



the Catawba Nation

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### Announcement of Catawba Nation Preliminary Election Results

**ROCK HILL, SC-** The Catawba Nation held elections for 5 Executive Committee seats on Saturday July 29, 2023. The election was held in accordance with the tribe's Election Ordinance. Voting took place at the tribe's Longhouse located on their tribal lands in York County, SC between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm or by absentee ballot. Vote counting happened immediately following the closing of the polls.

The following results are preliminary based on the initial counting. There is a short window of time for challenges to the results and after that time is completed, the new officers will be officially sworn into office.

Chief- Winner: Brian Harris

Brian Harris Total Votes: 457  
Jason Harris Total Votes: 365

Assistant Chief- Winner: Patricia Leach

Gerald Beck Jr. Total Votes: 309  
Monty Branham Total Votes: 177  
Patricia Leach Total Votes: 333

Secretary/Treasurer- Winner: Roderick Beck

Johnnie Ayers Total Votes: 143  
Roderick Beck Total Votes: 231  
Thomas Cabaniss Total Votes: 224  
Vivian Garland Total Votes: 133  
Aaron Wurdemann Total Votes: 82

Committee Member At-Large Winners: Connie Wade and Roo George-Warren

Dewey Adams Total Votes: 88  
Dennis Ayers Total Votes: 76  
Jonathan Brown Total Votes: 142  
Donna Brown Bruce Total Votes: 123  
Quinlan Canty Total Votes: 212  
Timothy Dean Canty Total Votes: 113  
Roo George-Warren Total Votes: 303



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Jason Rogers

Total Votes: 66

Connie Wade

Total Votes: 322

John Williford

Total Votes: 154

The **Catawba Nation** is the only federally recognized native Nation in South Carolina with trust lands in North and South Carolina. The Nation's government headquarters is located in Rock Hill, SC. The Nation has existed on its Aboriginal lands in the Piedmont area of NC, SC, and Virginia along the banks of the Catawba river since time immemorial with artifacts dating back at least 6,000 years. To learn more about the history, culture, and current government services of the Catawba Nation, please visit [catawba.com](http://catawba.com).