



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Mike Shambaugh, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, February 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** 16 - 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. and Kendra McGeady

**Late Arrival** 1 - Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Daniel Mead

*Marsha Mead gave appreciation to the staff for the assistance with the transition. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

*AG Harsha gave an update on all pending litigation and the daily office duties. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Callison inquired about the Keetoowah court opinion.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

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

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepton

*Ms. Swepton gave highlights from the report then offered to answer any questions.*

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

*Ms. Imhoff announced the next board meeting is on March 7th in Tahlequah. They received their audit report back with no findings. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

*Ms. Hendricks gave an update on the Summer Internship program and their recruitment efforts. She offered to answer any questions. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about an applicant review board.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [25-015](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF AMY PAGE AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT  
  
**Councilor Kidwell moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Judge Page gave a brief overview of her background. Councilors Dobbins and Coates requested additional background information. Several Councilors commented on Judge Page's behalf. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.**
2. [25-016](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE TRIBAL COUNCIL REAPPOINTMENT OF SHERYL ROUNTREE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
  
**Councilor Tehee moved to approve the revised version provided. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. Ms. Rountree gave an overview of her background and her experience on the board. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.**
3. [25-017](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING A TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF MILDRED CHOATE TAYLOR TO FILL A BOARD VACANCY OF THE CHEROKEE NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
  
*Councilor Easley moved to approve. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. Councilor Taylor moved to nominate Rebecca Nagle. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. Councilor Legg moved to nominate Mildred Choate Taylor. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Both Ms. Nagle and Ms. Taylor were given the opportunity to give their backgrounds and answer any questions. Councilor Coates suggested keeping the person not chosen in mind for future positions as both*

*candidates are wonderful.*

**Ms. Mildred Choate Taylor was approved with a majority of the vote. A roll call vote was conducted as follows:**

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Nagle (8)</b>             | <b>Taylor (9)</b>        |
| <b>Sasha Blackfox-Qualls</b> | <b>Joe Deere</b>         |
| <b>Danny Callison</b>        | <b>Mike Dobbins</b>      |
| <b>Julia Coates</b>          | <b>Kevin Easley, Jr.</b> |
| <b>Johnny Kidwell</b>        | <b>Lisa Hall</b>         |
| <b>Codey Poindexter</b>      | <b>Daryl Legg</b>        |
| <b>Joshua Sam</b>            | <b>Kendra McGeady</b>    |
| <b>Melvina Shotpouch</b>     | <b>Dora Patzkowski</b>   |
| <b>Candessa Tehee</b>        | <b>Mike Shambaugh</b>    |
|                              | <b>E. O. Smith</b>       |

4. [25-018](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT FOR THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION AND THE CHEROKEE NATION

**Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Callison seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:52 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

|                        |                      |                           |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Sharon Swepston</i> | <i>Amy Page</i>      | <i>Daniel Mead</i>        |
| <i>Audra Imhoff</i>    | <i>Canaan Duncan</i> | <i>Samantha Hendricks</i> |
| <i>Chad Harsha</i>     | <i>Brooke Neff</i>   | <i>Corey Bunch</i>        |
| <i>Bryan Warner</i>    | <i>Gwen Terrapin</i> |                           |

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

|                        |                       |                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Sheryl Rountree</i> | <i>Mildred Taylor</i> | <i>John Young</i> |
| <i>Teddye Snell</i>    |                       |                   |

*Remote:*  
*Rebecca Nagle*