



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Candessa Tehee, Chair

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Monday, July 15, 2024

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tehee called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Victoria Vazquez; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley reported they are getting ready to start fiber optic training. She announced the next GED graduation. An update was given on the culinary students. They have been in meetings to set up job fairs to recruit for the Head Start and child care centers. They are working to get the outreach programs full. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

Mr. Vance provided an update on the scholarships, the upcoming Safety Summit, the summer camps, and the recent storm damage. He recognized Lisa Trice Turtle and the Youth Council in attendance. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison inquired if the JOM portion of the report was for the entire reservation. Councilor Deere inquired if they track the number of scholarship

awards that continue and those who drop out. Councilor Poindexter commented on the Remember the Removal Riders group and recently held Gala. Councilor Legg recognized one of the Youth Council members, Dawson Lynch, who got a perfect score on his ACT.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Shane McMahan reported in the absence of Ms. Thompson. Chair Tehee requested he provided his background. Mr. McMahan reported on when the staff and students would be returning. He provided an update on the vacancy's. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Sequoyah High School - Terry Heustis

Mr. Terry Heustis introduced himself as the new Superintendent for Sequoyah High School. He provided his background then offered to answer any questions from the report. Councilor Dobbins inquired as to his tribal affiliation. Councilor Poindexter commented on Mr. Heustis as he knew him from Westville High School.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:18 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Shawn Crittenden
Lisa Trice Turtle*

*Mark Vance
Diane Kelley*

*Canaan Duncan
Terry Heustis*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

John Young