

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2019  
CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

**Call to order/Roll call of Commissioners:**

The meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Vice-Chair, Pamela Sellers at 4:03 p.m. in the absence of Chair Shawna Calico who could not attend in person due to a family medical situation. Pamela Sellers asked the Commission if they would allow Shawna Calico to attend by phone. A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Randy Campbell to approve Shawna Calico to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all Commissioners present.

Commissioner Carolyn Allen called roll and a quorum was established with the following commissioners present:

Shawna Calico, Chairwoman (attending by phone)  
Pamela Sellers- Vice-Chair  
Carolyn Allen-Secretary  
Randy Campbell- Commissioner  
Rick Doherty- Commissioner

**Office staff present:**

Marcus Fears  
Connie Parnell

Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.

Vice- Chair Pamela Sellers asked for discussion and/or approval of the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Special Meeting. Rick Doherty made a motion which was seconded by Randy Campbell to approve the minutes as read. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

**Administrator's Report:**

The Administrator's Report was presented by Marcus Fears. The report included current voter registration statistics and updates on moving forward in processing applications for General Election. Randy Campbell made a motion to approve this report and the motion was seconded by Rick Doherty. The Administrator's report was approved by all commissioners. (Attachment #1 for record of minutes)

**Election Director's Report:**

The Election Director's report was given by Connie Parnell. The report included updates on the 2019 election cycle preparation. A total of five precinct official trainings have been held at various locations and several others are scheduled to meet the required training for precinct officials. Rick Doherty made a motion which was seconded by Randy Campbell to approve the report. The Election Director's report was approved by all commissioners. (Attachment #2 for record of minutes)

**Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Harvey Chaffin stated we would need to go into executive session today regarding agenda item a. under executive session.

**Old Business:**

There were no old business items.

**Current Items:**

a.) Consideration and possible action regarding Candidate Financials:

Discussion was held regarding candidate financials in regard to the Election Law pertaining to financial due dates, penalties and notice to candidates. After review of the financials which were due on March 15, 2019 (for dates of December, 2018 through February 28, 2019), a list having names of candidates with deficiencies was discussed. A form letter was presented for consideration to notify candidates of their deficiencies and action to be taken by the Commission. A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Randy Campbell to approve the notice to be sent to candidates with deficiencies. The motion was approved by all commissioners. (Attachment #3-form letter)

A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Randy Campbell to send notices by email to (16) sixteen candidates with deficiencies listing their deficiencies and action taken pursuant to the Election Law and to send by certified mail a notice to two (2) candidates who submitted financials after the due date pursuant to the Election Law. The motion was approved by all commissioners. (Attachment #4- list to receive letters)

**Executive Session:**

It was requested by Attorney Harvey Chaffin to enter executive session under item a. (Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations or protests)

It was requested by Commissioner Rick Doherty to enter executive session under item b. (Personnel)

A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Carolyn Allen to enter executive session at 4:39 p.m. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

**Exit Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Randy Campbell to return from executive session at 5:27 p.m. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

**Action from Executive Session:**

Vice-Chair, Pamela Sellers announced pending litigation was discussed and no action was taken.

[REDACTED]

There were no announcements.

[REDACTED]

A motion was made by Randy Campbell to adjourn at 5:28 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

*Carolyn Allen*

Carolyn Allen, Secretary  
Cherokee Nation Election Commission  
April 17, 2019