



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, September 26, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Patzkowski gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

**Late Arrival** 1 - Mike Shambaugh

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the August regular session minutes.**  
**Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Captain Scot Craig offered to answer questions from the report provided during the absence of Marshal Buhl. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the actual number of marshals who patrol. Chair Byrd requested a visible presence could be made in the Oaks area.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

*Ms. Nimmo provided an update on the ICWA case in the 5th Circuit. She provided an update on the UKB land into trust decision, she referenced a memo given to the Council. The position of the tribe hasn't changed in regard to the gaming compact and the Governor. She stated she did receive a letter from Council Attorney Brown regarding draft election law revisions, she commented they do not have a draft at this*

*time but are working on proposed amendments at this time. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Crittenden inquired what the next step is with the UKB case. Chair Byrd inquired about the Murphy case.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin reported there are thirty-five total requests with sixteen FOIA and nineteen GRA. One of the FOIA requests is outstanding at this time. The website has been updated.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swebston

*Ms. Swebston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden inquired if she is still calculating numbers for a Stilwell location.*

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

*Mr. Hummingbird was not present to report.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton reported they are busy finishing year-end paperwork. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw inquired if there is issue for an employee giving out her personal cell phone number.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-066](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARRIE PHILPOTT AS A MEMBER OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE  
**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilors Deere, Crittenden and Shaw requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
2. [19-067](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF FARRELL PRATER AS A MEMBER OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE  
**Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Byrd requesting to be added as a sponsor.**
3. [19-068](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF VALERIE ROGERS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)  
**Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

4.     [19-069](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANDI PAYTON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)

**Councilor Shaw moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
5.     [19-070](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE COLDWELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS

**Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
6.     [19-071](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BRIAN HAIL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.**
7.     [19-072](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RICKY KELLY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS

**Councilor Nofire moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
8.     [19-073](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. ROGER MONTGOMERY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilors Deere, Nofire, Shaw, Coates, and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
9.     [19-074](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF AMI SAMS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. Councilor Coates requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
10.    [19-075](#)           A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. STEPHEN JONES AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE HEALTH PARTNERS

**Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. Councilors Shaw, Nofire, Coates and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
11.    [19-076](#)           THE CAREER READINESS ACT

**Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Chief Hoskin and Ms. Diane Kelley gave an overview of the Career Readiness Program. Several questions of clarification were asked by Councilors. Councilors Buzzard, Nofire and Shaw requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

- 12.     [19-077](#)             THE DURBIN FEELING LANGUAGE PRESERVATION ACT

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Chief Hoskin gave an overview of the legislation proposed. Councilors Buzzard, Nofire, Coates and Shaw requested to be added as sponsors.**
- 13.     [19-079](#)             AN ACT AMENDING LA-12-19; THE HOUSING, JOBS, AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2019

**Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
- 14.     [TMP-382](#)            DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Reece background for the proposed change to the policy. The motion carried.**

AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution amending the NCAI membership resolution. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

- 15.     [TMP-383](#)            DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: FORMATION OF ELECTION REFORM WORK GROUP

**Discussion was held in regard to creating a work group versus a subcommittee. Following discussion a work group was created with Councilors Crittenden, Austin, Dobbins, Smith, Coates, Deere, Buzzard and Duncan as members.**
- 16.     [19-081](#)             AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Duncan recognized Durbin Feeling’s family in the audience and requested they have the opportunity to speak.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Shambaugh moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:01 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Scot Craig*
*Chrissi Nimmo*
*Roy Boney*

<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Kathy Sierra</i>
<i>Dennis Sixkiller</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>
<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>Ryan Mackey</i>	<i>Tralynna Scott</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Wayne Coldwell</i>
<i>Brandi Payton</i>	<i>Rick Kelly</i>	<i>Carrie Philpott</i>
<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	