



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Sasha Blackfox-Qualls, Chair
Ashley Grant, Co-Chair

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Monday, January 12, 2026

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blackfox-Qualls called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Sam gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Danny Callison; Ashley Grant ; Uriah Grass; Clifton Hughes; Johnny Kidwell ; Kendra McGeady; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch and Candessa Tehee

Absent 1 - Kevin Easley Jr.

Late Arrival 2 - Joe Deere and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Mr. Brian Hail gave highlights from the report. He provided feedback on the pharmacy medications app. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor McGeady inquired if they knew the number of downloads for the pharmacy app. Chair Blackfox-Qualls commented on the tree lighting. She confirmed the health hiring event coming up. She inquired if the number of flu cases is on the rise.

Cherokee Nation Public Health - Lisa Pivec & Dr. David Gahn

Ms. Pivec gave highlights from the report. She commented on the WIC district changes. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shotpouch inquired about COVID shots. Co-Chair Grant inquired how to access the online WIC program.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. [26-001](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA MYERS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.
- Councilor Hall moved to approve with a correction to the term. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Ms. Myers was given a moment to address the Council. The motion to approve carried.**
- B. [26-002](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT STOVER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.
- Councilor Legg moved to approve with a correction to the term. Councilor Callison seconded the motion. Mr. Stover was given a moment to address the Council. The motion to approve carried.**
- C. [26-003](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CERTAIN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN VINITA AND TAHLEQUAH UTILIZING OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE PHWFA
- Councilor Grass made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Councilor Coates requested to be added as a sponsor. Chief Hoskin was given a moment to comment on the resolution. Councilor Callison gave appreciation for the foresight. Councilor Patzkowski inquired about the number of patients as a time. Councilor Callison inquired if this would eliminate the need to transfer patients to an alternate facility. Councilor McGeady inquired about the location. Councilor Legg inquired as to the number of patients in a year. The motion to approve and forward to the Special Rules meeting later today carried.**
- D. [26-004](#) CHEROKEE NATION NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER AND ENDOWMENT ACT OF 2026
- Councilor Grant moved to approve and amend to correct the address. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Chief Hoskin was given the floor to provide input and answer any questions. He stated the nursing school will be housed in the old Hastings Hospital. The scholarships will not be restricted to the Reservation. Councilor Callison inquired if other trainings would be included. Councilor Coates requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve and forward to the Special Rules meeting today carried with the following roll call:**

Yea: 16 - Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Dora Patzkowski; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Danny Callison; Ashley Grant ; Uriah Grass; Clifton Hughes; Johnny Kidwell ; Kendra McGeady; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch and Candessa Tehee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:34 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Mark Vance</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>
<i>Brooke Neff</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>
<i>Becky Shepherd</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Shella Bowlin</i>
<i>Jon Asbill</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Lisa Pivec</i>
<i>Chelbie Turtle</i>	<i>Aaron Emberton</i>	<i>David Moore</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Cynthia Myers</i>	<i>Rhett Stover</i>
<i>Matt Rucker</i>	<i>Steve Turner</i>	