



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Monday, June 10, 2013

12:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Fullbright gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Absent 2 - David Thornton, Sr. and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 4 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Meredith Frailey; Jodie Fishinghawk and Tina Glory Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the May 13, 2013 regular session minutes.
Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services/Voc. Ed - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the Job Corp freeze, performance ratings, their contract, staffing and their graduation. She reported the business, clerical and child care programs are starting their review this week. The Day Training Program started again last week and the Summer Youth Program stated today. She gave appreciation for the Council attending the GED graduation and the information provided on the backpack program. She provided an update on the GED testing lab locations. The Work Keys Testing program is ranked third behind Tulsa and Oklahoma City within the State of Oklahoma. A meeting will be held this evening in regard to the Re-entry Program.

2. Executive Director's Report - Bill Andoe / Dr. Gloria Sly

Dr. Sly offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Chair Byrd inquired about the new hire for girls' basketball at Sequoyah. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about AISES funding for next year, the Cherokee Promise program, and the online scholarship application process. Dr. Sly announced the deadline for the higher education scholarships is the 14th of June. She also provided an update to Councilor Lay's question pertaining to directed studies payments.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

Dr. Sly announced Ms. Thompson is on travel at the National Head Start Conference. She offered to answer questions or take them back to Ms. Thompson.

4. Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis reported they are beginning the peak of the tour season for the summer. She announced they would be meeting with a group during the Inter-Tribal meetings to develop a campaign featuring our State our way. They will also host AIANTA at the Hard Rock in September. Chair Byrd provided an update on the request for the Cherokees to tell our story.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-260](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE DIRECTED STUDIES PROGRAM

Councilor Lay moved to withdraw as he has received the information requested.

2. [13-072](#) AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CHEROKEE NATION HEAD START PROGRAM

Councilor Glory-Jordan gave an overview of the intent and moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Fishinghawk offered a friendly amendment to change the percentage from 10% to 12.5%. The friendly was accepted. After discussion was held Councilor Cowan Watts requested an impact sheet and to determine if there will be a change with the federal requirements. The motion to approve carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Byrd requested a few moments to allow Ms. Jackie White the director of JOM at Union Public Schools address the committee. Ms. White announced she represents twenty-one states as a member of the National Johnson O'Malley board. She is requesting each tribe join and lobby in Washington for the Native American Youth. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if a resolution of support would be needed. Chair Byrd requested any information be provided and we would work with the

Education Group to prepare a resolution if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:04 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Lisa Long*

*Dr. Gloria Sly
Jody Reece*

Elizabeth Odell

VISITORS PRESENT:

Molly Jarvis

Jackie White

Dianne Barker Harrold