

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 18, 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 Chairwoman Shawna Calico at 2:10 p.m.

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

Shawna Calico-- Chairwoman  
Pamela Sellers-- Vice-Chair  
Carolyn Allen-- Secretary  
Rick Doherty-- Commissioner

Carolyn Allen made a motion which was seconded by Rick Doherty to approve the absence of Commissioner Randy Campbell who was not present due to being out of town but had notified the commission he would not be able to attend. The motion was approved by all.

Office staff present were Marcus Fears, Connie Parnell and Charlene Keys.

Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.

Guests present were:

Deb Reed, Chad Hunter, Cheryl Brown, Brandon Girty, Larry Pritchett

Chairwoman Shawna Calico asked for discussion and/or approval of the minutes of the March 11<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and the March 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. There being no discussion, Rick Doherty made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Pamela Sellers. The minutes were approved by all commissioners.

Shawna Calico-----Yes  
Pamela Sellers-----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

Chairwoman Shawna Calico asked for any items on **old business** to which there were none.

**Current Items** of Business were presented for discussion.

- a.) Consideration and possible action on the Certification of Eligibility of Candidates for the 2019 General Election pursuant to Cherokee Nation Supreme Court decisions:

The Election Commission received the Supreme Court Decision in the Case No. SC-2019-03 on the Challenge to the Eligibility of Buel Anglen, Candidate for Council District 13 for the 2019 General Election. The ruling of the Court's finding is that Buel Anglen is ineligible to run as a candidate in the 2019 General Election be affirmed. A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Pamela Sellers to deny the eligibility of Candidate Buel Anglen for Council for District 13 based on

the Supreme Court Decision Case No. SC-2019-03 and to send a letter of notice of the Election Commission's decision to Mr. Anglen. The motion was approved by all commissioners present. (Attachments #1)

Shawna Calico---- Yes  
Pamela Sellers----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

Chairwoman Shawna Calico read the list of eligible and not eligible candidates for the 2019 General Election. A motion was made by Pamela Sellers and seconded by Rick Doherty to approve the eligible candidates. The motion was approved by all commissioners present. (Attachment #2)

Shawna Calico---- Yes  
Pamela Sellers---- Yes  
Carolyn Allen----- Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

A motion was made by Pamela Sellers and seconded by Rick Doherty to deny the eligibility of Buel Anglen for District 13 Council and Rhonda Brown-Fleming for Chief as candidates for the 2019 General Election and to send notice to each of the decision of the Election Commission based on Supreme Court Decisions. (Attachment #3)

Shawna Calico-----Yes  
Pamela Sellers-----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Pamela Sellers to approved the eligibility list be posted on the website. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

Shawna Calico-----Yes  
Pamela Sellers-----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Rick Doherty-----Yes

b.) Consideration and possible action on approving the ballot styles for the 2019 General Election:

Election Director Connie Parnell presented ballot styles to the commission in preparation for printing of ballots. No specific names were on the ballot styles presented. After discussion, a motion was made by Pamela Sellers and seconded by Rick Doherty to approve the ballot styles with the following amendments:

- (1) Remove one candidate position for Chief from the ballot style
- (2) Remove one candidate position for District 13 Council from the ballot style
- (3) Add the number 11 to District #11 South Coffeyville ballot style

The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

Shawna Calico----- Yes  
Pamela Sellers----- Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

c.) Consideration and possible action on drawing for Candidate order on the ballot for the 2019 General Election:

Administrator Marcus Fears presented a list of all candidate names to be placed in the drawing for ballot order. Names for each candidate were drawn for ballot order. Marcus Fears read each name as it was placed for drawing. Office staff drew the names and they were shown to all in attendance. Chairwoman Shawna Calico read the final list of how names will appear on the ballot in the order drawn. Pamela Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Rick Doherty to approve the ballot order for the 2019 General Election. The motion was approved by all commissioners. (Attachment #4)

Shawna Calico-----Yes  
Pamela Sellers-----Yes  
Carolyn Allen----- Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

d.) Consideration and possible action on drawing for Watchers for the 2019 General Election:

Chairwoman Shawna Calico announced there were no names submitted by any candidates for watchers for the precincts, no names submitted by any candidates for watchers for Chief, Deputy and none for Districts 1, 8, 12 and At Large. It was announced we would draw names for watchers for District 3 and that Districts 6 and 14 would be automatic based on names submitted. The explanation for this is that some names were submitted more than once and already drawn and the amount of names submitted for Districts 6 and 14 were limited which made those names subject to automation.

