



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

*Codey Poindexter, Chair
Uriah Grass, Co-Chair*

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Monday, July 14, 2025

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poindexter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Co-Chair Shotpouch gave the invocation. Following the invocation **Chair Poindexter** requested a moment of silence for the Bell Ringing Service being held now to honor the passing of an elder.

ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Johnny Kidwell ; Joshua Sam; E. O. "JR." Smith; Melvina Shotpouch; Candessa Tehee; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Kendra McGeady and Codey Poindexter

Absent 5 - Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 2 - Danny Callison and Lisa Hall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Legg moved to approve as submitted. **Co-Chair Shotpouch** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report then offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor McGeady requested clarification on the upcoming pottery class at Vinita.

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

Mr. Kevin Stretch reported in the absence of Mr. Paden. He gave highlights from the report including a correction in the number of speakers who have passed. He offered

to answer questions from the report. Chair Poindexter inquired as to who to contact if a community group were to want a language class.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

Ms. Brooke Neff offered to take questions in the absence of Ms. Smith.

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Jane Osti / Donetta Johnson

Ms. Vivian Cottrell gave highlights from the report. She provided an update on the National Treasures nominations and the change in the process this year. She offered to answer any questions.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls announced a Cherokee Language Course in Hulbert at the Community Center.

Chair Poindexter invited everyone to the Annual Bell Powwow on August 8th and 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

**Co-Chair Shotpouch moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 10:18 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin Stretch

Brooke Neff

Vivian Cottrell

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Molly Jarvis
Teddye Snell*

Clifton Hughes

John Young