



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Codey Poindexter, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke  
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Thursday, January 30, 2025

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

Co-Chair Shotpouch gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Johnny Kidwell ; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith;  
Melvina Shotpouch; Candessa Tehee; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall;  
Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kendra McGeady and Codey  
Poindexter

**Absent** 3 - Mike Dobbins; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

**Late Arrival** 1 - Danny Callison

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor McGeady moved to approve as submitted. Co-Chair Shotpouch  
seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis reported a correction to the last page of the report. She gave other  
highlights from the report then offered to answer any questions. Councilor Tehee  
commented on the Watercress Festival last year. Councilor Smith gave appreciation  
for the Crosslin Smith Exhibit at Marble City.*

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

*Mr. Wymon Kirk offered to answer questions from the report. He gave highlights from  
the report. Chair Poindexter requested clarification on the formation of a basketball  
team.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

*No one was present to report. It was announced Mr. Crittenden from the Ga Du Gi Corp was available for any questions.*

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Jane Osti / Donetta Johnson

*Mr. Morrison read the report into the record then offered to answer any questions.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Deputy Secretary of State Duncan announced he and Brooke Neff had been working on a project to provide flyers and post on social media showing Cherokee Nation investments by district. Posters were provided to each Councilor.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:24 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Shawn Crittenden  
Chelbie Turtle*

*Canaan Duncan  
Brooke Neff*

*Wymon Kirk*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Molly Jarvis  
John Young*

*Victoria Vazquez  
Teddy Snell*

*Eddie Morrison*