



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dora Patzkowski, Chair
Danny Callison, Co-Chair

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Thursday, April 30, 2026

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Chair Patzkowski gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - 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; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

Absent 1 - Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Ms. Molly Jarvis reported for Mr. Garrett. She provided a financial update by stating they are controlling cost to deal with less revenue. She also provided an update on our gaming operations, Cherokee Federal, Cultural Tourism, and the current employment numbers. She announced the Cherokee National Treasures applications are open until June. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Ms. Taylor reported they have completed the FY2025 audit, copies will be provided to the Council once available. The audit was once again good and clean with the reports being posted online for transparency. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Mr. Hunter Palmer reported in the absence of Ms. Kelley. He gave highlights from the report. He announced the deadline for Summer Youth Pathways Program applications is May 8th. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Poindexter confirmed the age and eligibility criteria for the Summer Youth program. Co Chair Callison inquired about the process for a business wanting to participate in the Summer Youth program. Councilor Hughes requested an update on the Jay Career Resource Fair event recently held.

Commerce - Anna Knight

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Mr. Reece provided a copy of the Roads Report. No questions or concerns were voiced about the Consent Items.

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

Mr. Reece apologized for not having his explanation and overview included in the budget modifications this month. He stated he had no issues or concerns with either

modification submitted.

A. [26-040](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #25-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Yea: 16 - 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; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

B. [26-041](#)

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 - MOD. 7; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Yea: 16 - 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; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Co Chair Callison announced the RSU Athletics 5th Year Funding Program Scholarship golf tournament is coming up and inquired if any Councilors would like to sponsor again this year.

ADJOURNMENT

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

STAFF PRESENT:

*Anna Knight
Shella Bowlin*

*Hunter Palmer
Jody Reece*

*Brooke Neff
Janees Taylor*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Molly Jarvis