



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dora Patzkowski, Chair
Danny Callison, Co-Chair

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Tuesday, December 16, 2025

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patzkowski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Patzkowski gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

Absent 2 - Melvina Shotpouch and Kevin Easley Jr.

Late Arrival 2 - Candessa Tehee and Ashley Grant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Chair Patzkowski stated Mr. Garrett reported yesterday at the Council meeting.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor offered to answer questions from the report. She commented they are gearing up for the fiscal year 2025 audit.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave highlights from the report including the spotlight portion and the economic development projects. She offered to answer questions from the report. She announced one of our Career Services employees was chosen to be the Chair of the National Native American Employment Conference. He will have a hand in planning the conference for the next year.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight reported they are working on the VITA, citizen tax return program, schedule for the upcoming tax season. She offered to answer questions from the report.

CONSENT ITEMS:

No questions, changes 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. [25-114](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 1; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Co Chair Callison moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 14 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

Late Arrival: 1 - Ashley Grant

B. [25-115](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Hall moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 14 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Patzkowski wished Councilor Legg a Happy Birthday.

Councilor Deere announced the City of Collinsville is flying the Cherokee Nation flag to recognize our sovereignty. Councilor Callison commented Mayes County does as well.

Councilor Legg gave appreciation for Roxie's Bar-B-Que for catering today's Annual Christmas Social and Employee Feed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:15 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Anna Knight

Jody Reece

Diane Kelley

Janees Taylor

Derrick Vann

Brooke Neff

VISITORS PRESENT: