4 – Voter Registration wants to register new voters electronically. This requires a signature and may not be achievable.
 - Phase 4 – Voter Registration wants to allow current registered voters to change married names and Suffix. This requires a signature and may not be achievable. Process may be collaborative with Tribal Membership.
- As of August 14, 2024, we have a total of 50,877 registered voters which is 28.57% of the tribal membership eligible to vote.



Voter Count by District

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Voting District	Out Of Nation	In Nation	Grand Total
1	548	754	1302
2	928	1138	2066
3	1255	870	2125
4	463	1726	2189
5	770	1063	1833
6	544	1201	1745
7	1160	1384	2544
8	1411	1404	2815
9	3090	2311	5401
10	681	1083	1764
11	1346	2129	3475
12	1047	781	1828
Unaffiliated	21790	0	21790
Grand Total	35033	15844	50877



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NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Green called for New Business.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to approve the Election Board Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2025. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

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Candace Perkins
Secretary

Candace Perkins
approved 11-07-2024