



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

*David Walkingstick, Chair*

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Thursday, November 13, 2014

3:30 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

**Late Arrival** 1 - Harley Buzzard

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the October 13th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

*Council Attorney Dianne Barker Harrold handed out a packet of information from Janice Randall and the Cherokee Nation Foundation. She commented a portion of the packet is marked confidential and is not to be shared publically.*

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

*Mr. Daryl Legg and Ms. Stephanie Isaacs reported in the absence of Ms. Kelley. They provided highlights of the report provided. Ms. Isaacs reported the Talking Leaves Job Corp is at full capacity and they are close to being fully staffed. They have almost completed the gym renovation. She announced they have a new Academic Coordinator, Jackie Jenkins. The culinary training in Sallisaw will hopefully start in December. The truck driver training has begun in Sallisaw. A ribbon cutting*

*ceremony will be held on Friday, November the 21st at Indian Capitol. They are considering Pryor and Tahlequah and an additional third location for the Union Welder Certified training. The JDNEG Grant is allowing them to add twenty additional slots each to the Child Care Program, Business Tech, and Building Trades Program. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Executive Director's Report - Dr. Gloria Sly / Bruce Davis

*Dr. Sly announced Mr. Andoe has resigned. She announced the Cherokee National Treasurers luncheon is December 8th at 11:30 in the Ball Room. The Robotics Competition will be held at the NSU Event Center with ninety teams registered to date. She offered to answer questions from the reports. Councilor Baker commented he had recently received some 1930 county maps showing the different school districts and inquired if she would like a set. He commented if any Councilors would like a copy of their county Mr. David Justice has the files. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired who would be assuming Mr. Andoe's responsibilities. She also inquired about the status of the UKB pell eligible students. She further inquired about the Valedictorian and Salutatorian list being provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the status of the three-year old Head Start program in Jay next year. Councilor Keener inquired if there is a MOA/MOU with NSU for the Cherokee Teachers Program.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*No questions were asked.*

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Qualls gave an overview of his report. He gave appreciation and thanked Mr. Shawn Slaton for the donation of some washers and dryers for the dorms at Sequoyah. He announced the Thanksgiving meal is Friday, November 21st.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### 14-111

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FEDERAL AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS ACT OF 2014

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. After questions were asked the motion to approve and forward to full Council this evening carried with no opposition.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Walkingstick announced the next meeting would be held on Monday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m.*

*Councilor Vazquez announced a flyer has been placed on our bulletin board regarding the Vinita Indian Territory Coalition and her sponsoring a Cherokee Cultural Day in Vinita at the Health Center on the 22nd of November. She extended an invitation to everyone.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 4:00 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Stephanie Isaacs  
Leroy Qualls  
Bruce Davis*

*Daryl Legg  
Dr. Gloria Sly  
Janelle Perry*

*Canaan Duncan  
Brandon Caruso*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Dianne Barker Harrold*

*Teddye Snell*