

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 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 4:40 p.m.

Commissioner Carolyn Allen stated that Commissioner Pamela Sellers was unable to attend due to being out of town on a family emergency and asked that Pamela be allowed to attend by phone. Carolyn Allen made a motion which was seconded by Rick Doherty to allow Pamela Sellers to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

Shawna Calico- Yes
Carolyn Allen – Yes
Rick Doherty- Yes
Randy Campbell- Yes

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

Shawna Calico- Chairwoman
Pamela Sellers- Vice-Chairman – attending by phone
Carolyn Allen- Secretary/Treasurer
Rick Doherty- Commissioner
Randy Campbell-Commissioner

Office staff present was Marcus Fears.

Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.

No guests were present.

Chairwoman Shawna Calico asked for discussion and/or approval of the minutes of the January 14th, Special Meeting. There being no discussion, Randy Campbell made a motion which was seconded by Rick Doherty to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by all commissioners.

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

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

Current Items of Business were presented for discussion:

- a.) Consideration and possible action on background check/authorization forms:

Administrator Marcus Fears presented the current forms the commission uses for background checks, which are the American Checked Background form and the Authorization form. Attorney Harvey Chaffin stated that the Commission had received a letter from Robin Mayes stating concerns regarding these background check forms and cited a court case which was reviewed by the Attorney and the Commission. After discussion and review of the above, the Commission felt it would be best to eliminate the American Checked Background form and amend the Authorization form using language from the Election Act, Section 31, A2.

A motion was made by Randy Campbell and seconded by Rick Doherty to eliminate the American Checked Background form and to amend the Authorization form in the manner presented to the Election Commission. The motion included attaching a copy of the amended Authorization form in the minutes. The motion was approved by all commissioners. The Commission will offer the amended form as an alternative to candidates who file for office next week. (Attachment #1)

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

Executive Session:

There was no executive session held.

Announcements:

The filing for the 2019 General Election will begin on Monday, February 4th and end on February 7th at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

Rick Doherty made a motion to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Allen, Secretary
Cherokee Nation Election Commission
Submitted: February 12, 2019



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AUTHORIZATION

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby request and authorize any individual, firm, corporation, governmental entity or Court Clerk of any jurisdiction to furnish information and/or to disclose, reveal, and open observation or inspection, and copying of, if requested, any records, evidence of or related to age, location and length of residency and conviction or plea of guilty or no defense to a felony charge under the laws of the United States of America, or any state, territory or possession thereof, or convicted of a crime in any Tribal Court of any Federally recognized Indian Tribe that would be considered a felony in State or Federal Court, and any pardon related thereto, to any member of the **Cherokee Nation Election Commission**, or their written designee.

COMMUNICATION WITH AND NOTICE TO CANDIDATE

I hereby authorize the Cherokee Nation Election Commission to communicate or correspond with or notice me by email or U.S. Postal Service at the email address or postal address shown on my Declaration of Candidacy.

A copy of this authorization shall be of the same force and effect as the original.

The Cherokee Nation Election Commission Members are:

Shawna Calico, Chairman

Pamela Sellers, Vice-Chairman

Carolyn Allen, Secretary/Treasurer

Randy Campbell, Election Commissioner

Rick Doherty, Election Commissioner

Your assistance and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Cherokee Nation Candidate (signature)

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security No. _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Commission No.: _____