



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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ELECTION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, August 11th, 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 August 6th Regular Meeting
- IV. Old Business
- V. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commission Attorney agreement.
 - b. Consideration and possible action regarding approval of Election Commission Rules and Regulations.
 - c. Consideration and possible action regarding Election Forms.
 - d. Consideration and possible action regarding 2027 General 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

The Election Commission complies with the Cherokee Nation Open Meetings Act. The public is welcome and invited to attend all Regular and Special Meetings of the Election Commission; however, the Commission will not entertain public questions or comments during these meetings. All inquiries or comments should be submitted in writing to election-commission@cherokee.org. The Commission will provide a response within 5-10 business days.

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August 10, 2026 by 9:30 AM

Cherokee Nation Election Office

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Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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ELECTION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

9:30 AM

Call to order

The Special 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

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the August 6th Regular Meeting. Cheryl Cooper made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the August 6th Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Old Business - None

Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commission Attorney agreement.

Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to amend the Commission Attorney's agreement for Harvey Chaffin, adding \$5,000.00 to cover compensation to the end of the fiscal year. Further noting for the minutes, that the amendment amount is properly budgeted for this fiscal year. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.



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- b. Consideration and possible action regarding approval of Election Commission Rules and Regulations.
After some discussion, Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to table approving the Rules and Regulations until the next Regular Meeting in September. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- c. Consideration and possible action regarding election forms.
Marcus presented the elements of the Candidate Packet that he suggested further review from the last meeting. There was discussion over each form and a recommendation to make the Withdraw Form two separate forms, one for the General and one for the Run-Off. Debra Proctor made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the elements of the Candidate Packet as presented with the recommended changes to the Withdraw Form. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. (Attachment 1) Items with a * were approved.
- d. Consideration and possible action regarding 2027 General Election.
There was no action taken.

Executive Session

None

Action from Executive Session

None

Announcements

None

Adjourn

Debra Proctor made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 11:13am. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Sellers



CANDIDATE FILING PACKET TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. Introduction

- * 1.1 Candidate Filing Instructions
- * 1.2 Candidate Packet Return Checklist

2. Return Completed At The Time Of Filing

- * 2.1 Letter to Candidate
- * 2.2 Candidate Certifications
- * 2.3 Declaration of Candidacy
- 2.4 Candidate Authorization
- 2.5 Designation of Financial Agent
- 2.6 Precinct Watcher Nomination Form
- 2.7 Early Walk-In Absentee Watcher Nomination Form
- 2.8 Absentee Verification Watcher Nomination Form
- 2.9 Tabulation Watcher Nominations Form
- 2.10 General Election Watcher Disclaimer Form

3. Election Information

- 3.1 Voter Registration Form
- 3.2 Absentee Ballot Request Form
- 3.3 General Election Timeline
- 3.4 Financial Disclosure Report
- 3.5 Campaign Financial FAQ
- 3.6 CNCA Title 26 "Elections" – Election Law
- 3.7 Cherokee Nation Constitution



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1. Election Forms

- 1.1 List Coversheet Form
- 1.2 Information Request Form
- 1.3 Candidate Financial Disclosure Request Form
- 1.4 Recount Request Form
- ✱ 1.5 Candidate Withdrawal Form
- 1.6 Deceased Voter Form
- ✱ 1.7 Contest of Denial of Eligibility
- 1.8 CNEC Reproduction Fee List
- 1.9 2025 Election Timeline Calendar

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION ROLL CALL

 REGULAR MEETING

✓SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 8/10/26 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:
