



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Shambaugh, Chair

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Thursday, April 24, 2025

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Daniel Mead

Marshal Mead offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Dobbins inquired if there have any adjustments that need to be made on our Marshal Service in light of the recent shooting at the Osage casino. Councilor Deere inquired about Autism Awareness for Public Safety for the Marshals.

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

Attorney General Harsha provided an update on the pending litigation. He reported on the plate pay and turnpike authority bills. He gave an update on the recent meeting held with the city of Owasso. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shotpouch inquired if the pike pass bill notice by text is a scam. Councilor Dobbins requested an update on the state tax for tribal citizens case also

know as the Strobble Case. He also inquired if any other tribes have gone to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on behalf of their citizens.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Election Commission - Marcus Fears

Mr. Fears reported they will mail absentee ballots on Tuesday. Early walk-in voting begins on May 31st. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepton

Ms. Swepton gave highlights from the report then offered to answer any questions.

Self-Governance - Ashawna Miles

Ms. Miles offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

Ms. Imhoff offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Dobbins inquired about our position on the UKB opening a casino on the reservation. Attorney General Harsha responded.

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks gave an update on the Internship Program. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [25-050](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RANDY DUNCAN AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF TSUNADELOQUASDI CHEROKEE IMMERSION SCHOOL BOARD

Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. Councilor Deere requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:20 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Daniel Mead</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Audra Imhoff</i>	<i>Marcus Fears</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>
<i>Ashawna Miles</i>	<i>Gary Cunningham</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Randy Duncan</i>	<i>John Young</i>
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