Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
October 30, 2025	Action Item 1

Title

SY2025-26 Tribunal Hearing Panel Appointments

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of SY2025-26 Tribunal Hearing Panel Appointments for Certified Personnel Recommended for Employment Contract, Termination of Suspension and Student Disciplinary Hearings.

Summary Explanation and Background

In accordance with Georgia Code § 20-2-940 and § 20-2-942, the School Board is authorized to establish a tribunal to serve as a hearing panel for certificated personnel who are recommended for employment contract termination or suspension. This panel, which must consist of not less than three and no more than five impartial persons possessing academic expertise to conduct hearings, submits their findings to the School Board for its final decision thereon.

Additionally, in accordance with Georgia Code § 20-2-754, the School Board is authorized to establish a tribunal to serve as a hearing panel for students who are recommended for long term suspension or expulsion. This panel must consist of no less than three and no more than five impartial persons possessing academic expertise to conduct hearings. One member of the panel may serve as the hearing officer for each tribunal.

In this regard, the attached list serves as the Superintendent's recommendation of former educators trained in disciplinary due process procedures to serve as potential members of the SY2025-26 Tribunal Hearing Panel effective through July 31, 2026.

Financial Impact

Funds for this panel are included in the FY2025-26 Budget

Exhibits: (List) — Enter URL below

Proposed List of Tribunal Panel Members

Source of Additional Information — Open URL

Mary Elizabeth Davis, PhD	770.479.1871
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Dr. Debra Murdock	770.479.1871

PROPOSED MEMBERS OF SY2025-26 TRIBUNAL PANEL

Jan Adamson

Jim Brookshire

Cindy Cooper

Alan Diaz

Jeff Garrett

Ann Gazell

Lory Hill

Neil Howell

Doug Knott

Jennifer Johnson

Pete Rohan

Kelly Strickland

Scott Townsend