



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on March 12, 2025, at 1:05 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 Alternate Tipps Jr.

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

Jennifer Johnson-Williams, Secretary Alternate

The following individuals were absent: None.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the February 12, 2025, Regular Meeting were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates at this meeting.

Chairperson Green called for Approval of Minutes.

Alternate Sigler made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the February 12, 2025, 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.
 - Secretary Perkins made a Motion to approve \$2,900 for Marketing and Communications to schedule a Voting Location Photoshoot. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

This photoshoot would allow us to have our own stock photos to use in our materials and communication mediums.

Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**
 - A budget cycle timeline for planning the FY26 budget was provided.
- 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:
 - 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 Tali hina 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.
 - CB-25-25 is still pending with BIA.
 - 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 November 7, 2024.



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- Tribal Candidate Filing Packet (PDF) documents were posted on March 6, 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 21, 2025, Secretary Perkins confirmed the group booking agreement with Choctaw Casino & Resort for the Election Board use through the General Election and Run-off Election cycles or from April 8, 2025, through August 20, 2025. The rooming list has been emailed to Jane Parent, Sylvia Sigler, and Wayne Tipps.
- Human Resources:
 - No new updates.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2023 (Copy Provided):
 - Hotel rooming list: amended March 10, 2025 (Copy Provided)
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, April 9, 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 2.42% or 34 forms received.
 - As of March 12, 2025, we have a total of 50,972 registered voters which is 28.26% of the tribal membership eligible to vote.



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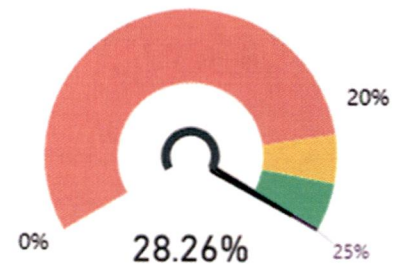


Voter Count by District

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Voting District	Out Of Nation	In Nation	Grand Total
1	548	747	1295
2	917	1139	2056
3	1237	870	2107
4	457	1728	2185
5	754	1059	1813
6	538	1209	1747
7	1158	1376	2534
8	1406	1417	2823
9	3063	2319	5382
10	685	1086	1771
11	1323	2137	3460
12	1048	812	1860
Unaffiliated	21939	0	21939
Grand Total	35073	15899	50972

Eligible Voters



Eligible Voters = 180,369

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NEW BUSINESS

Comments from Alternate Tipps Jr. to prompt discussion of Election Board Outreach in the community. Alternate Tipps Jr. stated that it would be beneficial for the Election Board members to attend community events and introduce themselves to the community. He stated that their presence may prompt more interest in elections. He proposed that Voter Registration be present to answer any questions. Secretary Perkins offered to send a list of community events that Voter Registration has confirmed their attendance that the Board members may attend. Secretary Perkins asked that each Board member to let her know if they do plan to attend an event so that Voter Registration can hold space for them.

Secretary made a Motion to move to Executive Session. – Seconded by Alternate Tipps Jr.

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

Alternate Sigler made a Motion to move out of Executive Session. – Seconded by Alternate Tipps Jr.



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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 1:50 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X Candace Perkins
Candace Perkins
Secretary
Approved 04-09-2025