

PAWNEE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY

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WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Nawa, PNHA Tenants! We hope that your holidays were joyous and filled with laughter and time with family.

As we move into the New Year, I want to thank all of you for a job well done on the inspections we had at the end of 2025. Our inspections are required by our funding agency. We did have a few work orders that need to be completed and we will be coming around to fulfill those work orders.

We hope the kids enjoyed the toys from the Toys for Tots organization and had fun at the Community Christmas Party. We have enjoyed seeing all the holiday pictures with Santa.

Housing will be looking for one General Laborer to work with our Maintenance Coordinator and we will be advertising for that position soon.

Have a Happy New Year to you all!

2025 HAS COME AND GONE

The Housing Authority wants to wish all of our tenants a Happy Holiday season! We hope your holidays were filled with laughter and surrounded by family. Here are a few pics of our past year. We look forward to 2026!



COMMISSIONER NEWS



Commissioners: (L to R) James Hawkins,
Suzy Knife Chief (Vice-Chair) and
Reva Howell Garcia (Chair)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR
January 13th at 11:30 A.M.**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR
February 10th at 11:30 A.M.**

2026 Meeting Schedule

January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

BOARD MEETINGS

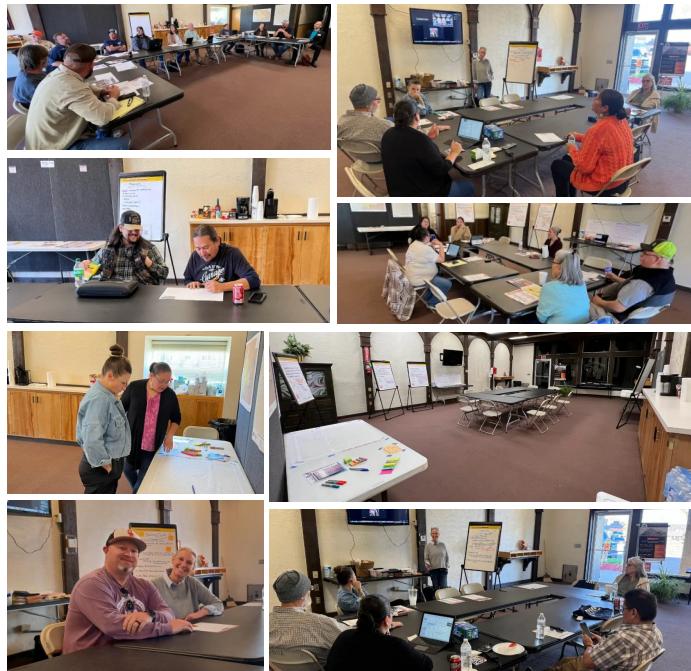
On November 4th, the Commission met in a Special Meeting with a quorum present and approved meeting minutes for October 14, 2025. Reports were given by staff and consultants on daily operations and activities. In New Business, a motion was made by Commissioner Knife Chief to approve Resolution #25-01 NAHASDA Lease Purchase Conveyance for 723 Harrison Street, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, motion carried. A motion was made to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.

On November 25th, the Commission met in a Special Meeting with a quorum present. In New Business, a motion was made by Commissioner Knife Chief to approve Resolution #25-02 for Leverage for the ICDBG Grant submission, with changes, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and motion carried; and a motion was made by Commissioner Hawkins to approve Resolution #25-03 for Operations and Maintenance for the ICDBG Grant submission, with changes, seconded by Commissioner Knife Chief, motion carried. A motion was made to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

COMMISSIONER NEWS

On December 9th, the Commission met in a Regular Meeting with a quorum present and approved meeting minutes for Special Meetings on November 4th and November 25th. Staff gave reports to the Commissioners on daily operations and activities. In New Business, a motion was made by Commissioner Knife Chief to approve the donation of five (5) one-hundred-dollar (100.00) payment donations to five (5) community elders for utility payment, from the non-NAHASDA funds, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, motion carried; and reviewed the Annual Performance Plan for FY 2025. A motion was made to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm.

PHOTOS FROM COMM MTGS



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

PNHA continues to advance its Strategic Housing, Land Acquisition, and Land Use Plan, building on initial primary and secondary research and early engagement efforts. Thank you to the Board members, community members, and partners who participated in PNHA Planning Week in November. Those discussions helped establish a strong foundation—Board members considered management areas and goals, community members identified housing and infrastructure needs and priorities, and Tribal, City, financial, academic, and private-sector partners explored opportunities to support housing development and investment.

