



# 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, January 26, 2023

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Chair Vazquez gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 13 - Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Victoria Vazquez; Julia Coates; Mike Dobbins; Johnny Kidwell; Joshua Sam; E. O. "JR." Smith and Melvina Shotpouch

**Late Arrival** 4 - Wes Nofire; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison and Mike Shambaugh

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report and offered to answer any questions. Councilor Legg inquired about the amphitheater at the Heritage Center and if any consideration has been give to a gift shop in the Sallisaw area. Councilor Deere inquired about the ODOT highway relocation of 412 and Route 66 in Catoosa. Councilor Shambaugh requested they look at the Becks Mill. Councilor Austin inquired about the sales at the Anna Mitchell Cultural Center. He inquired about a comparison of sales for the Tahlequah gift shop in the new location versus the old location. Councilor Crittenden inquired about a property in Stilwell. Chair Vazquez commented on the number of projects.*

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

*Mr. Paden commented on the opening of the Durbin Feeling Language Center. He gave highlights from the report. He offered to answer questions from the report*

*provided. Councilor Legg inquired if a wheelchair ramp increases property taxes. Councilor Tehee inquired if the speakers are being compensated for going out into the communities. Councilor Crittenden gave appreciation for the Speaker Services Program. Councilor Deere inquired if the Tulsa Indian Education had reached out.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

*Mr. Stretch gave an overview of the report provided. Councilor Austin requested clarification from the report. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the coverage of the community impact. He also requested clarification on the solar.*

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Betty Frogg / Donetta Johnson

*Ms. Frogg gave an overview of the report and offered to answer any questions.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:58 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Kevin Stretch</i> | <i>Howard Paden</i>       | <i>Betty Frogg</i> |
| <i>Shannon Buhl</i>  | <i>Taralee Montgomery</i> | <i>Corey Bunch</i> |

VISITORS PRESENT:

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| <i>Molly Jarvis</i> | <i>John Young</i> | <i>Teddye Snell</i> |
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