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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today that he has called a special meeting of the Cherokee Delaware Tribe's general council to convene at 10:00 a.m., September 11, in the old high school gymnasium in Dewey, Oklahoma to consider removal of certain of its officers.

The general council will consider charges presented by the grievance committee against the chairman of the business committee, the vice-chairman and the secretary. After hearing a response to the charges, the general council will vote either to clear the individuals of the charges or to remove them from office.

The Commissioner emphasized that his action in no way should be construed as modifying his policy of refraining from becoming involved in internal tribal matters, and he added that his role in this case was mandated because of the specific language in the tribal by-laws.

The tribe has approximately 8,000 adult members.