



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

Codey Poindexter, Chair

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Thursday, May 29, 2025

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poindexter called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Co-Chair Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 13 - Johnny Kidwell ; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Melvina Shotpouch; Candessa Tehee; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Kendra McGeady and Codey Poindexter

Absent 4 - Danny Callison; Mike Dobbins; Dora Patzkowski and Kevin Easley Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report. She announced NAMI in D.C. will be in March of 2026. She offered to answer any questions. Councilor Legg requested an update on Dwight Mission. Councilor Tehee inquired about the status of the Cherokee Heritage Center.

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

Mr. Paden gave highlights from the report then offered to answer any questions.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

Ms. Smith offered to answer questions from the report.

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Jane Osti / Donetta Johnson

Ms. Osti offered to answer questions from the report provided. She reported the nomination for new Treasures is coming up for review in the next few weeks. Councilor Coates requested the evaluation process for the new Treasures be shared. She inquired about the definition of the community experience then commented the At Large applicants are at a disadvantage.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Poindexter announced the Woven Hearts Banquet is June 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:48 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Howard Paden
Brooke Neff*

*Savannah Smith
Canaan Duncan*

Jane Osti

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Molly Jarvis