



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Monday, April 16, 2012

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Keener gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 12 - Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker;  
Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.;  
Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Late Arrival** 5 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright and Cara  
Cowan Watts

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the March 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to amend the agenda to include under new business a resolution on the 50th anniversary of the New Echota historic site. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kelley provided handouts regarding the job bank and demographic information for the districts. She announced the GED ceremony receptions will be held in the respective districts this time instead of one large reception here. The Scrub Tech Training program will be moving this week. The fourteen counties were certified as a work ready community. Job fairs will be held May 1st at West Siloam Springs and*

*May 29th at the Hard Rock. There will be four other job fairs for the Vinita clinic in May and June. They currently have more students at the Job Corp than they ever. They will be hiring three adult literacy teachers on emergency hires for the summer. The deadline to apply for the summer youth program is the 27th of April. The Day Work program will shut down for one week to allow the counselors to work will Summer Youth applications. Councilor Anglen requested a contact list for programs be emailed to him. Chair Byrd inquired about the roof leaks at the Job Corp building.*

2. Executive Director's Report - Dr. Neil Morton

*Dr. Morton offered to answer questions from the reports provided. He reported Ms. Thompson would not be here to report as she was invited to attend a program at UCLA for Head Start on how to train your own trainers. Chair Byrd requested he summarize the recent meeting of the three tribes on language consortium. Dr. Morton announced a couple of representatives from the Higher Ed College Resource office were invited to attend a meeting in Phoenix to learn about our dorm program with Northeastern. He stated he would provide a list of the salutatorians and valedictorians for the schools along with award dates by district. Councilor Fishinghawk requested in writing a list of things that the Cherokee Nation Foundation are doing that are repetitive things our Higher Education department does. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired of the Attorney General if there is a prohibition from the CNF donating funds to the Cherokee Nation Education department once received. Additional discussion was held in regard to the donations for scholarships given to the Cherokee Nation Foundation. Councilor Hoskin Jr. made an agenda item request for May for the CNF to provide an overview of their foundation. Councilor Glory-Jordan also requested the appointment of advisory board members be included in the agenda item request.*

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Ms. Thompson was not present to report.*

4. Leadership - Mark Skinner

*No one was present to report.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. **TMP-190** REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE HISTORY COURSE MATERIALS (Discussion and Possible Action)  
**Councilor Glory-Jordan withdrew this item stating their questions and concerns have been answered. The Attorney General continues to work on the copyright issues, scholars have been obtained to review and update the material and the Executive Branch is enlarging the program to include a larger audience. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if anything has been provided in writing. Mr. Hembree provided an update on the copyright issues by stating it is still ongoing.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-068](#) A RESOLUTION TO COMMENT THE PRESERVATION OF THE NEW ECHOTA HISTORICAL SITE AS A STATE PARK AND CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve and forward to the Council meeting tonight. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried. All Council members requested to be included as sponsors.**

*Chair Byrd showed the committee a syllabary and referred to the three characters on the sixth row down as created by Sequoyah. He stated the modern version eliminates one of the characters. The Three Tribes Language Consortium wishes to have the Sequoyah syllabary entered into the Library of Congress. Dr. Morton stated this would put to rest a long time problem. He suggested a resolution be presented at Joint Council in July. Chair Byrd put the suggestion in the form of a motion. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley                      Dr. Neil Morton*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Raymond Vann                      Larry Horn                      Flo Guthrie  
Farrel Prater*