In the coming weeks, PNHA will convene a Board and key staff retreat to review interim findings, confirm planning priorities, and establish clear direction for the next phase of work. The retreat will also help inform upcoming conceptual site designs being developed in partnership with Oklahoma State University's spring engineering capstone course and OSU Institute of Technology. Additional community engagement opportunities will be scheduled as the project moves forward, and PNHA remains committed to developing a plan that reflects community values while improving housing quality, accessibility, and long-term opportunity.



Social, Economic, Energy & Resource Renewal, LLC



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WE ARE HIRING!

We are taking applications for a General Laborer. This is a contract position, part-time and/or on call when needed, have a valid OK Drivers License and have reliable transportation. For more information, please call the Housing Office.

THANKSGIVING MEAL

Our PNHA Staff attended the Pawnee Nation's Thanksgiving Meal. We want to thank the Executive Office for including us in their holiday plans.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Our staff helped at the Community Christmas Party on December 18th. The Housing Authority donated Frito chili pies for the kids.



HOUSING STAFF ACTIVITIES

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Our Maintenance Coordinator has been busy working on projects these past months. One of the projects was coordinating the demolition of the house on the corner of 3rd & Glenn.



This lot is included in the future planning and development of new housing.

We apologize for not coming around and doing the filter changes lately. With just a crew of one (1) we are working to get this back on the regular schedule. We do anticipate hiring a maintenance general laborer to help out when need and will get back to scheduling the monthly maintenance of the filters. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

George will be coordinating work orders from inspections and working on a unit in the Elder's duplex.

CHAMBER NOMINATION

Congratulations to the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority Admin Tech, Mary Hawkins, for being nominated for the Customer Service Award at the Pawnee Community Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. You are representing us well and it is a honor to have you working for the Housing Authority.

WASHER TIPS FOR TENANTS

We have had quite a few calls for maintenance on washing machines. The Housing Authority provided washing machines and dryers to the units during COVID so that families did not have to use the city laundry mat. So, in the future, we may not be able to replace the machines in the units depending on available funds.

In the meantime, here are some helpful tips to keep your machines in good working condition.

Washing Machine Tips



DO

- ✓ WASH FULL LOADS
- ✓ USE QUALITY DETERGENT
- ✓ REMOVE WET CLOTHES ASAP
- ✓ CLEAN YOUR MACHINE

DON'T

- ✗ OVERLOAD
- ✗ USE FABRIC SOFTENER
- ✗ FORGET TO CHECK POCKETS
- ✗ USE TOO MUCH DETERGENT



PROGRAM UPDATES

During December, meaningful progress was made on the Rural Energy Pilot Program (REPP) project through continued collaboration, coordination, and strategic planning. Weekly Thursday REPP meetings were consistently held throughout the month, providing a structured forum for partners to share updates, review timelines, address challenges, and ensure alignment across all aspects of the project. These regular meetings supported clear communication and helped maintain momentum as the project advanced.

The project team worked closely with Stronghold to review the overall project scope, design requirements, and implementation timeline. Through this collaborative process, the design contract was successfully finalized and executed. This milestone represents a critical step forward, enabling the project to move from planning into the next phase of development. In parallel, meetings were held with USDA representatives to review project progress, confirm compliance with grant requirements, and support the REPP extension request. Necessary justification, timelines, and supporting materials were coordinated to ensure the project remains eligible and on track.

Additionally, the team participated in a meeting where the University of Oklahoma (OU) presented project-related data. The information shared during this presentation was carefully reviewed and discussed, with key findings incorpo-

rated into ongoing planning and decision-making efforts. We actively maintained and updated grant records and administrative documentation throughout the month to ensure transparency, accountability, and accurate reporting.

The project team worked closely with Stronghold to review the project scope, design requirements, and implementation schedule. As a key milestone, a highly productive meeting was held in which the pre-construction contract was signed, officially kicking off the next phase of the project and initiating preparations for the installation of solar panels.

Overall, December was a highly productive month that strengthened partnerships and positioned the REPP project for continued progress. We are excited to help the Nation get one step closer to clean, renewable energy.

