

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 14, 2019  
CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

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

Carolyn Allen announced that Chairwoman Shawna Calico was not able to attend the meeting due to family emergency with her being out of town at this time. Carolyn Allen made a motion which was seconded by Rick Doherty to have the Vice-Chair, Pamela Seller preside over the meeting. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

The meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Vice-Chair, Pamela Sellers at 5:32 p.m.

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

Pamela Sellers- Vice-Chairman  
Carolyn Allen- Secretary/Treasurer  
Rick Doherty- Commissioner  
Randy Campbell-Commissioner

Office staff present was Connie Parnell.

Guests present were: Chad Hunter, David Cornsilk and Linda Sacks.

Vice-Chair, Pamela Sellers asked for discussion and/or approval of the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. There being no discussion Rick Doherty made a motion which was seconded by Randy Campbell to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by all commissioners.

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

Vice-Chair, Pamela Sellers 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 regarding Certification of Eligibility of Candidates for the 2019 General Election:

Attorney Harvey Chaffin commented the minutes should reflect the following were considered when reviewing candidacy requirements for certification of eligibility: age, residency of 270 days, and no felonies after reviewing background checks. Pamela Sellers read the names of the candidates and the specific office or district for which each had filed. Rick Doherty made a motion which was seconded by Randy Campbell to approve the candidates who were deemed eligible for office. The motion was approved by all commissioners present. The list of names of candidates who were certified as eligible is attached as Attachment #1. (Attachment #1)

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

- b.) Consideration and possible action regarding setting of hearing for any candidate declared ineligible and setting of hearing for any candidate whose eligibility is challenged by a Cherokee citizen:

Vice-Chair, Pamela Sellers read the list of names of five candidates who were challenged by Cherokee citizens. Office staff verified the challengers were all Cherokee citizens and were registered voters. Attorney Harvey Chaffin stated, according to Election Law, a five day notice of hearing date is required to be provided to the candidate and the challenger. After discussion, which included the decision to send notices out immediately after the close of this meeting, possible dates and times for hearings, and the order of hearings to be set being based on how the challenges were received in the Commission office, the Commission set the hearing date of Thursday, February 21, 2019 with the first hearing to commence at 1:00 p.m. in a duly called Special Meeting of the Election Commission to be set at 1:00, Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Election Commission office.

A list of names of candidates whose eligibility was challenged is included in Attachment #1. The above information was put in the form of a motion by Rick Doherty with a second by Randy Campbell. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

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

**Executive Session:**

There was no executive session held.

**Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

**Adjourn:**

Rick Doherty made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Allen, Secretary  
Cherokee Nation Election Commission  
Submitted: February 20, 2019

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## 2019 Candidate Certification of Eligibility

Dist	Candidate	Approve	Deny
Chief	Rhonda Brown-Fleming	challenge	
Chief	Chuck Hoskin, Jr.	challenge	
Chief	Dick Lay	✓	
Chief	David Walkingstick	✓	
Deputy	Meredith Frailey	✓	
Deputy	Linda Sacks	✓	
Deputy	Bryan Warner	challenge	
1	Randy Dirteater	✓	
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	challenge	
3	RJ Robbins	✓	
6	Ron Goff	✓	
6	Gary Trad Lattimore	✓	
6	Daryl Legg	✓	
8	Shawn Crittenden	✓	
8	Jodie Fishinghawk	✓	
8	Ralph F. Keen II	✓	
12	Todd M. Branstetter	✓	
12	Phyllis Lay	✓	
12	Dora L. Smith Patzkowski	✓	

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12	Don Scott	✓	
13	Buel Anglen	Challenge	
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 Commissioner have certified the eligibility of the candidates for the 2019 General Election.

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Shawna Calico, Chairperson

*Pamela Sellers*

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Pamela Sellers, Vice Chairperson

*Carolyn Allen*

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Carolyn Allen, Secretary/Treasurer

*Randy Campbell*

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Randy Campbell, Commissioner

*Rick Doherty*

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Rick Doherty, Commissioner

*signed*  
*2/14/19*