



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

*Victoria Vazquez, Chair*

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Thursday, March 28, 2024

11:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Co-Chair Poindexter gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

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

**Absent** 1 - Mike Shambaugh

**Late Arrival** 2 - Candessa Tehee and Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve as submitted. Councilor  
Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Mr. Travis Owens reported in the absence of Molly Jarvis. He gave highlights from the new report format including upcoming events and history courses. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Deere commented on Molly Jarvis being receiving the Pinnacle Award. Councilor Sam inquired about the master plan for the Stilwell facility. Councilor Smith stated he has received good feed back from the history class in his area. Chair Vazquez inquired why Cherokee Days at the Smithsonian isn't happening in April. She also requested clarification on the Watercress Festival.*

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

*Mr. Paden gave highlights from the report provided. Councilor Poindexter requested the Speaker's book be present at community meetings. Councilor Sam inquired if there is a hot line number for Speaker Services. Councilor Shotpouch commented the Speaker Services program is a much needed program but needs to be quicker with the turn around. Councilor Tehee inquired if the Speakers health assessments are in partnership with Public Health. Councilor Hall gave appreciation for the assistance given to a first language speaker in her area. Councilor Poindexter commented the replacement trailer homes are super nice. He inquired about a solution for a family needing assistance but don't have paperwork on their land.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

*Ms. Smith offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Kidwell commented on the great job at the recent At Large meetings. Councilor Smith gave appreciation for the help at the new building.*

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Betty Frogg / Donetta Johnson

*Ms. Jane Osti offered to answer questions in the absence of Ms. Frogg. Councilor Tehee requested clarification on the nominations for the National Treasures. Ms. Osti announced the current National Treasures exhibits. She commented the mentoring program is going well. Chair Vazquez commented Ms. Osti is one of seven women being honored in Oklahoma City.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:43 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jane Osti</i>	<i>Savannah Smith</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>
<i>Corey Bunch</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Travis Owens</i>
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