



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Rex Jordan, Interim Chair*

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Thursday, August 26, 2021

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

#### Reconvene

**Present** 17 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve as submitted. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Vazquez made a motion to amend the agenda to move the reports and the old business item to follow the new business items. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

Approved with Corrections

### AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Dobbins made a motion to address items 1 – 6 under new business to be done by ballot process where there is more than one nomination. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. Following discussion the motion failed with the

**following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 4 - Wes Nofire; Julia Coates; Candessa Tehee and Mike Dobbins

**Nay:** 13 - Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Johnny Kidwell ; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

**1. [TMP-393](#)****SELECTION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS:***Rules Committee Chair*

*Councilor Vazquez made a motion to nominate Mike Shambaugh as Chair of Rules Committee. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Nofire opposed.*

*Newly elected Rules Chair Shambaugh took the gavel to chair the remainder of the meeting.*

*Chair Shambaugh gave appreciation for the appointment. He stated he was going to conduct the remaining chair positions by hearing all nominations for a position, if more than one nomination was made a poll of the Council would be taken with the Councilor selecting only one of those nominated, the nominee with the most votes gets the position.*

*Rules Committee Co-Chair*

*Councilor Austin nominated Councilor Kidwell. Councilor Callison seconded the motion. Councilor Smith nominated Councilor Deere. Councilor Tehee seconded the nomination. A roll call poll was taken with the following results:*

*Deere – 8*

*Kidwell – 7*

*Abstained – 2*

*Councilor Deere is the new Rules Committee Co-Chair.*

*Executive & Finance Chair*

*Councilor Smith nominated Councilor Austin. Councilor Deere seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made, Chair Shambaugh announced Councilor Austin as the E&F Chair.*

*Executive & Finance Co-Chair*

*Councilor Crittenden nominated Councilor Sam. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. No other nominations were made, Chair Shambaugh announced Councilor Sam as the Co-Chair of E&F.*

*Health Committee Chair*

*Councilor Legg nominated Councilor Dobbins. Councilor Vazquez seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made, Chair Shambaugh announced Councilor Dobbins as the Chair of Health Committee.*

*Health Committee Co-Chair*

*Councilor Austin nominated Councilor Patzkowski. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Chair Shambaugh announced Councilor Patzkowski as Health Co-Chair.*

*Councilor Austin announced his resignation of Chair of Education Committee since he has elected Chair of Executive & Finance Committee.*

*Councilor Austin made a motion to amend to add the selection of Education Committee Chair. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Community Service Committee Chair*

*Councilor Vazquez nominated Councilor Legg. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Chair Shambaugh announced Councilor Legg as the new Chair of Community Service Committee.*

*Community Service Committee Co-Chair*

*Councilor Vazquez nominated Councilor Shotpouch. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. No other nominations were made, Chair Shambaugh announced Councilor Shotpouch as the new Community Service Co-Chair.*

*Resource Committee Co-Chair*

*Councilor Deere nominated Councilor Smith. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Councilor Smith was announced as the Resource Committee Co-Chair.*

*Culture Committee Chair*

*Councilor Jordan nominated Councilor Vazquez. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Chair Shambaugh announced Councilor Vazquez would remain the Culture Committee Chair.*

*Culture Committee Co-Chair*

*Councilor Jordan nominated Councilor Tehee. Councilor Deere seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made, Chair Shambaugh announced Councilor Tehee as the new Culture Committee Co-Chair.*

*Education Committee Chair*

*Councilor Austin nominated Councilor Crittenden. Councilor Tehee seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made, Chair Shambaugh announced Councilor Crittenden as the Education Committee Chair.*

2. [TMP-394](#)

SELECTION OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

*Cherokee Nation Businesses – Six of the Eight positions are vacant. Two of the positions are currently held by Councilors Jordan and Austin. Councilor Austin inquired about the process for placement of the advisory members. Chair Shambaugh requested a show of hands of the Councilors who want to participate. Following some confusion and clarification Councilors Nofire, Patzkowski, Vazquez, Dobbins, Kidwell and Shambaugh were added as CNB Advisory Board Members.*

