



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

David Walkingstick, Chair

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Thursday, February 26, 2015

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 11:26 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Joe Byrd and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 5 - Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the January 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley provided an update on the JDNEG grant. She gave a heads up that they may be requesting more Vocational monies. She also announced a vocational rehabilitation funding renewal resolution would be coming forward in the next few months. The Vocational Training Job Driven National Emergency grant is changing its name to the National Dislocated Worker Grant. She commented along with the name change it could open up and additional 100 jobs. She stated they will be moving their State testing sight here at the complex over to the motel and during the time of moving and until the State approves the testing will be shut down. She gave an update on the modular welding training. She reported they will be enhancing the Vocational Business Class, the Building Trades and the Child Care Certification

Program. She provided an update on the Culinary Program. Ms. Kelley also provided an update on Talking Leaves Job Corp. Councilor Taylor requested they keep the Thunderbird Youth Academy in mind when the GED testing site is shut down for the move. She also inquired when the welding training would be held in Pryor. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about a contact person for the Macy's jobs.

Executive Director's Report - Bruce Davis

Dr. Sly and Mr. Davis offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the number of Promise students. She also inquired if the new Syllabary language program poster is available now. Mr. Davis pointed out the college enrollment numbers are up. They provided a handout of the Education department organization chart along with contact information. Councilor Glory Jordan requested clarification on the concurrent enrollment program. Mr. Davis reported the Culinary Program Ms. Kelley reported on will include part of the community garden in Jay along with the bison at Bull Hollow.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Glory Jordan commented on the recent banquet held for the graduating students.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Davis reported in the absence of Mr. Qualls. He provided an update to the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired about the addition of a vocational and agriculture program at Sequoyah.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-023](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AUTRY NATIONAL CENTER'S "EMPIRE AND LIBERTY; THE CIVIL WAR AND THE WEST" EXHIBIT
Councilor Coates gave some background on this resolution request. She moved to approve and requested it be forwarded to Council this evening. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Keener moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:11 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Bruce Davis

Chiefy Young

Chad Hershaw

Canaan Duncan

Diane Kelley

Anna Knight

Jennifer Pigeon
Tyler Thomas

Dr. Gloria Sly
Tom Elkins

Verna Thompson

VISITORS PRESENT:

Dianne Barker Harrold

Teddye Snell

Ryan Hembree