Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes - Final
EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, September 2, 2025	**9:00 AM**	**Tribal Council Offices**

SPECIAL SESSION - FY2026 BUDGET HEARINGS (9/2/25 - 9/4/25)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patzkowski called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Patzkowski gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Mike Dobbins; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Uriah Grass; Candessa Tehee; Ashley Grant ; Joshua Sam; Clifton Hughes; Melvina Shotpouch; Kendra McGeady; Johnny Kidwell ; Kevin Easley Jr.; Dora Patzkowski and Danny Callison

Late Arrival 2 - Joe Deere and Julia Coates

NEW BUSINESS

1.   **25-092**   BUDGET HEARINGS - FY2026 CAPITAL AND COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGETS

Councilor Callison moved to enter into discussion. Councilor Legg seconded the motion.

Deputy Chief Warner gave opening remarks. Treasurer Taylor gave a high level overview of the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget by PowerPoint. She introduced the budgets team. She offered to answer questions from this portion of the overview. Councilor Legg requested clarification on the Education Department's revenue.

Each department began the overview of their proposed budgets and offered to answer any questions.

Chair Patzkowski requested a 10 minute break at 9:40 a.m.
Chair Patzkowski called the meeting back to order at 10:01 a.m.

The departments continued to provide overviews of their budget and answer any questions.

Following the completion of the department overviews Councilor Callison moved to approve the FY2026 as submitted. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:43 a.m.