



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dora Patzkowski, Chair
Danny Callison, Co-Chair

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Thursday, June 25, 2026

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patzkowski called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 15 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

Absent 2 - Lisa Hall and Uriah Grass

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Co Chair Callison moved to approve. Councilor Hughes seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor reported today is the last of a two day financial training at the Chota Center. The single audit has been submitted. They have received notice of the Triple Crown Award for their Fiscal Year 2024 Audit. She offered to answer any questions from the report.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Isaacs offered to answer questions from the report on behalf of Ms. Kelley.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Ms. Neff offered to take question on behalf of CNB.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Updated reports were provided. No questions or concerns were voiced.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. [26-058](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- Co Chair Callison moved to approve. Councilor Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:**

Yea: 15 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

B. [26-059](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 9; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 15 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Patzkowski reminded everyone of the Special Council Meeting scheduled for 3:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:09 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Janees Taylor
Stephanie Isaacs
Shella Bowlin*

*Anna Knight
Corey Bunch*

*Jody Reece
Howard Paden*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young