



## CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

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Election Commission Board Meeting  
Monday – January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
9:00 AM  
Minutes

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

Also in attendance was Director Cassidy Nichols.

Agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA.

Chairman Ed Elliott called the meeting to order @ 9am and Jerry Bridges opened in prayer.

The Board Member Oath was administered to the Election Board by Director Cassidy Nichols.

Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion and second for approval of minutes for the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 canvass & board meeting and November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 recount canvass meeting. Motion by Lamar Batchelor and seconded by Jerry Bridges. Both motions and seconded passed by board unanimous vote.

Election of officers for 2026. Lamar Batchelor current Vice-Chairman nominated Ed Elliott for chairman seconded by Jerry Bridges. Jimmy Cash nominated Lamar Batchelor for Vice-Chairman seconded by Jerry Bridges. Lamar Batchelor nominated Carlton Bridges Sr. for Secretary, seconded by Jerry Bridges. All motions and seconded passed by board unanimous vote. Chairman Ed Elliott, Vice-Chairman Lamar Batchelor and Secretary Carlton Bridges Sr. all signed officer documentation.

Director Cassidy Nichols informed the board of upcoming elections. Director Cassidy Nichols also informed the board that the next scheduled board/canvass meeting will be Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 9AM.

Director Cassidy Nichols informed the board that all Continuing Education Certification Classes will be virtual this year, if wanted. Class schedules for the year were given to all board members.

Director Cassidy Nichols informed the board that the elections office is currently being remodeled for safety and better voter service.

Motion to adjourn Board Meeting @ 9:16am by Ben Taylor, seconded by Lamar Batchelor, motion passed.

Carlton Bridges Sr.  
Carlton Bridges, Secretary

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Date

\*minutes recorded by Carlton Bridges