



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Candessa Tehee, Chair

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Monday, January 13, 2025

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tehee called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Co Chair Callison gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor McGeady moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Vocational Programs/Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley commented on the spotlight feature of her report. The learning center will be moving to the Tahlequah Industrial Park. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

Mr. Vance the Spring renewal applications are open until January 17th. The high school concurrent enrollment deadline is also January 17th. College fairs will be held January 28th at NEO in Miami and February 27th at the Greenwood Cultural Center in Tulsa. Their Tribal Consultation will be held February 19th at the Chota and virtually on February 26th. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson announced they got to tour the new facility and hope to be in by the new school year. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Sequoyah High School - Terry Heustis

Mr. Aaron Emberton gave highlights from the recently held tournament then offered to answer any questions from the report submitted. Co Chair Callison commented on the different classes offered at Sequoyah.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Ms. Brooke Neff offered to take any questions on behalf of Ms. Randall.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:10 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Verna Thompson
Aaron Emberton*

*Diane Kelley
Mark Vance*

*Brooke Neff
Sheila Bowlin*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddy Snell