



CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

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Election Commission Canvass Meeting
Special Republican Primary-Senate
Thursday - August 13th, 2026 @ 9:00am
Minutes

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

Jason Blanton was absent.

Also in attendance: Director Cassidy Nichols

Agenda was posted in accordance with SCFOIA

Chairman Ed Elliott called the Canvass meeting to order, and Jerry Bridges opened the meeting with prayer.

Director Cassidy Nichols administered the Board member oath to all board members. All board members signed the Board Oath.

Director Cassidy Nichols stated to the board that there was a provisional ballot due to expired ID from Blacksburg Ward 1. Director Cassidy Nichols asked if voter was present; he was not at the provisional hearing. Director Nichols recommendation is that this vote should not be counted due to voter not providing required identification; Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to not count this vote; motion by Jerry Bridges; seconded by Jimmy Cash; all in favor.

Director Cassidy Nichols informed the board of a provisional ballot at Pleasant Meadows precinct which involved DMV not providing elections office with voter's registration application. Director Cassidy Nichols recommended to the board that this vote be accepted after confirming with DMV that voter did, in fact, register to vote by deadline; Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to accept this vote; motion by Ben Taylor; seconded by Lamar Batchelor; all in favor.

Director Cassidy Nichols and board member Ben Taylor left the meeting at 9:08am to print the official result of the provisional hearing and returned to the meeting at 9:20am.

The SEC certified our hand count audit at the following precincts. Early vote day one, Timber Ridge, Wilkinsville-Metcalf, and Woods.

Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to certify the Special Republican Primary-Senate Election; motion by Lamar Batchelor; seconded by Jimmy Cash; all in favor. All board members signed the certification sheet.

Director Cassidy Nichols informed the board that the SEC will order a run-off for Darlene Graham and Rep. Ralph Norman.

There are no SEC statewide recounts ordered at this time.

Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to end the Election Commission Canvas Meeting @ 9:25am; motion by Jerry Bridges; seconded by Ben Taylor; all in favor.

Carlton Bridges Sr.

Carlton Bridges, Secretary

September 14th, 2026

Date