REPP WORKSHOP

Thank you to all who participated in the sensor workshop in November. We had food, door prizes and a demonstration from Emporia. We look forward to the data presentation coming soon!



HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS

KIDS PLAYING UNSUPERVISED

We have had complaints about the smaller kids playing outside unattended by an adult and running in front of cars in the cul-de-sac in the Littlesun Addition (Eagle Chief). Please ask your kids to be careful when cars are coming and going.

Please be sure an adult or someone of age (suggested age is 13 years old and older) is physically outside watching the kids. This is for their protection. We thank you for your attention in this matter in keeping the children safe.

INSPECTIONS

We want to thank our tenants for their cooperation during the annual inspections. This is a requirement for annual inspection by our funding agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We had several work orders that are being coordinated and we will be making additional visits to those homes who need some attention. We will call or send a letter to those who have work orders to be completed.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Pawnee Nation Housing Authority will be updating applications to meet the requirements of updated HUD regulations. The assistance programs are set to open January 19th. We will be posting all applications for these programs on the website and have them printed at the housing office.

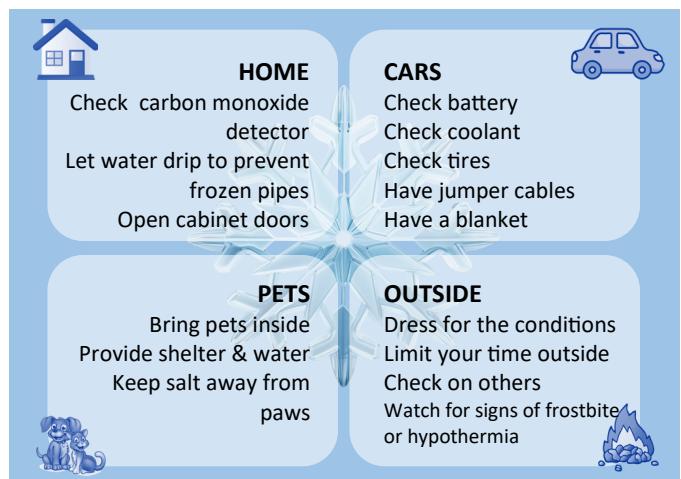
BUILDING RENTAL

Are you looking for a place to have a birthday party, family gathering, meeting or event? The PNHA has a building for rent for just the occasion. Our Community Center is on Main Street, downtown Pawnee. For information on availability please get with Ms. Mary Hawkins and you may also visit our website for cost and forms.



WINTER WEATHER TIPS

We are gearing up for the winter weather months. Here are some helpful tips to use when preparing for winter weather. We will be sharing more helpful tips to get our tenants prepared.



HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

PNHA loves to see all the decorating of the homes for the holiday. We only had two families participate. And the winners are...



1ST PLACE - THE MERRELL FAMILY



2ND PLACE - THE LEADING FOX FAMILY

Congratulations to the winners. We look forward to next year!

TOYS FOR TOTS

Thank you to the Pawnee Nation for once again including our Housing Authority children in the distribution of the toy donation from Toys for Tots this holiday season! What a blessing for our housing community.



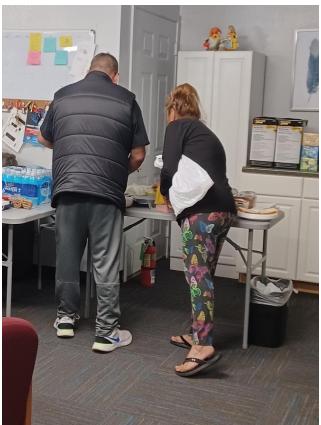
KIDS GINGER BREAD HOUSES

We had two (2) submissions for the kids ginger bread house contest. Thank you to the Merrell family for participating.



NATIONAL SANDWICH DAY

Thank you to all of our tenants who joined us for Nation Sandwich Day. We look forward to next months mini -holidays. Hope you join us for the fun and food!



