



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Victoria Vazquez, Chair*

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Tuesday, July 16, 2019

9:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 12 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith and Canaan Duncan

**Absent** 1 - Mike Dobbins

**Late Arrival** 3 - Shawn Crittenden; Dick Lay and Mary Baker Shaw

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Warner moved to approve the May 30th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis gave an overview and update of the report provided. Councilor Shaw asked if the National Treasures for the year have been chosen and if so how many, their fields and the number nominated. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the bus tour to North Carolina. Councilor Byrd invited Ms. Jarvis and her staff to attend the Marshal Museum meeting in Ft. Smith.*

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

*Mr. Boney gave an update from the report provided. A Resolution Calling for a State of Emergency for the Language was passed and signed at Tri-Council. A request has been made to form a committee representing each of the three tribes for the Language*

*State of Emergency. He reported on the Consortium meeting, the Ignite Conference and the Presentations at the CCO Conference. Starting tomorrow the Inter-Tribal Language Work Group will host a workshop in Ada for the tribal language programs. Councilor Shaw inquired if the language speakers are paid for their gas and other expenses for teaching classes. Councilor Byrd requested information on increasing the stipend for the language program. Councilor Crittenden suggested providing an incentive for the younger generation to learn the language. Councilor Hatfield gave appreciation for the language books.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

*Mr. Stretch reported on the language program participants, the number enrolled, the issues and difficulties. They currently have three teachers. Councilors inquired about the number of applications for the program per year, the capacity, the teacher to student ratio, and the teacher qualifications. Councilor Warner suggested everyone go over and spend time with the language program. Councilor Byrd suggested trying to recruit speakers in the communities to come and teach once or twice a week.*

Historical Society - Charles Gourd

*Dr. Gourd reported they are gearing up for the holiday activities. The deadline for the art show is this Friday. He spoke about the upcoming fall exhibit about Cherokee's in baseball. We will host the Five Tribes Genealogy Conference this year. He reported on the outreach program and the upcoming fundraising gala. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw requested an update on the archives facility. She inquired about the proposed location of the archive facility, the Heritage Center property ownership, placement in trust process, the operating budget, and what it would take to bring back under the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Byrd inquired what resources are needed from the Cherokee Nation. He requested a show of committee members hands as to who would be in agreement to move forward with the process.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 10:03 a.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

*Roy Boney  
Todd Hembree*

*Kevin Stretch  
Bill John Baker*

*Todd Enlow  
Brenda Fitzgerald*

*Debra Lack*

*Diane Kelley*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Molly Jarvis*  
*Charles Gourd*

*Travis Owens*  
*Cheryl Parrish*

*Cheryl Trask*