



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

*Victoria Vazquez, Chair*

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Thursday, May 30, 2024

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Poindexter called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 11 - Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell ; Joshua Sam; E. O. "JR." Smith;  
Melvina Shotpouch; Codey Poindexter; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa  
Hall; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski and Joe Deere

**Absent** 1 - Mike Dobbins

**Late Arrival** 5 - Victoria Vazquez; Mike Shambaugh; Candessa Tehee; Kevin Easley Jr.  
and Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Sam  
seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report and offered to answer any questions.*  
*Councilor Deere requested an update on Route 66 signage.*

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

*Mr. Ryan Mackey introduced himself and gave a brief overview of the report  
provided. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Poindexter  
inquired about a speakers event in Greasy so they can sign the speakers book.*  
*Councilor Smith inquired as to the oldest age of our speakers and also the average  
age of our speakers. Councilor Callison inquired about Speaker Services reaching*

*out to tornado victims. Councilor Legg inquired about Cherokee language classes in high schools. Councilor Easley inquired who the point of contact would be to get a Cherokee language class at Foyil High School.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

*Ms. Smith offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg requested clarification on the Muldrow Community Building expansion. Councilor Callison inquired about the status of the Locust Grove community building. Councilor Deere inquired if an expansion has been considered for the North Tulsa community building. Councilor Smith commented on the grand opening of the community building in Marble City. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about an expansion of the Okay community building.*

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Betty Frogg / Donetta Johnson

*Ms. Jane Osti offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Smith requested clarification on the Crosslin Smith exhibit. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about the stipulations for the National Treasure nominations. Councilor Legg inquired about the process for the exhibits.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:18 a.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Donetta Johnson  
Jane Osti*

*Ryan Mackey*

*Savannah Smith*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Molly Jarvis*

*John Young*

*Teddye Snell*