*Gaming Commission – All three positions are currently vacant. By a show of hands Councilors Nofire, Kidwell and Tehee became Gaming Commission Advisory Board Members.*

*Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation – three of the five positions are vacant with Councilors Jordan and Legg currently serving. Councilor Legg request to be removed from this board position. Councilors Sam, Dobbins, Smith and Tehee became members of the HACN Advisory Board. Chair Shambaugh requested the alternate position remain open.*

*Inter-Tribal – four of four positions are available with Councilor Austin as the alternate. Councilor Austin requested to be moved into one of the four positions. Following discussion Councilors Austin, Nofire, Patzkowski, and Deere became Inter-Tribal*

*members and Councilor Callison became the alternate.*

3. [21-081](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING MIKE SHAMBAUGH TO THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
**Councilor Jordan made a motion to elect Mike Shambaugh as the Speaker of the Council. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. The motion carried with no opposition.**
4. [21-082](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING VICTORIA VAZQUEZ TO THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
**Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to elect Victoria Vazquez as Deputy Speaker. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. The motion carried.**
5. [21-083](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING DORA PATZKOWSKI TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
**Councilor Legg made a motion to elect Dora Patzkowski as Secretary of the Council. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. The motion carried.**
6. [TMP-395](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: SELECTION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTORNEY  
*Councilor Coates stated this is a hiring position of personnel.*

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Councilor Coates made a motion to go into executive session. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Executive Session was entered at 11:47 a.m.**

**Chair Shambaugh announced they exited Executive Session at 12:53 p.m.**

- [TMP-395](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: SELECTION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL ATTORNEY  
**Chair Shambaugh announced a choice was made for John Young to be the Council Attorney. Mr. Young gave appreciation to the Council for the selection.**

7. [21-071](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF DEWAYNE MARSHALL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
*Councilor Deere made a motion to approve (the board appointments) items 7 through 11 in Toto. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilors requested to be added as sponsors to certain appointments. To eliminate confusion Councilor Nofire made a motion to address each nomination separately. Councilors Deere and Nofire recalled their motions.*  
**Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilors Tehee, Jordan and Nofire requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**
8. [21-072](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF STUART GRAYSON AS A

MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION

**Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilors Vazquez, Tehee, Nofire, and Jordan requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

9. [21-073](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF J. BLAKE FLETCHER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
- Councilor Smith made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
10. [21-074](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARILYN VANN AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
- Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Councilors Dobbins, Austin, Patzkowski and Tehee requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
11. [21-075](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK DELOZIER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION
- Councilor Deere made a motion to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. Councilors Austin, Kidwell and Tehee requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

RECESS

*Chair Shambaugh requested a recess until 2:00 p.m. for lunch.*

**Councilor Vazquez made a motion to recess. Councilors Callison seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:58 p.m.**

RECONVENE

**Chair Shambaugh reconvened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.**

12. [21-076](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JANEES TAYLOR AS TREASURER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
- Councilor Austin made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilors Tehee and Shotpouch requested to be added as sponsors. Ms. Taylor gave appreciation for the support. The motion to approve carried with no opposition. Councilor Nofire was not present at the time of the vote.**
13. [21-077](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 21 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
14. [21-078](#) AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 63 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED
- Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the**

**motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

*Chair Shambaugh announced the reports have been waived. Ms. Montgomery offered to take any questions.*

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

Human Resources - Alana Casteel

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. [21-068](#) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CHEROKEE NATION STOMP GROUNDS PRESERVATION ACT  
**Councilor Nofire was not present for this item. Councilor Coates made a motion to table. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:53 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>
<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Camerin Fite James</i>	<i>Janees Taylor</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>
<i>John Young</i>		

<i>Remote:</i>		
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>
<i>Janice Purcell</i>	<i>Jorge Mera</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Stuart Grayson*  
*Teddye Snell*

*Blake Fletcher*

*Tim Brown*