



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Codey Poindexter, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, March 27, 2025

11:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Poindexter called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Tehee gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 15 - Danny Callison; Mike Dobbins; Johnny Kidwell ; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Candessa Tehee; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates; Kendra McGeady and Codey Poindexter

**Absent** 1 - Joe Deere

**Late Arrival** 1 - Melvina Shotpouch

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Legg moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Trail of Tears Art Show Reception on April 14th and the Watercress Festival on April 26th. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

*Mr. Paden gave highlights from the report. He gave an overview of the new Teacher Bridge Program. He provided an update on the online dictionary and the Saving Voices*

*Program. He offered to answer any questions. Chair Poindexter inquired if the Speakers lunch is always in Tahlequah. Councilor Legg commented on the great event recently held for fluent speakers. He inquired about transportation for these types of events.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

*Deputy Secretary of State Duncan offered to take questions on behalf of Ms. Smith. Chair Poindexter requested clarification on the meat distribution program in areas where there isn't a CCO program. Other Councilors commented on the meat distribution program. Councilor Shambaugh inquired where the 1839 Meat Company gets their meat.*

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Jane Osti / Donetta Johnson

*Ms. Cottrell read the report into the record. She announced the National Treasure nomination application will be available on April 1st with an submission deadline of June 15th. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Tehee inquired if there is a website that lists all of the National Treasures. Ms. Cottrell commented the Trail of Tears Association honors those passed with a medallion, it would be nice for the same to be done for the National Treasures.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Tehee announced Sequoyah High School's Social Stomp Dance is this Friday in the old gym.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Sam moved to adjourn. Councilor Callison seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 11:47 a.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Howard Paden  
Brooke Neff*

*Corey Bunch  
Vivian Cottrell*

*Canaan Duncan*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Molly Jarvis*

*Teddye Snell*

*John Young*