



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Dora Patzkowski, Chair*  
*Danny Callison, Co-Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, January 29, 2026

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

Chair Patzkowski gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 16 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

**Absent** 1 - Joe Deere

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Bloch reported on the financials for December commenting on the positive performance largely from Cherokee Federal. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Ms. Taylor announced they received the Certificate of Excellence for the PAFR, an award they have received every year since 2012. All W2's have been compiled and*

*finished. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley announced they are working on the Career Services website. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Patzkowski inquired about the VITA Program. Councilor Legg inquired if the predatory lending included debt consolidation with a lower interest rate. Councilor Callison inquired about home loans. He announced he and Treasurer Taylor accepted an award from the Pryor Chamber of Commerce on behalf of Career Service and Commerce.*

CONSENT ITEMS:

*No questions or concerns were voiced.*

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

- A. [26-009](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Poindexter moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 15 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

**Not In Room:** 1 - Julia Coates

**B. [26-010](#)**

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 4; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 15 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Shotpouch moved to adjourn. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:16 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Sheila Bowlin*  
*Anna Knight*  
*Kim Teehee*

*Brooke Neff*  
*Janees Taylor*  
*Logan Lewis*

*Diane Kelley*  
*Jody Reece*  
*Roy Boney*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*

*Ben Blosch*