



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on February 12, 2025, at 1:12 pm in the Ibaiachvffa (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

Candace Perkins, Secretary

Jennifer Johnson-Williams, Secretary Alternate

The following individuals were absent: Wayne Tipps Jr.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the November 7, 2024, Regular Meeting were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates at this meeting.

Chairperson Green called for Approval of Minutes.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the November 7, 2024, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Member Parent.

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 final summary financial snapshot of FY25 operating expenses for cost center.
- Strategic Updates including:
 - Election Management System (project with Information Technology):
 - Go live was August 1, 2024.
 - Phase 2 – Go Live was February 10, 2025, which included calendar, task, and asset inventory functions.
- Operational Updates including:
 - Legal and Compliance:
 - The Election Board met with Tribal Council in its Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2024, to discuss the need to amend the Election Ordinance to remove the holding of the ballots at Durant Post Office and move permanently to the security and retention procedures established in 2023 where ballots would be picked up daily and held in a secure area at a designated CNO “Collection Location” until voting day. Those amendments will affect the following areas of the Election Ordinance:
 - Article II. Definitions, Section 1 (e).
 - Article XIV. Watchers, Section(s) 1 – 5.
 - Article XVII. Ballot Mailing to Voters, Section(s) 4 -5.
 - Article XVIII. Election Returns, Section(s) 1-2, 6(a).
 - Other amendment areas to the Election Ordinance that were requested for review at Tribal Council’s December meeting are:
 - Appendix Form D has been updated with the current Voter Registration Form.
 - Allowing for candidates to receive notices and summons by email. Email address field will be added to all candidate filing documents.
 - All complaints should be notarized before the Secretary can accept.
 - The term, “sufficient evidence”, needs to be defined.
 - Portions of hearings and the hearing transcript may be closed to protect confidential information.
 - The following Board members/alternates were confirmed by Tribal Council and took their oath of office at the Council’s Regular Session on Saturday, November 9, 2024:
 - Virginia Kay Green

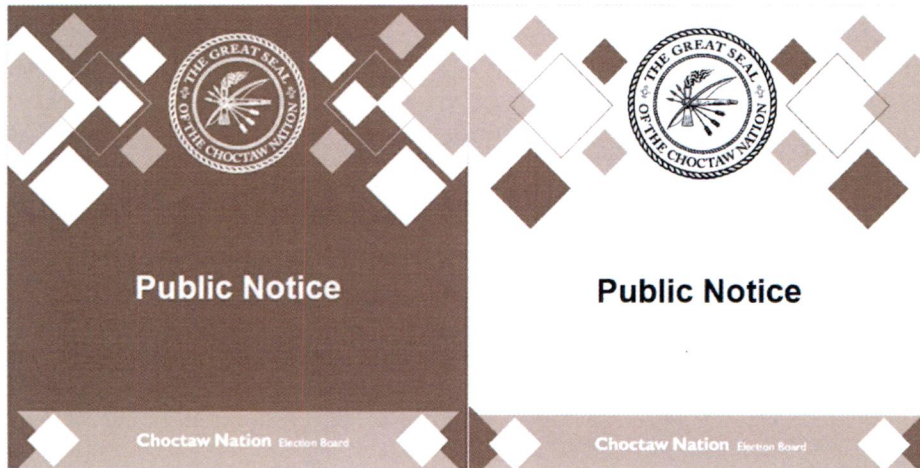


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- Jane Parent
- Sylvia Sigler
- Wayne Tipps Jr.
- Tribal Council met in its Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2024, to review the Election Ordinance amendments for a 2nd time. It was decided that it would be presented at Tribal Council's January meeting.
- CB-25-25, A Council Bill Amending the Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance, was approved by Tribal Council on January 11, 2025. At this same meeting, Tribal Council approved CB- 27-25, Tribal Council Proposes Amendments to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Constitution to be considered for adoption by a vote of qualified tribal members. This means that there will be five (5) Constitutional Amendment questions on the ballot this year. (COPY PROVIDED)
- On January 15, 2025, General Counsel for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Renley Dennis of Whitten Burrage Law, submitted CB-25-25 containing amendments to the Choctaw Nation's Election Ordinance to Benjamin L Daniels, BIA Superintendent at Tahihina Agency. Pursuant to the Principal Chiefs Act of 1970 (Pub.L. 91-495, 84 Stat. 1091), we are requesting approval of the attached amendments from the Secretary of Interior. (COPY PROVIDED)
- On February 6, 2025, Benjamin L. Daniels confirmed that he will submit CB-25-25 to the Regional Office as soon as possible.
- 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 August 14, 2024.
 - Secretary Perkins had intended to post the Tribal Candidate Filing Packet 2025 on the Election webpage after January 1, 2025, but it is on hold until the new Declaration Forms in the amended Election Ordinance are approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).
 - As of December 12, 2024, the Election Board has a new look for public documents and other marketing materials to be used through media channels. The new collateral templates will be provided to Secretary Perkins for the Board's use once it has been finalized by MARCOM. A sneak peek of the design is as follows:



