

Cherokee County  
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## CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

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Election Commission Canvass Meeting & Election Commission Board Meeting  
Thursday - June 11, 2026  
9:00am

### Minutes

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

Also in attendance, Director Cassidy Nichols

Agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA.

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

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

Chairman Ed Elliott called for our Provisional Hearing to begin. We had three provisional ballots included in the hearing. First ballot was accepted; motion by Lamar Batchelor; seconded by Ben Taylor; all board members approved. 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot was accepted; motion by Jerry Bridges; seconded by Jason Blanton; all board members approved. Third ballot was denied; motion by Lamar Batchelor, seconded by Ben Taylor; all board members approved. Director Cassidy Nichols, board member Lamar Batchelor and board member Jason Blanton as witnesses, left the meeting at 9:07 am to update election results reports to official status. Jason and Lamar returned to the meeting at 9:27 am. After printing official updated results, Director Cassidy Nichols returned to the meeting at 9:32 am. The required hand-count audit was conducted with early vote day 1 and three precincts; all totals matched; results were submitted and approved by the SEC.

Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to certify the statewide primary 22598. Motion by Jason Blanton, seconded by Jerry Bridges; all approved. There were no required run-offs for Cherokee County. There will be a recount for Cherokee County Council district #2. Lamar Batchelor made a motion to conduct a recount for Cherokee County district #2 on Friday June 12th, to begin at 3:00 pm; seconded by Jimmy Cash; all approved.

At 9:50 am, Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to end the Canvass Meeting and begin our regular board meeting; motion by Jerry Bridges, seconded by Jason Blanton; all approved. Jason Blanton was present in-person for our Canvass meeting and was present by phone for the regular June Board meeting. Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to approve the minutes from our May 4th, 2026, Board meeting; motion by Ben Taylor; seconded by Lamar Batchelor; all approved. We will have a runoff on June 23rd. Early voting will be on Wednesday June 17th, and Thursday June 18th. Our Canvass meeting will take place on Thursday, June 25th, at 9:00 am. Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to cancel our July 6th, 2026, Board meeting; motion by Jerry Bridges; seconded by Ben Taylor; all approved. Chairman Ed Elliott asked for a motion to end the Board meeting; motion by Lamar Batchelor; seconded by Jimmy Cash; all approved. The meeting ended at 10:03 am.

Carlton Bridges Sr.  
Carlton Bridges, Secretary

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Date