



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, July 14, 2025

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Callison called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Johnny Kidwell ; Danny Callison; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Absent 1 - Mike Dobbins

Late Arrival 1 - Candessa Tehee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Vocational Programs/Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave highlights from the report then followed up with an update from the Job Corp Center. She announced Mr. George Roach is in Cherokee, NC with the Leadership Team. The Summer Programs are winding down. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shambaugh commented on the Job Corp and the job well done by Ms. Kelley. Councilor Callison commented on the Summer Programs.

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

Mr. Vance gave highlights from the report including the College Resource Center receiving 7,352 applications. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Councilor Callison commented the extra \$40 to each JOM student from the Cherokee Nation is very helpful.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Vance offered to answer questions from the report for Ms. Thompson.

Sequoyah High School - Terry Heustis

Mr. Vance offered to answer questions from the report for Mr. Heustis. Councilor Callison inquired about a new Principal at Sequoyah.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [25-070](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE IN GRADE SPAN TO INCLUDE KINDERGARTEN AT THE GREASY IMMERSION CHARTER SCHOOL

 Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried. A request was made to forward this item to Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:22 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Brooke Neff

Mark Vance

Diane Kelley

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddye Snell

Clifton Hughes