PNHA COOKING CORNER

7 CAN SOUP

Ingredients:

1 (15-oz.) can no-beans chili
1 (15-oz.) can kidney beans
1 (15-oz.) can pinto beans
1 (15-oz.) can black beans
1 (15-oz.) can diced tomatoes
1 (15-oz.) can corn, such as the Fiesta variety
1 (10-oz.) can tomatoes and green chilies (such as Rotel)
Salt and pepper, to taste
8 oz. Velveeta, cubed



Instructions:

1. Without draining the cans, empty the chili, kidney beans, pinto beans, black beans, tomatoes, corn, and tomatoes and green chilies into a large pot over high heat. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes to bring all the flavors together. Add salt and pepper as needed.
2. Dice the cheese and stir it into the soup until melted. Serve immediately.

MILLION DOLLAR CHICKEN CASSAROLE

Ingredients:

4½ cups chopped cooked chicken
4- oz cream cheese, room temp
1 cup cottage cheese
½ cup sour cream
1 (10.5-oz) can Unsalted Cream of Chicken Soup
¼ tsp garlic powder
¼ tsp dried onion powder
1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed
5 Tbsp butter, melted



Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350. Lightly spray a 9x9 baking dish with cooking spray and set aside. Combine chicken, cream cheese, cottage cheese, sour cream, garlic powder, onion powder, and cream of chicken soup into prepared pan. Combine crushed crackers and butter, sprinkle over chicken mixture. Bake uncovered 30 to 40 minutes. Serve and enjoy.

NO BAKE COOKIES

Ingredients:

1/2 cup (115 grams) butter (sliced into pieces)
2 cups granulated sugar
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
3 cups quick-cooking oats



Instructions:

- Before getting started, make sure to gather all of your ingredients and measure everything out. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.
- Combine the butter, sugar, milk, and unsweetened cocoa powder in a large saucepan and heat over medium heat, making sure to stir often until the butter is melted and everything is well combined. Bring the mixture to a rolling boil and allow to boil for 60 seconds (make sure to set a timer!) stirring occasionally.
- Remove from the heat, and stir in the peanut butter and vanilla extract until fully combined. Stir in the oats and mix until all of the oats are coated with the mixture and everything is well combined.
- Drop spoonfuls of the mixture onto the prepared baking sheets (I like to use a 1.5 tablespoon cookie scoop). Allow to cool for 20 to 30 minutes, serve, and enjoy!

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 PNHA Closed 	2 PNHA Closed	3
4	5	6 9 a PBC Mtg	7 1130a Chamber Mtg 530 p City Council	8 10a REPP Mtg	9	10
11	12	13 7 a School Board 1130 a PNHA Mtg	14	15 10a REPP Mtg 1030a PCS Mtg 1130a Chamber Roundtable	16	17
18	19 PNHA Closed 	20 530 p PBC Mtg	21	22 10a REPP Mtg	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 10a REPP Mtg	30	31

NATIONAL PIE DAY

Who is ready for dessert?! Join us on January 23rd for National Pie Day. We will be celebrating with various pies for our tenants. Stop by the office from 2 pm to 4 pm and have a slice or two.



NATIONAL CORN CHIP DAY

We just love celebrating holidays and bringing our tenants together. We will serve Corn Chips with all different types of dips. Join us from 2 pm to 4 pm on January 29th. See you there!



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Sending Birthday wishes to
Phyllis Yellowman
on January 2nd
We love you lots!
From Cindy and Aiden



Happy Birthday
Jamie Nelson
on January 8th

We love you and wish you joy & blessings on another year. You are a good mom and daughter.
We love you!

Mom and Paisley

Happy Birthday to
my wife and BFF,
Phyllis Yellowman
on January 2nd.



Love you,
Your husband



Paul Hand
on February 6th

Love Your Favorite
Sister



Happy Birthday to
my little man,
Aiden Cozad
On February 9th!
I love you lots!!
Mom



February Birthday
Shoutout to our baby

**Camilla
Grier**



Love Mom and Dad

NOV/DEC BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS!

Ashlyn Ree, January

Dawna Hare, January

Krystal Branch, February

Do you have a birthday shoutout? Send us a pic for Jan/
Feb b-days and we will put it in the next newsletter.