The names of watchers submitted by candidates for absentee verification on each of the days were presented and drawn. A list of names were read specific to the date each would serve in that capacity. A motion was made by Rick Doherty which was seconded by Pamela Sellers to approve the Watcher List for the 2019 General Election. The motion was approved by all commissioners present. (Attachment #5)

Shawna Calico-----Yes  
Pamela Sellers-----Yes  
Carolyn Allen-----Yes  
Rick Doherty----- Yes

**Executive Session:**

There was no executive session held.

**Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

**Adjourn:**

Rick Doherty made a motion to adjourn at 3:38 p.m.

*Carolyn Allen*

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Allen, Secretary  
Cherokee Nation Election Commission

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## **CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

Shawna Calico, Chairperson

Pam Sellers, Vice Chairperson

Carolyn Allen, Secretary / Treasurer

Randy Campbell, Commissioner

Rick Doherty, Commissioner

March 18, 2019

Buel Anglen

[buel@buelanglen.com](mailto:buel@buelanglen.com)

Dear Mr. Anglen:

In accordance with Legislative Act 12-16 §36 (C), The Cherokee Nation Election Commission is issuing this letter to inform you that after the investigative process was completed, your eligibility was denied for the Cherokee Nation 2019 General Election, based on the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court decision in CASE NO.: SC-2019-03.

Sincerely,

Shawna Calico, Chairperson

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## 2019 Candidate Certification of Eligibility

Dist	Candidate	Approve	Deny
Chief	Rhonda Brown-Fleming		✓
Chief	Chuck Hoskin, Jr.	✓	
Chief	Dick Lay	✓	
Chief	David Walkingstick	✓	
Deputy	Meredith Frailey	✓	
Deputy	Bryan Warner	✓	
1	Rex Jordan	✓	
1	Ryan Sierra	✓	
3	Jim Cosby	✓	
3	Billy Flint	✓	
3	Brandon Girty	✓	
3	Wes Nofire	✓	
3	Larry Dean Pritchett	✓	
3	Debra Proctor	✓	
3	RJ Robbins	✓	
6	Ron Goff	✓	
6	Gary Trad Lattimore	✓	
6	Daryl Legg	✓	
8	Shawn Crittenden	✓	
8	Jodi Fishinghawk	✓	
8	Ralph F. Keen II	✓	
12	Todd M. Branstetter	✓	
12	Phyllis Lay	✓	
12	Dora L. Smith Patzkowski	✓	
12	Don Scott	✓	
13	Buel Anglen		✓

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13	Joe Deere	✓	
14	Keith Austin	✓	
14	Cara Cowan Watts	✓	
AL	Steve Adair	✓	
AL	Julia Coates	✓	
AL	Pamela Fox	✓	
AL	Wanda Hatfield	✓	
AL	Johnny Jack Kidwell	✓	

We the Commission have certified the eligibility of the candidates for the 2019 General Election.

Dated this 18 day of March, 2019.

Shawna Calico

Shawna Calico, Chairperson

Pamela Sellers

Pamela Sellers, Vice Chairperson

Carolyn Allen

Carolyn Allen, Secretary/Treasurer

Randy Campbell, Commissioner

Rick Doherty

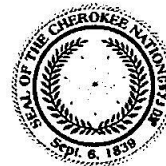
Rick Doherty, Commissioner

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Rick Doherty, Commissioner

March 12, 2019

Rhonda Brown-Fleming

[rhondab7@yahoo.com](mailto:rhondab7@yahoo.com)

Dear Ms. Brown-Fleming:

In accordance with Legislative Act 12-16 §36 (C), The Cherokee Nation Election Commission is issuing this letter to inform you that after the investigative process was completed, your eligibility was denied for the Cherokee Nation 2019 General Election, based on the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court decision in CASE NO.: SC-2019-02.

