



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Monday, April 22, 2013

12:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Fullbright gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 12 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr.; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Absent** 2 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. and David Walkingstick

**Late Arrival** 3 - Curtis Snell; Jodie Fishinghawk and Tina Glory Jordan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the March 11, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kelley announced they hosted a focus group with Health Services and Education Department to get an idea of the positions they will need in the upcoming expansions. She provided an update on the Job Corp Center. She announced Talking Leaves will provide refreshments following the Council meeting this evening in support of the One Fire Charles Head Domestic Violence Task Force. An open house is scheduled next Tuesday for the One Fire Task Force. An open house will also be held this Thursday for the Surg. Tech. and Business Tech classes at the Southgate facility. This Wednesday the Talking Leaves Job Corp will be sponsoring an Administrative Professionals Staff luncheon. Ms. Kelley announced Theresa Chuculate has transferred to the Vocational Rehab office. Melanie Dodge and Dennis Carter have both retired over the past few weeks. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification*

*on the budget impact for the Job Corp. She requested the tri-fold brochure provided be sent electronically. Councilor Hargis requested information pertaining to the re-entry program.*

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

*Ms. Lisa Trice Turtle reported in the absence of Dr. Sly. She announced the Trail of Tears Awards for Excellence recipients will receive gift cards this year. The Remember the Removal Bike Ride is on track and scheduled to leave May 30th. She provided flyers for Camp Cherokee. She offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the effects of sequestration on the JOM Program. She asked if the former participants of the Camp Cherokee would be mailed a flyer. She further inquired if the sequestration would affect the Cherokee Nation Science and Engineering Fair. Councilor Hargis inquired about the Higher Education Scholarship being online. Chair Byrd requested a list of Gates Scholars at Sequoyah, Keys and Tahlequah. Councilor Garvin inquired about a list of all of the Salutatorians and Valedictorians.*

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about how the sequestration would affect their budget. She also inquired about the funding for the salary increases provided last year.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-260](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE DIRECTED STUDIES PROGRAM

*Councilor Lay voiced concern for student's tuition being paid forty-five to sixty days late at OSU. Chair Byrd requested Ms. Trice Turtle research and provide some feedback. Councilor Fishinghawk requested she also check into late fees and penalties for late payments. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to the number of students on the Directed Studies Program and the possibilities of increasing that number. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the process for the Directed Studies Program and which careers. She inquired as to the total cost of the program.*

**Councilor Lay moved to table for one month. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:49 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley*  
*Elizabeth Odell*  
*Verna Thompson*

*Terrisa Muskrat*  
*Lisa Long*

*Courtney Roark Thompson*  
*Lisa Trice Turtle*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Charles Dry*