



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

*Codey Poindexter, Chair*  
*Uriah Grass, Co-Chair*

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Monday, February 9, 2026

11:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Poindexter called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

- Present** 13 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates; Codey Poindexter; Ashley Grant ; Clifton Hughes; Johnny Kidwell ; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch and Candessa Tehee
- Absent** 4 - Joe Deere; Uriah Grass; Danny Callison and Kendra McGeady

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report including the current and upcoming exhibits, renovations and the upcoming Trail of Tears Art Show and Reception. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Jane Osti / Donetta Johnson

*Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report for Ms. Osti then offered to answer any questions.*

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

*Ms. Neff offered to answer questions from the report in the absence of Mr. Paden.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

*Ms. Smith offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Tehee commented on the At Large event she attended in Florida. Councilor Poindexter gave appreciation for help given to a citizen. Councilor Easley gave appreciation for assistance provided to an elder.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. [TMP-427](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - LEGISLATIVE CULTURAL RETREAT WORK GROUP CREATION AND MEMBER SELECTION

**Councilor Legg moved to form a Legislative Cultural Retreat Work Group. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Chair Poindexter gave an overview of the expectations of the work group. Councilors who volunteered to be part of the work group included; Blackfox-Qualls, Tehee, Sam, Hall, Grant, Shotpouch, and Poindexter. The motion carried.**

- B. [TMP-428](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SEAL

*Councilor Legg moved to enter into discussion. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The work group approved Council seal was provided to the committee in two color options and a black and white version. They were asked to select one of the two color options to move forward to Rules for a final vote. The Artist, Roy Boney, provided an explanation and symbolism of the seal provided. He offered to answer questions about the design. Councilor Kidwell requested the description be provided in writing. Chair Poindexter gave an overview of how the work group came to this option. Councilor Grant inquired about the symbolism of the two different color schemes. Councilor Coates commented she would like to see all of the options the work group considered. Councilors requested clarification on the voting process.*

**Following discussion and clarification Councilor Tehee moved to forward color option 1 to Rules Committee. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. Councilor Legg moved to forward the black and white seal to Rules Committee. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Legg moved to adjourn. Councilor Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:31 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Shawn Crittenden*  
*Brooke Neff*

*Savannah Smith*

*Chelbie Turtle*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Roy Boney*

*Molly Jarvis*