



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Mike Shambaugh, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, March 27, 2025

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Co Chair Kidwell moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Daniel Mead

*Marshal Mead offered to answer questions from the report.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

*Attorney General Harsha provided an update on pending litigation. He then offered to answer questions from the report.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston provided highlights from the report then offered to answer any questions. Chair Shambaugh commented on the recently held event to give back to all of the public schools within our Reservation.*

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

*Ms. Imhoff offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

*Ms. Hendricks gave an update on the unemployment rates. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Coates inquired about an update on the previously asked question pertaining to an increased 401k match for employees depending on the length of employment. Councilor Legg inquired about increasing the amount of sick leave given as employees age.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*Chair Shambaugh gave each appointee the opportunity to provide their background and answer any questions from the Council.*

1.     [25-028](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF CLIFTON PETTIT AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF TSUNADELOQUASDI CHEROKEE IMMERSION SCHOOL BOARD  
  
          **Councilor Deere moved to approve. Co Chair Kidwell seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
2.     [25-029](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERTA GIBSON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
  
          **Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Hall requested to be added as a sponsor.**
3.     [25-030](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS MERRELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY  
  
          **Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Co Chair Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Hall requesting to be added as a sponsor.**
4.     [25-031](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GABE MOSETELLER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY  
  
          **Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. Councilor Hall requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve**

carried.

5.     [25-032](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHNNIE EARP AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY  
  
          **Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
6.     [25-033](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANA STITES ELROD AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.  
  
          **Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. Councilor Hall requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
7.     [25-034](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FREDDIE FERRELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.  
  
          **Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Councilor Hall and Callison requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
8.     [25-035](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHY ADAIR AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.  
  
          **Councilor Legg moved to approve. Co Chair Kidwell seconded the motion. Councilors Legg and Hall requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
9.     [25-036](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RON AMOS AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
  
          **Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Councilors Hall, Blackfox-Qualls, Callison and Easley requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
10.    [25-037](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY YATES AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
  
          **Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. Councilors Hall, Blackfox-Qualls and Callison requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
11.    [25-038](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CANDLE MELTON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
  
          **Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. Councilors McGeady, Hall, Blackfox-Qualls, and Callison requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
12.    [25-039](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DIANNA MAYFIELD AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
  
          **Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. Councilors Hall and Callison requested to be added as sponsors.**

The motion to approve carried.

13.     [25-040](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES SIMMONS AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
- Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Councilors Hall, Blackfox-Qualls, and Callison requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
14.     [25-041](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF FARRELL PRATER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
- Co Chair Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Hall, Callison, Patzkowski, Easley and McGeady requesting to be added as sponsors.**
15.     [25-042](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CARRIE PHILPOTT AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
- Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. Councilor Hall requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
16.     [25-043](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS GOODWIN AS A DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION DISTRICT COURT
- Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Councilors Hall, Easley, Callison and Patzkowski requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
17.     [25-044](#)     A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NATHAN BARNARD AS A DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION DISTRICT COURT
- Councilor McGeady moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Councilors Hall and Easley requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:57 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Chad Harsha  
Audra Imhoff  
Anna Knight  
Janees Taylor*

*Sharon Swepston  
Samantha Hendricks  
Cannan Duncan  
Nathan Barnard*

*Gwen Terrapin  
Daniel Mead  
Brooke Neff  
Todd Enlow*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Clifton Pettit</i>
<i>Roberta Gibson</i>	<i>Thomas Merrell</i>	<i>Gabe Mosteller</i>
<i>Johnnie Earp</i>	<i>Diana Elrod</i>	<i>Freddie Ferrell</i>
<i>Kathy Adair</i>	<i>Ron Amos</i>	<i>Anthony Yates</i>
<i>Candle Melton</i>	<i>Nicholas Goodwin</i>	<i>Carrie Philpott</i>
<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>James Simmons</i>	<i>Diana Mayfield</i>