



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dora Patzkowski, Chair
Danny Callison, Co-Chair

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Thursday, February 26, 2026

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 15 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

Late Arrival 2 - Julia Coates and Ashley Grant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Ben Blossch reported on the financials and the diversification efforts. He offered to answer any questions.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor offered to answer questions from the report.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported they are busy with economic development. She announced upcoming job fairs for March. She reported TERO staff have been attending some of the At Large community meetings. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg inquired if being TERO certified automatically makes you 8a certified. Councilor Callison inquired if they are going to provide the spring break opportunities again this year.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions from the report provided.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Councilor Callison requested an update on the Sports Team Funding balances.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. [26-021](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Callison moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 17 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

- B. [26-022](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 5 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor McGeady seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 17 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Legg commented on the very good food at the Kawi Cafe. He announced the services for Former Councilor David Thornton will be on Monday at the Crossings Church.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:18 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Janees Taylor</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Shella Bowlin</i>
<i>Brooke Neff</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Ben Blosch</i>
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