Sincerely,

Shawna Calico, Chairperson

Cherokee Nation Election Commission





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## **CANDIDATES FOR 2019 GENERAL ELECTION**

### **Principal Chief**

- 1 Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
- 2 Dick Lay
- 3 David Walkingstick

### **Deputy Principal Chief**

- 2 Meredith Frailey
- 1 Bryan Warner

### **District 1**

- 2 Rex Jordan
- 1 Ryan Sierra

### **District 3**

- 3 Jim Cosby
- 5 Billy Flint
- 4 Brandon Girty
- 7 Wes Nofire
- 6 Larry Dean Pritchett
- 2 Debra Proctor
- 1 RJ Robbins

### **District 6**

- 1 Ron Goff
- 2 Gary Trad Lattimore
- 3 Daryl Legg

### **District 8**

- 3 Shawn Crittenden
- 2 Jodie Fishinghawk
- 1 Ralph F. Keen II

### **District 12**

- 4 Todd M. Branstetter
- 2 Phyllis Lay
- 3 Dora L. Smith Patzkowski
- 1 Don Scott

### **District 13**

Joe Deere

### **District 14**

- 2 Keith Austin
- 1 Cara Cowan Watts

### **At-Large**

- 1 Steve Adair
- 3 Julia Coates
- 5 Pamela Fox
- 4 Wanda Hatfield
- 2 Johnny Jack Kidwell



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Dated this 18 day of March, 2019.

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### **DISTRICT 3 WATCHER NOMINATIONS**

#### **Tahlequah Precinct**

Candidate

Wes Nofire

Jim Cosby

Watcher

Sara Drywater-WN

Marcus Thompson-JC

Alternate

Molly Nofire-WN Alt 1

Jim Mankiller-JC Alt 1

Alternate

Madison Thomas-WN Alt 2

John Foreman-JC Alt 2

#### **Keys Precinct**

Candidate

Wes Nofire

Larry Dean Pritchett

Watcher

Sherman Nofire-WN

Connie Jeffrey-LDP

Alternate

Karyn Nofire

*No Selection*

Alternate

April Nofire

*No Selection*

### **DISTRICT 6 WATCHER NOMINATIONS**

#### **Sallisaw Precinct**

Candidate

Daryl Legg

Watcher

Robert Stewart

Alternate

*No Selection*

Alternate

*No Selection*

#### **Bellfonte Precinct**

Candidate

Daryl Legg

Watcher

*No Selection*

Alternate

*No Selection*

Alternate

*No Selection*

#### **Marble City Precinct**

Candidate

Daryl Legg

Watcher

*No Selection*

Alternate

*No Selection*

Alternate

*No Selection*

#### **Muldrow Precinct**

Candidate

Daryl Legg

Watcher

*No Selection*

Alternate

*No Selection*

Alternate

*No Selection*

## DISTRICT 14 WATCHER NOMINATIONS

### **Claremore Precinct**

Candidate

Keith Austin

Watcher

Carolyn Zuniga

Alternate

*No Selection*

Alternate

*No Selection*

### **Chelsea Precinct**

Candidate

Keith Austin

Watcher

Debra West

Alternate

*No Selection*

Alternate

*No Selection*

### **Oologah Precinct**

Candidate

Keith Austin

Watcher

Celeste Tillery

Alternate

*No Selection*

Alternate

*No Selection*



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### IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING WATCHER NOMINATIONS

#### SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Watcher</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Wes Nofire	Sherman Nofire-WN	No Selection	No Selection
Meredith Frailey	Paul Thompson-MF	Brinley Hutson-MF Alt 1	No Selection

#### TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Watcher</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Wes Nofire	Lorene Adams-WN	No Selection	No Selection
Meredith Frailey	Brinley Hutson-MF	Paul Thompson-MF Alt 1	No Selection

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Watcher</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Wes Nofire	Molly Nofire-WN	No Selection	No Selection

#### THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Watcher</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Wes Nofire	Madison Adams-WN	No Selection	No Selection



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### ABSENTEE VERIFICATION WATCHER NOMINATIONS

#### TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Watcher</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RJ Robbins	Rebecca Robbins-RR	No Selection	No Selection
Todd M. Branstetter	Jason Aamodt-TB	Adam McCreary-TB Alt 1	No Selection

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Watcher</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
RJ Robbins	Holly Davis-RR	No Selection	No Selection
Bryan Warner	Laurie Phillips-BW	Todd Enlow-BW Alt 1	No Selection

#### THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Watcher</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Larry Dean Pritchett	Karen Vance-LDP	No Selection	No Selection
RJ Robbins	Cary Weir-RR	No Selection	No Selection

#### FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Watcher</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Larry Dean Pritchett	Clarissa Wofford-LDP	No Selection	No Selection
Gary Trad Lattimore	Trey Rousey-GTL	No Selection	No Selection

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Watcher</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Gary Trad Lattimore	Brent Rousey-GTL	No Selection	No Selection
Bryan Warner	Chad Harsha-BW	Jim Long-BW Alt 1	John Young-BW Alt 2

