



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Monday, May 13, 2013

12:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Fullbright gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Absent 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and David Walkingstick

Late Arrival 4 - Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates and Cara Cowan Watts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the April 22, 2013 regular session minutes.
Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley reported the freeze was lifted on Job Corp and they are recruiting students at this time. She gave an update on the GED graduations at all sites. She provided an update on the Summer Youth Program, Day Training and the Specialized Training Program. Councilor Keener inquired about the new hire in the Career Literacy/Adult Education for the Claremore area. Councilor Cowan Watts requested updates on the sequestration in regard to her programs. She also inquired about the Re-entry Program budget and process.

2. Executive Director's Report - Bill Andoe / Dr. Gloria Sly

Dr. Sly offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the changes with the Cherokee Nation Scholarship database. She inquired if they have a plan to increase the ACT score averages at Sequoyah High School. Councilor Cowan Watts also requested clarification on Miss Cherokee's budget, travel and pending modification request. Councilor Glory-Jordan provided clarification on the questions pertaining to Miss Cherokee. Chair Byrd inquired about staff at the Immersion school being able to attend school to obtain their certifications. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the new program recently received to help increase the ACT scores at Sequoyah. She congratulated Sequoyah for their Gates Scholars this year and for having the largest number since the inception of the Scholarship. She extended an invitation to the Gates Scholars to attend the Council meeting next month for recognition. Councilor Anglen inquired about the requirement for a recommendation letter to be included in the Cherokee Nation Scholarship applications.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson announced they have two graduates in Head Start and several others who are close to receiving their Bachelor's degree. She reported they will be losing a teacher on May 24th to retirement. She commented this retirement begins a line of approximately nine others close to retirement. Chair Byrd inquired if we are still number one.

Dr. Sly invited everyone to the Sequoyah High School Graduation at 6:30 on May 17th at the Place Where They Play.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-260](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE DIRECTED STUDIES PROGRAM
- Councilor Lay commented Ms. Lisa Trice Turtle was obtaining information to bring back to the committee.*
- Councilor Lay moved to table for one month. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-069](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN ESTHER MARTINEZ GRANT
- Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
2. [13-072](#) AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CHEROKEE NATION HEAD START PROGRAM
- Councilor Glory-Jordan commented this is just for discussion today as they are still working on the proper language. She gave an overview of the intent of the legislation to be considered. Councilor Cowan Watts voiced concerns and requested information be provided to assist in her decision which includes their past budget analysis, how the additional funds provided last year were utilized and the outcomes*

in terms of the students served, and what does this look like sustainable over time.

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table for one month. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Byrd announced the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10th at noon.

Dr. Sly provided clarification that the recommendation letters are required for the Promise Scholars and the Directed Studies Applicants any others don't require a letter.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:55 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Travis Noland*

*Elizabeth Odell
Verna Thompson*

*Dr. Gloria Sly
Courtney Roark Thompson*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Larry Horn

Dianne Barker Harrold