



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Candessa Tehee, Chair

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Monday, March 10, 2025

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Co-Chair Callison gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Absent 1 - Johnny Kidwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor McGeady moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Vocational Programs/Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported on the federal budget changes for Job Corp. She provided an update for the upcoming Summer Youth Program. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg inquired about the number of projected slots for summer youth and the hourly wage.

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

Mr. Vance gave highlights from the report including the next college career fair being scheduled on March 27th at the Roland Casino. The Cherokee Nation Scholarship applications for fall opened March 1st and will close on June 25th. They are partnering with Career Services and CCO organizations to provide student workshops to include information, resume writing and interview skills. The schedule

for area communities is as follows: Hulbert CCO on March 11th, Nowata CCO on March 25th, Kansas CCO on April 2nd, and Marble City CCO on April 15th, additional locations will be scheduled in the future. He provided an update on the language bowl and the JOM conference. He announced Public School Appreciation is scheduled for March 25th at the Hard Rock. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired if the graduation stole applications are on the portal.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Emberton announced Ms. Thompson is with the auditors. He announced they recieved a new fourteen passenger bus. He gave recognition to Human Resources for the help received in filling job vacancies. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Sequoyah High School - Terry Heustis

Mr. Heustis announced the girls basketball team will play for State in Oklahoma City this Thursday evening. He provided other sports and academic updates and announced they are preparing for graduation. He offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Tehee inquired if the applications for the new students and returning students is available.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Tehee announced the Cherokee Nation Foundation virtual ACT prep workshop will be on March 29th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:34 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Mark Vance
Terry Heustis
Todd Enlow*

*Aaron Emberton
Diane Kelley*

*Corey Bunch
Brooke Neff*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddy Snell