



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Monday, July 12, 2010

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Coates called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Chris Soap; Curtis Snell;  
Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie  
Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey and Tina Glory Jordan

**Absent** 2 - Chuck Hoskin and David Thornton Sr.

**Late Arrival** 2 - Cara Cowan Watts and S. Joe Crittenden

Councilor Buzzard moved to amend the agenda to include a Resolution for the submission of a grant for a Tribal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant Program as New Business #3. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the June 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kelley offered to answer questions from her written report. She reminded everyone of the Job Corp graduation on August 6th at 10:00 a.m. An open house for the Learning Center will be scheduled sometime in the near future. The Jay office*

*expansion and Tag Office open house is scheduled for next Wednesday the 21st at 10:00 a.m.*

2. Executive Director's Report - Melanie Knight

*Ms. Knight provided a handout of funded applications for Higher Education for this fall broken down by District. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if all applications that met the deadline and were complete would be funded. Ms. Knight stated that was correct. They are funding part time students at a lesser amount. She is in the process of reviewing some hardship cases and some special consideration applications. She reported if a student is funded at the full time rate for the fall and drops to part time they will not receive the full funding for the spring. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if a letter was being sent out with this explanation. Ms. Knight stated the guidelines are sent with the award letter. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a separate letter be sent out specifically stating the reason for the reduced amount. Ms. Knight stated they could send out a separate letter. Councilor Cowan Watts voiced concern for the new Sequoyah High School building originally for math and science now seems to be moving toward math, arts and sports. Ms. Knight stated this is in the very preliminary stages of planning and will take the concerns back to the committee.*

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

*No one present to report.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAREER SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM  
**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve and forward to Council tonight. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
2. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INTER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA AND THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO ARIZONA SB 1070  
**Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE, CHILD CARE BUREAU FOR TRIBAL MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING GRANT PROGRAM  
**Councilor Buzzard moved to approve and forward to Council tonight. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried at 3:30 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Melanie Knight*  
*Paula Ragsdale*

*Jennifer Pigeon*  
*Mike Miller*

*Diane Kelley*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Ollie Starr*

*Ruth Ann Weaver*

*Mary Thompson*