



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

*Victoria Vazquez, Chair*

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Monday, July 15, 2024

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Chair Vazquez gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Victoria Vazquez; Danny Callison; Mike Dobbins; Johnny Kidwell ;  
Joshua Sam; E. O. "JR." Smith; Melvina Shotpouch; Candessa Tehee;  
Codey Poindexter; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Dora  
Patzkowski and Joe Deere

**Late Arrival** 3 - Mike Shambaugh; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report and offered to answer any questions.*

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

*Mr. Paden announced they took a group of Cherokee speakers to Cherokee, North Carolina. He gave highlights from the report. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Poindexter commented on a recent event held at the new Marble City Community Building. Councilor Kidwell requested clarification from the report. He inquired if the Housing Authority plays any type of role with the Speaker Services Program. Councilor Shotpouch commented on the Speakers Bureau meeting. Councilor Sam inquired if a hot line number could be given to the elders so they can*

*call and check on the status of their requests. Councilor Tehee commented on the two speakers graduating at an accelerated level. She inquired at what time are the second language speakers included in the Speakers Roll Book. Councilor Callison inquired as to the number of advanced speakers.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

*Ms. Smith offered to answer questions from the report provided. Council Deere commented on the recent fishing event.*

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Jane Osti / Donetta Johnson

*Ms. Molly Jarvis gave a report update. She offered to answer any questions. Councilor Kidwell requested a list of National Treasures by district. Councilor Tehee inquired if the list of National Treasures could be published on [cherokee.org](http://cherokee.org). Councilor Smith inquired if the Crosslin Smith exhibit could move to Marble City once the time is completed in its current location.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Poindexter invited everyone to the Bell Powwow the second weekend in August.*

*Councilor Shotpouch invited everyone to the 71st Annual Shotpouch Hog Fry on August 25th.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:49 a.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

*Corey Bunch  
Shella Bowlin  
Chad Harsha  
Shannon Buhl*

*Howard Paden  
Brooke Neff  
Samantha Hendricks*

*Savannah Smith  
Canaan Duncan  
Taralee Montgomery*

## VISITORS PRESENT:

*Molly Jarvis*

*Teddy Snell*

*John Young*