



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Monday, March 10, 2014

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 2 - Tina Glory Jordan and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the January 30th special session and the February 10th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley announced they are co-sponsoring the food service job fair tomorrow at the Hard Rock. She introduced her new Administrative Assistant, Hunter Palmer. The corporate review at the Talking Leaves Job Corp is in May. They are changing the name of the Jobs Well Done to Cherokee Career Connections. They are collaborating will housing and community development for the Youthbuild program. She commented she would provide more information at the Rules meeting when the Youthbuild resolution is up for consideration. She announced she would be extending an invitation to some of the Council to a luncheon for the business students for Administrative Professionals Day is in April. The 30th of this month is our Job Corp Legislative Day at the State Capitol. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an

update on the Macy's project. Councilor Hargis inquired about Ms. Alberty doing State teacher certifications. Ms. Stephanie Isaacs gave an update on the State teacher certifications.

2. Executive Director's Report - Bill Andoe / Dr. Gloria Sly

Dr. Sly provided a handout of the numbers requested regarding the Doctoral program. She also provided a handout of the car tag history by school by county. Councilor Fishinghawk commented she requested the numbers be broken down without the 2 mile buffer and where Sequoyah and the Immersion don't get double numbers. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the information provided by emailed. Councilor Glory Jordan requested clarification on the doctoral handout.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

Dr. Sly announced Ms. Thompson is in another meeting at this time. Dr. Sly offered to take questions for her.

4. Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls provided an update of the report provided. He reported they had 14 State qualifiers in power lifting. They also have 8 Gates finalists at Sequoyah High School. He provided a handout regarding the school based specialist. The clothing closet has started and has served 30 kids so far. The mentor program has 25 presenters to date. Councilor Byrd commended the faculty. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired as to the number of students in the senior class. She announced our Recording Secretary Shelli's Son is also a finalist for the Gates Scholarship. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the upcoming school improvements.

5. Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Ms. Randall provided a handout of the report. She commented the new board and new director have changed their focus to get the kids ready for college. She gave an overview of the report provided. An update was given on the scholarships, the CCPI and the Junior Achievement Financial Literacy program. She announced their new location is on Muskogee Avenue across from Moore Brothers Flooring here in Tahlequah. Councilor Lay inquired how to get the information to the schools. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the information be provided to the Council for the 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Councilor Cowan Watts requested news releases regarding programs and events be emailed to her. Councilor Keener requested clarification on the board members and staff.

6. Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave an update on the report provided. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-300](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE CHEROKEE NATION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP DOCTORAL PROGRAM
Councilor Glory Jordan stated information was provided by Dr. Sly and Mr. Andoe. She inquired about extending the program from six semesters. She suggested determining the cost based on this current pool and determine a sliding scale if they

are working.

After discussion was complete Councilor Glory Jordan moved to table for one month. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **14-026** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OKLAHOMA EDUCATION COALITION FUNDING

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. Chair Walkingstick gave additional information regarding the resolution request. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if a letter from the Chief would accompany the Resolution and where it would be sent. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Baker offered a friendly amendment in the last Whereas to change “exiting” to “existing”. The friendly was accepted. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Walkingstick announced the next meeting will be held on Monday, April 14th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:54 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>
<i>Hunter Palmer</i>	<i>Dr. Gloria Sly</i>	<i>Bill Andoe</i>
<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>G.V. Gulager</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Stephanie Isaacs</i>	<i>Tamera Copeland</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Ginger Brown</i>	<i>Mandy Scott</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Jamie Clinton</i>	<i>Shawn Shepherd</i>	<i>Fan Robinson</i>
<i>Lou Ann Collins</i>	<i>Molly Jarvis</i>	<i>Travis Owens</i>
<i>Janice Randall</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	