



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*David Walkingstick, Chair*

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Monday, March 14, 2016

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

**Absent** 3 - Harley Buzzard; Rex Jordan and Dick Lay

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the February 16th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution supporting Oklahoma House Bill 2261 pertaining American Arts and Crafts Sales Act of 1974. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Brenda Fitzgerald and Mr. Daryl Legg reported in the absence of Ms. Kelley. They provided an update on the truck driving training an announced the program has been expanded. They received an award for customized training recently. Chair Walkingstick inquired if there is an opportunity to partner with the new home building at the Housing Authority. Councilor Vazquez commented on the feel good stories contained in the monthly report.*

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

*Mr. Etheridge requested Ms. Lisa Trice Turtle introduce the newly elected Youth Tribal Council. They introduced themselves by giving their name, where they are from and school. Mr. Etheridge also introduced Mr. Roy Boney as the President of the Language Group. The Language Consortium, which includes members of the United Keetoowah and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, will meet next week. The archery camp is currently taking place with a great turnout. They have TOSS meetings scheduled for March 25th and April 1st, invitations were extended to the Council. Mark Vance was elected to the National Board of Directors, Region 3, for JOM. Ms. Jennifer Pigeon announced they would hold a college and career night on March 31st in Bartlesville. The deadline for the Valedictorian and Salutatorian scholarships and the Promise scholarship are April 8th. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the number of concurrent enrollees. Councilor Byrd inquired about the ANA grant resubmittal.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the report provided. She commented the spring break volunteers are there with them at this time and are very much appreciated. She requested assistance in recruiting children as enrollment is soon opening for fall. Councilor Byrd inquired about the number of students currently.*

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions or take questions back in the absence of Mr. Qualls. He gave an update on the robotics teams' qualifications. He also gave an update on the other athletic programs.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

**16-049**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OKLAHOMA HOUSE BILL 2261 AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS SALES ACT OF 1974; MODIFYING DEFINITIONS

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. gave information about the proposed resolution. All Councilors present except Councilor Taylor requested to be added as**

sponsors. The motion to approve carried with a request to forward to Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Walkingstick commented on the BIE and BIA directors visiting Sequoyah schools in regard to the grant to reconstruct schools over eighty years old. Sequoyah didn't make the cut for the grant.*

*Councilor Crittenden announced Bell School won state for robotics and will be going to Nationals.*

*Councilor Hatfield gave information about a family camp held in June and July for special needs kids. She requested help to spread the word about the camp and prospective campers. She also stated this would be a good opportunity to complete any volunteer hours needed.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:39 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Daryl Legg</i>	<i>Brenda Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Lisa Trice Turtle</i>
<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Courtney Jordan</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>
<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Youth Council</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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