

CHEROKEE COUNTY **BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS**

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Election Commission Board Meeting Monday - March 3rd, 2025 9:00 am

Minutes:

The following board members were present: James "Ed" Elliott, Carlton Bridges Sr., Jerry Bridges, Jimmy Cash, Ben Taylor, Jason Blanton and Lamar Batchelor.

Also in attendance were Cassidy Nichols (Interim director).

Agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA.

Chairman Ed Elliott called the meeting to order @ 9am; Ben Taylor opened with prayer.

All board members present signed the attendance roster.

Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to approve the regular board meeting and Canvass meeting for January 3rd, 2025. Motion to approve by Jerry Bridges and second by Jimmy Cash. Minutes approved.

On January 24th, Interim Director Cassidy Nichols sent an email with a link to all board members reminding all board members to complete their Ethics report by March 30th or face stiff penalties for not completing their report.

Interim Director Cassidy Nichols also reminded all board members of the second guarter dates for certification classes and to inform her of which class they wanted as soon as possible.

Chairman Ed Elliott informed the board that our next board meeting would take place on May 5th, 2025 with a start time of 9am.

Chairman Ed Elliott, Interim Director Cassidy Nichols, and Deputy Director Amanda Walker attended the annual SCARE Conference. Chairman Ed Elliott and Interim Director Cassidy Nichols informed the board that increases in poll worker pay and board commissioner stipend increases are actively being considered among our state representatives. The board was also made aware of the newly proposed Municipality bill and the special election bill that would simplify our voting process as it pertains to scheduling of elections during odd years and support the election for offices that may become unexpectedly vacant.

Interim Director Cassidy Nichols also informed the board that the local Republican party is organizing a precinct reorganization, with the hopes of getting people involved with each county precinct. Interim Director Cassidy Nichols informed the board that in no way are the election office and board associated with this activity.

Interim Director Cassidy Nichols was asked and informed the board that we have seven board members. The board may have five members, minimum and nine members, maximum.

Adjourn @ 9:20am - Motion by Jason Blanton, second by Ben Taylor. All approved

Carlton Bridges Sr. Carlton Bridges, Secretary

May 5th 2025

*minutes recorded by Carlton Bridges