



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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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

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### 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 first 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*

*Teddy Snell*

*Janice Randall*