

**TO BE PUBLISHED MARCH 1, 2024**  
**SENECA-CAYUGA NATION NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
**DATE OF THE ELECTION**

Pursuant to Article VII and Article VIII of the Constitution of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation the election of the Business Committee and Grievance Committee positions with terms expiring June 2024 will be conducted at the June 1, 2024, annual General Council meeting.

**COMMITTEE POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED**

The regular election to fill the office of the Business Committee positions with terms expiring in June 2024 shall be contested on June 1, 2024, and the terms of office are as follows:

CHIEF	TERM TO BEGIN JUNE 1, 2024, AND END JUNE 3, 2028
FIRST COUNCILPERSON	TERM TO BEGIN JUNE 1, 2024, AND END JUNE 3, 2028
THIRD COUNCILPERSON	TERM TO BEGIN JUNE 1, 2024, AND END JUNE 3, 2028

The regular election to fill the office of the Grievance Committee positions with terms expiring in June 2024 shall be contested on June 1, 2024, and the terms of office are as follows:

FIRST COMMITTEE MEMBER	TERM TO BEGIN JUNE 1, 2024, AND END JUNE 3, 2028
THIRD COMMITTEE MEMBER	TERM TO BEGIN JUNE 1, 2024, AND END JUNE 3, 2028
FIFTH COMMITTEE MEMBER	TERM TO BEGIN JUNE 1, 2024, AND END JUNE 3, 2028

**QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO BE PRESENTED UPON FILING DECLARATION FOR CANDIDACY**

In keeping with Article II of the By-Laws to the Constitution of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation a prospective candidate for elective office of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation must meet all of the requirements contained therein as follows:

- (1) Be not less than twenty-five (25) years of age,
- (2) Be a member of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation, and
- (3) Reside within a radius of one hundred fifty (150) miles in any direction from the Bassett Grove Stomp Grounds.

Any qualified member of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation who desires his/her name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for office shall file a Declaration of Candidacy with the Election Committee at the Career Center Building #23721 interview room located at the Seneca Cayuga Nation Headquarters Office Complex 23701 S. 655 Road Grove, Oklahoma in the form prescribed by the Election Administrator. The Burden of Proof shall be on the candidate to present evidence that the candidate meets the qualifications of elected officials. Such required documentary evidence to be presented is as follows:

(a) The Candidate's Seneca-Cayuga Nation Membership Card to verify that the Candidate is not less than twenty-five (25) years of age and to verify the candidate's membership in the Seneca-Cayuga Nation, and a copy of a recent utility bill with the candidate's name on it to verify that the Candidate resides within a radius of one hundred fifty (150) miles in any direction from the Bassett Grove Stomp Grounds located at 24805 South 660 Road, Grove, Oklahoma.

(b) The Election Committee shall not attempt to redetermine the candidate's eligibility for membership in the Nation but shall only verify said candidate is a current member of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation.

**DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY**

The date for filing of Declarations of Candidacy shall be March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Career Center Building #23721 interview room located at the Nation headquarters complex, 23701 S. 655 Road Grove, Oklahoma. The Declaration of Candidacy must be filed in writing and in person with the Election Committee. No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) office at any time.

Each qualified candidate for office shall be allowed to submit for publication in the Special Edition Notice of Election Newsletter a one-page biography and/or political platform letter. Qualified candidates may also submit a picture for publication. Candidate's letters shall be listed according to the official list of candidates. The Special Edition Newsletter shall be mailed to every member of the Nation 18 years of age and older on the day of the election with an address listed on the Registered Voter Mailing List.

The Election Administrator shall see that every Qualified Candidate for office shall receive a copy of the Registered Voter Mailing List at the time of filing for elective office.

### **FILING FEE**

There shall be a non-refundable filing fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the Business Committee positions and for the Grievance Committee positions. Filing fees shall be paid by cashier's check or money order only. The filing fee shall be paid on the same date the prospective candidate submits his/her declaration of candidacy. The filing fee shall be deposited into the Nation's Tribal Operations Account to defray the expenses incurred during the election. Upon submission of the Declaration of Candidacy and payment of the required filing fee, candidates shall not be allowed to withdraw from the election or file for a different elected position.

### **POLLING PLACE**

The polling place shall be the Seneca-Cayuga Nation Community Building located at 24805 South 660 Road, Grove, Oklahoma. The voting hours shall be 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on June 1, 2024. The agenda for the regular annual General Council meeting to be conducted on June 1, 2024, shall state that the casting of ballots at the polling place shall be in person and the hours shall be 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Any enrolled member of the Nation that is 18 years of age and older on June 1, 2024, that has not previously completed a Voter Registration Form will be permitted to register and cast their ballot at the polling place.

### **VOTING PROCEDURES**

The Election Administrator mailed a Notice of Election along with the Voter Registration Form to the resident address or if different the mailing address of each enrolled member of the Nation whose name is contained on the Eligible Voter List within the official enrollment records of the Nation that is or that will be 18 years of age and older on June 1, 2024, notifying all persons that have not previously registered to vote desiring to vote in the election of the officials of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation to be conducted at the June 1, 2024 General Council meeting that they each must complete and return the provided Voter Registration Form to the Enrollment Committee Attention: Enrollment Officer, Post Office Box 452387, Grove, Oklahoma 74345 registering to vote and shall elect to vote at the Polling Place, or to vote by Absentee Ballot no later than March 3, 2024. The members of the Nation 18 years of age and older on June 1, 2024, shall be required to register to vote only one-time, once a member has registered to vote they shall remain registered voters.

The members of the Nation 18 years of age and older that have previously filed a Voter Registration Form should only complete and return the provided Voter Registration Form to change their residence address or mailing address; or their election to vote at the Polling Place or to vote by Absentee Ballot.

The said Voter Registration Form provided notice to each said member of the General Council that the Voter Registration Form must be completed, and return mailed to the Enrollment Committee Post Office Box 452387, Grove, OK 74345 Attention: Enrollment Officer and must be received in the said Post Office Box by no later than 11:00 a.m. on March 3, 2024.

### **BALLOT PROCESS**

All Nation members listed on the Registered Voter List who have elected to vote at the Polling Place shall be allowed to vote at the Polling Place. Provided however, an enrolled member of the Nation that is 18 years of age and older on June 1, 2024, that has not previously completed and returned a Voter Registration Form will be permitted to register and cast their ballot at the Polling Place on the day of the election.

All Nation members listed on the Registered Voter List who have elected to vote by Absentee Ballot shall be allowed to vote by Absentee Ballot.

The Absentee Ballot Packets mailed by the Election Administrator shall include:

- (1) Election Notice
- (2) Ballot Instructions for filling out and date for returning of Ballot
- (3) Pre-addressed, stamped envelopes to be returned to Election Administrator.

Ballot Packet Instructions: All Absentee Ballot voters shall be notified that in order to be counted, all ballots must be received by return mail no later than 5:00 p.m. May 31, 2024. No hand carried ballots shall be accepted, it is required that the official envelope assigned to the Nation Member by the Election Administrator be used, otherwise ballot will not be counted.

If a deceased member's outside return envelope is properly completed and postmarked on or before their date of death, the ballot will be counted. If the outer envelope is postmarked after the date of death, the ballot will not be counted.