



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Danny Callison, Co-Chair

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Thursday, August 28, 2025

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Chair Patzkowski gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 18 - Mike Dobbins; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Patzkowski reminded everyone of the upcoming budget hearings beginning on September 2nd.

Councilor Tehee moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett announced they would be hosting an orientation for the Council soon. He reported on the challenging year in regard to federal contracting. He stated gaming in July was very good. Financials are down both on the top and bottom line. The current Native employment is at 67.5% and Cherokee employment is at 59.5% for those positions where preference can be practiced. He provided an update on our gaming in Arkansas with a decision from the judge siding with the State of Arkansas on all counts. He provided a background and business impact overview in regard to Arkansas gaming. Councilor Kidwell inquired about the options now.

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

Treasurer Taylor gave an overview of the report provided. She commented on the upcoming budget hearings. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave highlights from the report then offered to answer questions.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Neff offered to take questions in the absence of Ms. Knight.

CONSENT ITEMS:

No questions or concerns were voiced.

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

1. [25-089](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO SOUTHERN CHEROKEE HELPERS
Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [25-090](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO HULBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL
Councilor Blackfox-Qualls moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [25-091](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #34-24 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - MOD. 12 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Councilor Sam moved to approve. Councilor Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:31 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Brooke Neff*

Jody Reece

Janees Taylor

VISITORS PRESENT:

Chuck Garrett

John Young

Teddy Snell