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- On January 3, 2025, our MARCOM partner provided the following timeline for social media releases as part of the election communication plan (Copy Provided):
 - 1/7/25 – release of General Election Calendar Public Notice
 - 4/23/25 – release of Prospective Candidates Public Notice and 1st Notice of Open Voting Locations.
 - 5/1/25 – Happy Tribal Voter Registration Month!
 - 5/7/25 – How to Check Voter Registration Status
 - 5/19/25 – Update Voter Registration Information
 - 5/28/25 – How Your Vote Can Impact the Tribe
 - 6/4/25 – Tribal Election Guide (Public Notice)
 - 6/12/25 – Mail in Ballot: How Does It Work?
 - 6/18/25 – Get to Know Your Ballot
 - 7/8/25 – Voting Checklist and Locations
 - 7/10/25 – Early Voting
 - 7/11/25 – General Voting
 - 7/12/25 – Unofficial Election Results
 - 7/15/25 – Office Election Results (Public Notice)
- On January 21, 2025, the new webpages for Tribal Elections (www.choctawnation.com/elections) and Voter Registration (www.choctawnation.com/vote) went live at 10am. The goal for the re-design of both webpages was to organize and disburse a lot of information in an efficient, compact manner for our tribal members.



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- As of February 3, 2025, the new radio ad has been recorded and is being sent over to the advertisement team. The Payne Media Group will run 374 commercials across all designated stations spread across from the Choctaw Nation reservation from May 12 through July 12, 2025.
- Information Technology
 - On February 10, 2025, Secretary Perkins requested a mock election in March 2025 with Automated Election Services. The goal of the mock election is to open communication channels between the new CNO development team and the AES development team and allow the CNO development team to see election processes in a test environment. Request is pending response from Terry Rainey.
- Facility Management:
 - On February 10, 2025, Secretary Perkins contacted Choctaw Casino & Resort for a group booking agreement for the Election Board use through the General Election and Run-off Election cycles or from April 8, 2025, through August 20, 2025. The agreement is pending response from Choctaw Casino & Resort. Once hotel agreement is finalized, details will be distributed directly to the Election Board.
- Human Resources:
 - No new updates.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2023 (Copy Provided):
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 1pm.
- An overview of current activities that are ongoing with the CNO Voter Registration (VR):
 - On January 6, 2025, VR released its Voter Registration Mail Drive which included 1,405 packets to new tribal members identified between January 1, 2024, to December 30, 2024.
 - We have response rate of 2.28% or 32 forms received.
 - As of February 12, 2025, we have a total of 50,830 registered voters which is 28.27% of the tribal membership eligible to vote.



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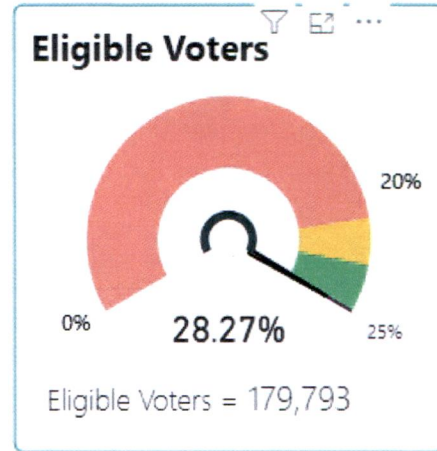


Voter Count by District

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Voting District	Out Of Nation	In Nation	Grand Total
1	547	747	1294
2	916	1140	2056
3	1235	866	2101
4	457	1723	2180
5	755	1057	1812
6	539	1207	1746
7	1156	1375	2531
8	1407	1400	2807
9	3059	2311	5370
10	683	1074	1757
11	1325	2135	3460
12	1049	801	1850
Unaffiliated	21866	0	21866
Grand Total	34994	15836	50830



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NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X Candace Perkins

Candace Perkins
Secretary

Approved 03-12-2025