



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Keith Austin, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke  
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Thursday, March 31, 2022

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Deere gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilors Coates and Dobbins attended remotely.*

**Present** 15 - Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Wes Nofire

**Late Arrival** 1 - Melvina Shotpouch

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the March regular session minutes.  
Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Callison made a motion to amend the agenda to include Capital Mod. 2 as New business #2. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Ms. Molly Jarvis reported for Mr. Garrett. She provided an update on the February financial report. The Hard Rock and West Siloam Springs Casinos have resumed 24/7 operations and all hotels are fully operational. Retail gaming at Catoosa, West Siloam and the Roland Travel Plaza has resumed as well as poker at Hard Rock and West Siloam Casinos. They continue to struggle with staffing shortages. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Coates commented and gave appreciation for the \$5,000 donation to the Tulsa Opera as know there is a production there being directed by a Cherokee citizen. Chair Austin commented on the child care center in Catoosa soon closing and the assistance from CNB to locate an alternate facility.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Treasurer Taylor provided copies of the Cherokee Nation Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Popular Annual Financial Report will be provided in April. She commented she would provide a Treasury link of FAQ's pertaining to what counts as income. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Smith inquired about the Mankiller quarters.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley bragged on the call center. She provided an update on the Summer Enrollment programs. They will be expanding the Leadership Program to Mayes County. They will be starting a Career Exploration Program in Sequoyah, Mayes and Cherokee Counties. She reported on Job Corp Recruitment and the Fire Program. Ms. Kelley reported on the recruitment fairs for nurses, EMT, and child care. They are working to expand their services in Catoosa, Pryor and Vinita. They will have five diversified job recruitment fairs in May and June. She reported they continue to work with the major businesses in Sequoyah, Tulsa, Mayes, and Muskogee Counties. They are working on a data system to get all of their programs computerized. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg commented on the stories included in the report.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight announced they have same day appointments available for tax preparation. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Austin commented her report wasn't received. Councilor Smith inquired as to the number assisted with tax preparation this year and how it compares to last year. Councilor Legg inquired about mortgage relief.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

*No questions were asked of the consent items provided.*

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

1. [22-029](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #44-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 6A; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Sam made a motion to approve substitute Mod 6A. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [22-031](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #43-21 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Callison made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:47 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Camerin Fite James</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Janees Taylor</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>
<i>Connie Chandler</i>	<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Molly Jarvis</i>
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