Happy Birthday
to our Maintenance
Coordinator

George Pratt

PNHA Staff

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3 9 a PBC Mtg	4 1130a Chamber Mtg 530 p City Council	5 10a REPP Mtg	6	7 9 am PBC Quarterly Meeting
8	9	10 7 a School Board	11	12 10a REPP Mtg	13	14 
15	16 PNHA Closed Chief's Day Presidents Day 5 pm State of the City Event	17 530 p PBC Mtg	18	19 10a REPP Mtg 1030a PCS Mtg	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 10a REPP Mtg	27	28

NATIONAL HOMEMADE SOUP DAY

Come in from the cold and have some homemade soup with us. We will serve soups on February 4th from 11 am to 1 pm here at the housing office for our tenants. Join us for lunch and some nice warm soup. Hope to see you there!



NATIONAL MUFFIN DAY

February 20th is National Muffin Day and we will celebrate here at the Housing Office with muffins and coffee for breakfast, starting at 8:30 to 10 am for our tenants. Take a break and join us.



NEWS AROUND PAWNEE

CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES

We loved seeing all our tenants who attended the Community Christmas Party hosted by the Pawnee Business Council and the Pawnee City Council. Here are some of the Santa and Mrs. Clause pictures from the event.



Below are more pictures from the event. Thank you to the Councils for hosting such a great event for our Pawnee Community.



PAWNEE CHAMBER BANQUET

Our Housing Staff and Commissioners attend the Annual Pawnee Community Chamber Banquet in December. It was a great turn out from our Pawnee Community with delicious food catered by Mugsy's Grubhouse, awards for Pawnee Businesses and community members, and networking. Here are some pictures from the event which include our staff and some of our tenants who attended.



PAWNEE NATION PRINCESS

Pawnee Nation Princess, Cora Pratt has been busy the past few months. We took the following information from the Pawnee Nation Princess Facebook page. Please go like and follow her page @PawneeNationPrincess.



PERFORMING FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE NIGHT AT THE TULSA OILERS HOCKEY GAME



Princess Cora performed in The Nutcracker on December 21st with Studio K Performing Arts Center.



SIGNING THE LORD'S PRAYER WITH HER DAD SINGING AT THE ICW RESOURCE & FAMILY SAFETY FAIR

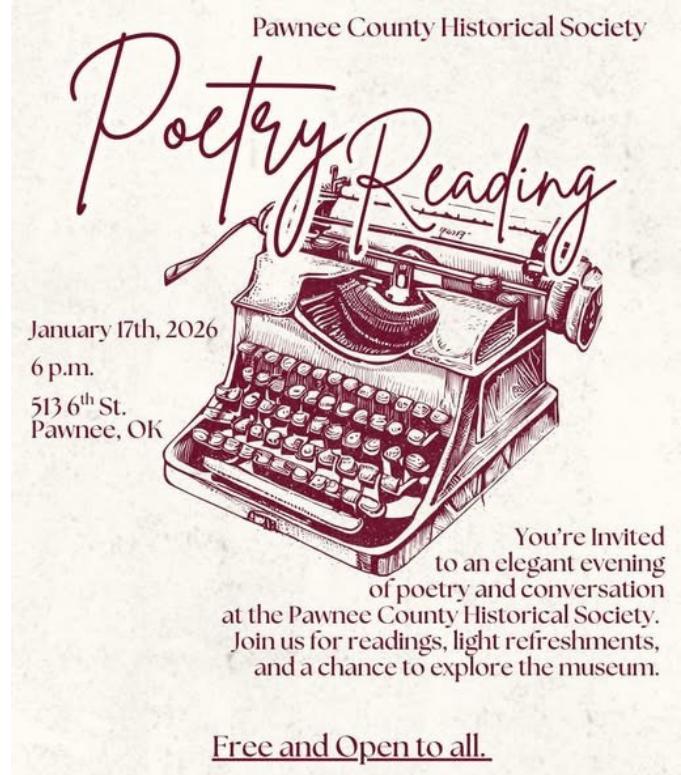


READING TO THE KIDS PN LEARNING CENTER KIDS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Scan the QR Code to visit the Pawnee Nation Princess Facebook Page

POETRY READING





Cordially invites the community to the

Pawnee Nation Princess Dance

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
Pawnee Nation Ceremonial Roundhouse
900 Agency Rd., Pawnee, OK 74058**

Noon meal, followed by dance and the coronation of the

*2026-2027 Pawnee Nation Princess
Isabelle Bayhylle Leading Fox*

HEAD STAFF

- **Head Woman Dancer**
2024-2026 PN Princess
Cora Marie Pratt
- **Head Man Dancer**
Leland Rice
- **Master of Ceremonies**
Adrian SpottedHorsechief
- **Head Singer**
Gilbert Beard
- **Arena Director**
Arthur "Sonny Boy" Fields IV
- **Water Boys**
Blake & Randall Knife Chief
- **Head Cooks**
Michelle & Pratt Leading Fox



Come out and join us in celebrating our outgoing and incoming Princesses

All other organizations & Princesses WELCOME!!



Bring your own dishes and chairs

For more information contact
Tiffany Frietze-Nichols,
Committee Chair
@ (918) 327-1195

PN SECRETARIAL ELECTION

The Pawnee Nation Election Commission posted the Notice for the Secretarial Election to be held on March 7th by absentee ballot. The Pawnee Nation citizens are voting on proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Pawnee Nation.



Pawnee Nation Election Commission
PO Box 600
Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

2026 Secretarial Election Schedule of Events Constitution Amendments

December 15, 2025	PUBLICATION: DATE OF ELECTION BALLOTS BEING COUNTED: MARCH 7, 2026 TIME: 10:00 A.M. ELECTION COMMISSION PREPARE - 2:00 P.M. BEGIN COUNT WHERE: PAWNEE NATION LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
January 17, 2026	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE WILL BE HOSTING VARIOUS FORUMS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND REVIEW THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WITH CITIZENS.
February 14, 2026	FLYERS OF THE FORUM DATES WILL BE POSTED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA AND PN WEBSITE
February 21, 2026	BALLOTS WILL NOT BE MAILED OUT AFTER THIS DATE
February 16, 2026	
March 7, 2026	ELECTION DAY: 10:00 am Election Commission meet prepare ballots for count 12:00-Election Commission Clerk escorted by Law Enforcement to Post Office to pick up final ballots to begin count. Upon return Election Commission will prepare ballots received for count 2:00 -Open doors for Pole watchers (10 Maximum) and begin count
March 8, 2026	POST ELECTION RESULTS: 10:00 A.M. TRIBAL RESERVE
March 9-11 2026	PROTEST PERIOD: ANY VOTER MAY PROTEST IN WRITING (A REQUEST FOR RECOUNT MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED WITH \$500.00 RECOUNT FEE)
March 11, 2026	PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M.
March 18, 2026	ELECTION COMMISSION WILL RESPOND TO PROTESTS NO LATER THAN MARCH 17, 2026
March 19, 2026	ISSUE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

Pawnee Nation Election Commission		
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Clerk	Tammy Tubbs	Email: electioncomm@pawneenation.org
Secretary	Vacant	
Sargent-at-Arms	Catherine Moore	
Alternate	Brenda Rowe	

The Pawnee Nation Governing Documents Committee and Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Delegates are holding three (3) community forums to review the proposed document.



**YOUR VOICE.
YOUR CONSTITUTION.
YOUR FUTURE.**

This election is conducted as a federally required "Secretarial Election" under 25 CFR Part 81



Pawnee Nation Constitution Amendment Public Forum

The Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Committee invites all Pawnee Nation Citizens to attend a public forum to learn about and discuss proposed Constitution Amendments.

This forum provides an opportunity to:

- Learn about proposed Amendments
- Ask questions and share perspectives
- Participate in shaping the future of the Pawnee Nation.

To view the proposed Amendments, please visit: pawneenation.org/government/constitution-convention/

Saturday, January 17, 2026

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building
808 Morris Rd., Pawnee, OK

Open to All Pawnee Nation Citizens
Participants may attend via Facebook



**BE INFORMED. BE INVOLVED. BE HEARD.
YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS.**

Hosted by Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Committee

The two (2) dates selected to be held in February are for the Tulsa and Oklahoma City area Pawnee Nation citizens to attend. The January forum will be streamed live for citizens who wish to participate virtually.

We will keep our tenants updated as we get information on the upcoming PN Secretarial Election for proposed Constitutional Amendments. Please stay updated on social media sites by the Pawnee Nation and the Pawnee Nation Election Commission.

HD 35 CANDIDATE FORUM

The Pawnee Nation's Pawnee Business Council and United Indian Nations of Oklahoma (UINO) hosted a candidate forum for House District 35 candidates. Three (3) of the five (5) candidates were present to answer questions in the public forum. Elections for this position is scheduled to be voted on February 10th.

