



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Candessa Tehee, Chair*

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Monday, June 10, 2024

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

Co-Chair Callison gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Victoria Vazquez; Johnny Kidwell; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Julia Coates

**Absent** 1 - Kevin Easley Jr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kelley announced the GED graduation is scheduled for September 24th at the Chota Ballroom. She followed-up with information about the BSN scholarships from Councilor Blackfox-Qualls last month. She provided an update on the Vocational Rehab Program. Ms. Kelley offered to answer questions from the report.*

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

*Mr. Emberton gave an update on the scholarship applications, the stoles and honor cords. They are hosting the TOSS conference tomorrow and Wednesday. He reported on their assistance during the storm relief. He gave an update on the Remember the Removal Riders. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls gave appreciation to the Ga Du Gi Corp and their quick response to assist a citizen. Councilor Callison commented on the storm cleanup. Chair Tehee inquired about Camp Cherokee.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Ms. Thompson commented on the blessing of the Kenwood Community Building open house. Ms. Thompson introduced three of the men in her work force. They provided information on the upcoming Head Start Round-up. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Sequoyah High School - Justin Brown

*Ms. Bunch offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Tehee commented on this being the last time for Ms. Bunch to report as the Superintendent of Sequoyah Schools.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Tehee announced Cherokee Citizen, Braden Northington, from Tahlequah High School is the 5A Pitcher of the Year.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:19 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Verna Thompson  
Aaron Emberton*

*Diane Kelley  
Brooke Neff*

*Rita Bunch  
Taralee Montgomery*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*

*Teddye Snell*