



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, February 23, 2012

11:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

This meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, February 13th.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Late Arrival 2 - Meredith Frailey and Janelle Fullbright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the January 16th regular session minutes. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services/Voc. Ed - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley announced the Talking Leaves Job Corp for the second month is the number one center in the State of Oklahoma. They also received a National Star Award last week in Washington DC for their Community Service efforts. Councilor Walkingstick suggested an apprenticeship for the Day Work participants to shadow plumbers, electricians and others. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about vocational scholarships. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if the Day Workers are still receiving the pay cards and being charged a fee by the Bank of America. She requested Ms. Kelley speak to Treasurer Horn regarding this fee issue. Councilor Garvin voiced concern for needing to assist felons with getting back into the work force. Councilor

Hargis voiced concern for the staff shortage at the Stilwell office. Councilor Cowan Watts requested review of the option to use the TERO fee collections for students who identify a career program or path. Councilor Thornton requested Day Workers being placed on job sites with carpenters to help elders with materials only programs. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about summer youth job sites in Nowata County.

2. Executive Director's Report - Dr. Neil Morton

Dr. Morton offered to answer questions from the reports provided. He announced the potential issues at NSU in regard to the Promise Program and dorm assistance have been resolved. He requested clarification on the amendment to the scholarship legislation on the Council agenda as it states funding to be awarded for up to four years and inquired if it was or should be up to ten semesters.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the report provided. She introduced Thomas Fields who co-facilitates their leadership academy and early childhood unit.

4. Leadership - Mark Skinner

Mr. Skinner reported a couple of corrections in the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick commented on the requirement of the Youth Council requirement to be at least one-quarter Cherokee. If the Tribal Youth Council is to be a simulation of the Tribal Council it should have the same requirements in regard to blood quantum. Mr. Skinner stated the Youth Council is working on the bylaws at this time and will present their proposed changes to an upcoming Rules committee.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **TMP-190** REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE HISTORY COURSE MATERIALS (Discussion and Possible Action)
Councilor Glory-Jordan stated the purpose of this agenda request and its intent is to review and update the materials. She requested the Attorney General discuss the copyright issues and concerns and Dr. Morton to discuss the future possibilities of this course being expanded.
After several questions, comments and concerns were voiced and discussion was held Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table for one month. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Coates opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Byrd announced the next meeting date is March 12th at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 2:00 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Anna Knight
Jennifer Pigeon
Chrissi Nimmo

Dr. Neil Morton
Verna Thompson
Todd Hembree

Diane Kelley
Mark Skinner
Vickie Harvey

VISITORS PRESENT:

Raymond Vann
Charles Dry

Ollie Starr *Farrell Prater*
Natalie Fullbright-Ostrander