



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Mike Shambaugh, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke  
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Thursday, May 25, 2023

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**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 Tehee moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Mr. Buhl gave details on the Public Safety Grant and then offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison requested clarification between an assist and a community patrol in the reports.*

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

*Ms. Hill reported on the compact extension legislation for motor vehicle and tobacco. Jury trial are being held this week. She provided clarification on the law enforcement issues with the UKB within our reservation. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg inquired about the process if stopped by a UKB officer or if have received a ticket from them. Councilor Callison inquired where the UKB does have jurisdiction. Councilor Nofire inquired if the Cherokee Nation has a letter*

*stating we have sole jurisdiction and if there is a letter of approval from the BIA on the election law. He read a portion of the BIA letter pertaining to the election law.*

*A Point of Order was called, Councilor Patzkowski made a motion for a vote of the Council to have Councilor Nofire removed.*

## RECESS

**Councilor Vazquez moved to recess for 5 minutes. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:27 p.m.**

## RECONVENNE

**Chair Shambaugh called the meeting back to order at 1:36 p.m.**

Office of the Attorney General - Sara Hill

*Chair Shambaugh gave AG Hill a few moments to address comments made prior to the recess. Marshal Buhl presented the cop side of the UKB officers issue.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin gave an update on the number of FOIA and GRA requests. The website has been updated. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Tehee requested clarification if a Councilor want to submit a request it would be a GRA. She inquired if previous requests are on the report provided and if a Councilor could get a copy of a request submitted by a different Councilor.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston gave an update from the report provided and offered to answer questions.*

Gaming Commission - Janice Purcell

*Ms. Tia Dill gave an overview of the report in the absence of Ms. Purcell. Councilor Deere inquired as to the total number of casino licenses allowed per State and how many have been issued in Oklahoma.*

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

*Ms. Hendricks gave an update on their recruiting efforts, retention strategies, the virtual employee orientation and trainings. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

*Chair Shambaugh stated there is still a motion on the floor from Councilor Patzkowski. Councilor Patzkowski withdrew her motion.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-023](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-NOMINATION OF MIKE DOUBLEHEAD AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION  
**Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Councilor Nofire requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
  
2. [23-024](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-NOMINATION OF STEVE WILSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION  
**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
3. [23-025](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LORI ENLOW AS GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)  
**Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
4. [23-026](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF IVAN DEVITT AS GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)  
**Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
5. [23-027](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BILL ANDERSON, D. O. AS GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)  
**Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Shambaugh inquired if the Council would agree to the July meetings being held all on the 10th. This is something we do each year in July. No opposition was heard.*

*Chair Shambaugh announced the inauguration will be held on August 14th which is our scheduled meeting day, would anyone have opposition to moving the meetings up one week to the 7th. The At Large Councilors requested the meetings be held on Tuesday the 8th to allow travel time back from Seattle Community meetings. No opposition was heard, the August meetings will be on the 8th instead of the 14th.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:10 p.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery*  
*Shannon Buhl*  
*Becca Isbell*  
*Tina Glory Jordan*

*Samantha Hendricks*  
*Sara Hill*  
*Tia Dill*

*Gwen Terrapin*  
*Sharon Swebston*  
*Corey Bunch*

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

*Teddy Snell*  
*Steve Wilson*

*John Young*  
*Ivan Devitt*

*Bill Anderson*  
*Mike Doublehead*