



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

Codey Poindexter, Chair
Uriah Grass, Co-Chair

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Monday, January 12, 2026

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poindexter called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Julia Coates; Codey Poindexter; Uriah Grass; Danny Callison; Ashley Grant; Clifton Hughes; Johnny Kidwell; Kendra McGeady; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch and Candessa Tehee

Absent 2 - Joe Deere and Kevin Easley Jr.

Late Arrival 1 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shotpouch moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis provided a report on the Artist Recovery Act Participation. She gave highlights from the report then offered to answer questions. Councilor Legg requested an update on the Dwight Mission rehab project. Councilor Sam inquired about renderings on the PPE building being renovated for the art center. Councilor Tehee inquired if they would be working with the artist to create the Stilwell art center.

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

Mr. Paden gave report highlights and statistics. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Kidwell gave appreciation for the report at the Legislative Luncheon during Inter Tribal. Councilor Shotpouch made comments about the recently held Speakers meeting. Chair Poindexter inquired about the adult evening language classes at Immersion.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

Ms. Smith offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Jane Osti / Donetta Johnson

Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report. She offered to answer any questions.

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ONLY - LEGISLATIVE CULTURAL RETREAT

Councilor Callison moved to enter discussion. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chair Poindexter proposed creating a work group at the next meeting to design the agenda and provide activity input. He commented on designing a questionnaire to send to the Council. Next month the agenda will have a request for the formation of a work group.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Kidwell recognized Shawn Crittenden in attendance and gave appreciation for the great presentation on the GaDuGi Corp at the Legislative Luncheon during Inter Tribal.

Councilor Hall gave information for the Cherokee Walk at Keys this evening and the Cherokee Language Classes in Keys.

Councilor Grant announced a community organization meeting on January 27th in Owasso at the 6th grade center.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Callison moved to adjourn. Councilor Grass seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:23 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Brooke Neff
Savannah Smith

Chelbie Turtle
Howard Paden

Shawn Crittenden

VISITORS PRESENT:

Molly Jarvis

John Young