



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Mike Shambaugh, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, March 28, 2024

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

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

**Late Arrival** 1 - Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Marshal Buhl reported they have appointed a second Deputy Marshal to go out into the southern areas to perform Sex Offender Registry checks. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

*AG Harsha reported the Tobacco Compact has been executed and filed with the State. He provided an update on the pending court cases. He stated one of their major priorities now is the Motor Licensing Compact negotiations. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Deere requested an update on the*

*Strobbles case. Chair Shambaugh gave appreciation for the job well done in the Tobacco Compact negotiations.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston reported the revenue and taxation is at a 4% increase compared to this time last year. She gave appreciation to everyone who attended the Public School Appreciation Day. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

*Ms. Imhoff reported the next board meeting will be held next Friday at Hard Rock. She provided highlights from the report then offered to answer any questions.*

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

*Ms. Hendricks reported the open interviews continue. Text to apply is now available. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls requested clarification on the exit interviews.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [23-065](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE COURT ON THE JUDICIARY AS MANDATED UNDER ARTICLE 8 SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION  
**Chair Shambaugh requested an update from Council Attorney Young. Attorney Young stated a revised version will be circulated and ready for consideration at the next Rules meeting. Councilor Kidwell and Easley gave appreciation for the work on this item.**
2. [24-009](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF VIVIAN COTTRELL AS AN ADVISORY MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**Councilor Vazquez made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Ms. Cottrell was given a few moments to provide her background. The motion to approve carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [24-024](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TONYA ROZELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION  
**Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. Ms. Rozell was given a few moments to speak about her background. Councilors Vazquez and Hall requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
2. [24-025](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PARTNERSHIP WITH ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STEM EDUCATION

FACILITY AND CREATE PATHWAYS TO HEALTH AND ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION

**Councilor Easley made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Councilor Easley gave some background information pertaining to the partnership. Councilors Deere, Blackfox-Qualls and Kidwell requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

3. [TMP-412](#)

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: Principal Chief's presentation and Q&A on Homelessness and implementation of the 'Crisis Shelter' provision of LA-01-22, Housing Jobs and Sustainable Communities Act

**Chief Hoskin and Deputy Secretary of State Montgomery provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Cherokee Nation's response to crisis sheltering. Following discussion Chief Hoskin announced legislation would be brought forward at the next Rules meeting for consideration.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Easley seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:12 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Janice Randall</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Austin Patton</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>
<i>Brooke Neff</i>	<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Audra Imhoff</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Tonya Rozell</i>
<i>Vivian Cottrell</i>		