



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Mike Shambaugh, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Monday, November 6, 2023

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Mike Roach offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Poindexter inquired about wellness checks. Councilor Legg requested clarification on the report as to the number of probation officers and where they are located.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

*Mr. Harsha provided an update on current litigation, our compacts and the code updates on the agenda for consideration. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Coates inquired about the Snider Act of 2023.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin gave an update on the FOIA and GRA requests. She offered to answer*

*questions from the report.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepton

*Ms. Taralee Montgomery offered to take questions back to the Tax Commission.*

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

*Ms. Purcell offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

*Ms. Hendricks reported there is a 9% increase in employees from this time last year. She gave an update on the open interviews and applications from the program participants. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. [23-065](#) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE COURT ON THE JUDICIARY AS MANDATED UNDER ARTICLE 8 SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION.  
**Councilor Kidwell provided an update on the progress since last month. Some discussion was held.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-067](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
2. [23-068](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 67 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED  
**Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:27 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Mike Roach</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Janice Purcell</i>	<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>
<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Shella Bowlin</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Todd Hembree*

*Teddy Snell*

*John Young*