



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Candessa Tehee, Chair

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Monday, April 14, 2025

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tehee called the meeting to order at 3:17 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; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Late Arrival 1 - Codey Poindexter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley commented on the feature highlight of the report. She provided an update on the Career Pathways Program and the Summer Youth. She introduced Jacky England. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

Mr. Vance announced updates to the report have been emailed. He offered to answer any questions.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson gave appreciation to Councilors Tehee and Blackfox-Qualls for their assistance during the audit process. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Sequoyah High School - Terry Heustis

Mr. Heustis gave spring sport highlights and reported on the upcoming graduation festivities. He offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Tehee requested confirmation of Alumni weekend being the fist weekend of May.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Ms. Randall gave highlights from the report. She stated the scholarship awards are paid out at the end of August. She offered to answer any questions.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Blackfox-Qualls recognized two, Cherokee citizens, Seniors from Hulbert who officially signed today.

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
Jacky England*

*Verna Thompson
Brooke Neff*

*Diane Kelley
Canaan Duncan*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddye Snell

Janice Randall