

IN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPREME COURT

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CITIZENSHIP BOARD OF THE)
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION,)

Appellant,)

v.)

RHONDA K. GRAYSON and)
JEFFREY D. KENNEDY,)

Respondents.)

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Case No.: SC-2023-10

(District Court Case No.: CV-2020-34)

**ORDER DENYING RESPONDENTS' MOTION FOR CONTEMPT
AND FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

Before: ADAMS, C.J.; LERBLANCE, V.C.J.; DEER, SUPERNAW, THOMPSON, JJ.

HARJO-WARE and MCNAC, JJ, recused and not participating in the decision.

On July 23, 2025, this Court issued its *Order and Opinion* finding in part that “the Appellant acted “contrary to law” when it failed to apply Article II of the Treaty of 1866, and denied the Respondents’ application for citizenship solely for failure to trace a lineal descendant on the Creek By-Blood Dawes Roll.”¹ Subsequently, on August 4, 2025, the Appellant filed its *Petition for Rehearing*, the last remedy available to a party in an appellate action pursuant to the Court’s rules of appellate procedure, effectively staying enforcement of the Court’s *Order and Opinion* until a decision on the *Petition* was rendered. On August 20, 2025, this Court issued its *Order Denying Appellant’s Petition for Rehearing*, finalizing the above-styled appellate action.

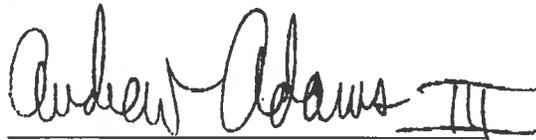
Neither this Court’s *Order and Opinion*, nor its subsequent *Order Denying Petition for Rehearing* directed the Appellant to process the Respondents’ citizenship applications by a date-

¹ SC-2023-10, Citizenship Board of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Rhonda K. Grayson and Jeffrey D. Kennedy, *Order and Opinion*, at 23. (July 23, 2025)

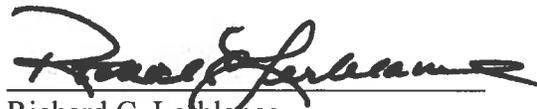
certain, nor did it guarantee this task would be completed in time for Respondents (or other similarly situated applicants) to participate in the 2025 Muscogee (Creek) Nation election cycle. This Court understands the Respondents' excitement to participate in official Mvskoke exercises of citizenship, but it also understands that its decision represents a significant change in the Appellant's policies and procedures, and that it may take a *reasonable* amount of time to establish appropriate changes to the Appellant's internal policies in order to fairly and lawfully process Respondents' (and other similarly situated applicant's) citizenship applications. Only one (1) week has passed since this Court issued its *Order Denying Appellant's Petition for Rehearing*. This Court is not inclined to consider contempt, or other Rule 20 penalties at this time.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondents' August 27, 2025, *Motion for Contempt and for Court Enforcement of Order and Judgment* is **DENIED** for the reasons explained above.

FILED AND ENTERED: August 28, 2025



Andrew Adams III
Chief Justice



Richard C. LeBlance
Vice-Chief Justice



Montie R. Deer
Associate Justice



Kathleen Supernaw
Associate Justice



George Thompson, Jr.
Associate Justice

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on August 28, 2025, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Order Denying Respondents' Motion for Contempt and for Enforcement of Order and Judgment* with proper postage prepaid to each of the following: Graydon D. Luthey, Jr., R. Trent Shores, and Barrett L. Powers, GableGotwals, 110 N. Elgin Ave., Suite 200, Tulsa, OK 74120; Geri Wisner, Jeremy Pittman, and Clinton Wilson, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447; Jana L. Knott, Bass Law, 252 NW 70th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73116; Damario Solomon-Simmons, Solomon Simmons Law, 601 S. Boulder Ave., Suite 602, Tulsa, OK 74119; M. David Riggs, Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis, 502 W. 6th St., Tulsa, OK 74119. A true and correct copy was also hand-delivered to the Clerk of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.



Connie Dearman, Court Clerk