



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, December 11, 2023

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Victoria Vazquez; Johnny Kidwell; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Sequoyah High School - Rita Bunch

Principal Brown offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Tehee commented the Sequoyah Invitational was an extraordinary event.

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

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the construction at the training center. She provided an update for Job Corp. Ms. Kelley announced there is a new director of TANF and a possible new director for the Wildland Fire Program. The Learning Center at Job Corp is tutoring for GED. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Tehee commented the meal prepared by Job Corp was very delicious. Councilor Deere gave appreciation for her staff at NCAI.

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

Mr. Vance announced the choir has been performing at various places during the holiday. He provided an update on the JOM art contest. Their Tribal Consultation for our schools is scheduled for February 22nd at the Echota House. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Smith inquired if this was a record number to enter the art contest. Councilor Deere gave appreciation for the help with the OU Voices of Courage.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Shane McMahan reported in the absence of Ms. Thompson. Their annual conference was a success. Appreciation was given to Councilors Poindexter and Blackfox-Qualls for attending the conference. He offered to answer any questions.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shambaugh announced the Council meeting tonight will be held here in our offices.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:12 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery
Diane Kelley*

*Justin Brown
Mark Vance*

Corey Bunch

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddye Snell