



**CHEROKEE COUNTY**

**BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS**

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Election Commission Board Meeting  
Thursday – February 12, 2026  
9:00 AM  
Minutes

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

Board members not present: Lamar Batchelor and Jason Blanton

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 opened in prayer.

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

Director Cassidy Nichols informed the board that there were no provisional ballots for the City of Chesnee Special Election or the Cherokee County Dis. 7 Special Republican Primary Election. Spartanburg County had one provisional ballot for the shared City of Chesnee Election which would have no impact on Cherokee County election results. Director Cassidy Nichols and Jerry Bridges departed meeting at 9:03am to finalize election results after provisional hearing and returned to meeting at 9:12am with official results. Director Nichols informed board that the hand count audits for both elections had been performed and all totals matched. Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to certify the City of Chesnee Special Election; motion by Jimmy Cash; seconded by Ben Taylor; all in favor. Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to certify Cherokee County Dist. 7 Special Republican Primary; motion by Ben Taylor; seconded by Jimmy Cash; all in favor. No run-offs or recounts were required for either election. Chairman Ed Elliott asked for motion to end Canvass meeting and begin monthly board meeting; motion by Jerry Bridges, seconded by Jimmy Cash; all in favor.

Chairman Ed Elliott asked for motion to approve the board minutes from January 5, 2026; motion by Ben Taylor; seconded by Jerry Bridges; all in favor. Directory Cassidy Nichols reported to the board that the election went very well and informed the board of future elections. Director Nichols also reminded the board to complete their ethics report before the deadline. Next scheduled board meeting is Friday, March 6, 2026 @ 9am for City of Gaffney Special Canvass & monthly board meeting.

Motion to adjourn Board Meeting @ 9:24am by Jimmy Cash; seconded by Jerry Bridges; motion passed.

Carlton Bridges Sr.  
Carlton Bridges, Secretary

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Date