



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Monday, December 14, 2015

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

- Present** 13 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner
- Absent** 2 - Frankie Hargis and David Thornton, Sr.
- Late Arrival** 2 - Curtis Snell and David Walkingstick

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the November 16th minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Mr. Scott Craig offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

*Mr. Hembree reported they have filed a motion to dismiss in the baby doe vs. General Scott Pruitt and General Todd Hembree case. This case will be heard on January 12th. He provided an update on the 76 acre UKB case, the Dollar General Case. He stated they would be coming forward with a civil code for consideration by this body. He gave an overview of HR3764 and Senate Bill 1879. Several questions and clarification were asked.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin gave an update on the requests and website status.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Austin requested an update on the hunting and fishing license.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*Mr. Hummingbird offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton gave an update on the evaluation process and merit award. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Austin inquired about also including the number of employees lost to provide a net loss/gain when providing the number of new hires.*

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

*Mr. Hastings offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. **TMP-329** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CLOSING THE LOOPHOLE ALLOWING CANDIDATE FOR PRINCIPAL CHIEF AND OTHER OFFICES TO RAISE AND SPEND MONEY AND ESCAPE ACCOUNTABILITY BY NOT FILING FOR OFFICE  
**Ms. Barker Harrold gave an update and stated Councilor Thornton is unable to attend this meeting therefore requested this item be tabled for another month. Councilor Walkingstick moved to table. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [15-096](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SHAUN SHEPHERD AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC  
**Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve and announced Mr. Shepherd is unable to attend today. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Buzzard commented these are important positions and commented the appointments should be present. It was stated Mr. Shepherd is available by phone if there were questions. Councilor Lay voiced concern that the appointments for this board should be from across the jurisdiction and not just one area. The motion to approve failed with the following roll call vote:**  
**Yea:** 7 - Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner  
**Nay:** 7 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay and Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival: 1 - Curtis Snell

- 2. [15-097](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER CARTER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Mr. Carter was present for questions. The motion carried with no opposition with a request to go to full Council this evening.**
- 3. [TMP-326](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: REPORT FROM THE RECOGNITION WORK GROUP  
**Councilor Vazquez announced the work group met and have agreed to approve the request submitted to recognize the Cherokee Renegades Men’s Basketball Team.**

AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda to include the Cherokee Renegades Men’s Basketball Team Recognition Resolution for consideration. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

- [15-101](#) A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CHEROKEE RENEGADES ALL INDIAN MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM  
**Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the Resolution and forward to Full Council this evening. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

- 4. [15-100](#) AN ACT AMENDING LA-01-14, "CHEROKEE NATION EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT"  
**Councilor Taylor moved to table this for one month to allow more time for review. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Lay requested clarification of the intent of the amendment. The motion to table carried.**

- 1. [15-096](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SHAUN SHEPHERD AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC  
*Councilor Austin requested the agenda be amended in regard to the Shepherd nomination to CNB and reconsider next month. Chair Byrd requested Roberts Rules of Order direction from Attorney General Hembree. After direction, clarification and concerns it was determined to wait and consider this at a later date. A request was made for the nomination to be resubmitted by the Administration at a time when Mr. Shepherd could be present.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:58 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Scott Craig</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Clint Hastings</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Chris Carter</i>	<i>Ollie Starr</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	