



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Keith Austin, Chair*

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Monday, December 14, 2020

3:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilors Coates and Deere attended remotely.*

**Present** 16 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

**Absent** 1 - Daryl Legg

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve the November regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Vocational Programs/Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Debra Lack reported for Ms. Kelley. She reported they are still waiting on the green light from DOL to bring students back to the Talking Leaves Job Corp center. She provided an update on the Career Readiness Act Programs. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Byrd inquired about the capacity at the Job Corp center.*

Executive Director's Report - Corey Bunch

*Mr. Bunch gave highlights from the report provided. He announced December 28th is the deadline for the scholarship renewal and concurrent enrollment. They are working*

*with Travis Noland to get the mifi hotspots to school age children. Councilor Byrd inquired about the current enrollment at Sequoyah High School. He also inquired about the status of the athletic programs at Sequoyah. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the JOM Accomplishments grant referred to in the report.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Mr. Bunch announced all is going well at the Head Start. They have had several incidents pertaining to COVID and are trying to be extra careful.*

Sequoyah High School - Corey Bunch

*Mr. Bunch reported they have rapid COVID tested over 1,800 students and staff and have had thirteen positive tests. They are working on starting an agriculture program at Sequoyah. Chair Austin inquired if the thirteen positive cases were staff or students. Councilor Duncan inquired when they anticipate the start of the agriculture program. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the students who transferred out would be able to transfer back. He inquired about the OSSAA guidelines in regard to transfers.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:24 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery                      Todd Enlow*

*Remote:*

*Corey Bunch                      Debra Lack                      Chrissi Nimmo*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell*

*Remote:*

*Tim Brown*