



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

*David Walkingstick, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, May 12, 2014

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Janelle Fullbright

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the April 14, 2014 regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

1. Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services/Voc. Ed - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley announced a job fair would be held tomorrow at West Siloam Springs. They have specialized training going on in Pryor at the Vo-Tech. Job Corp is preparing for their review. Youth Leadership Day for the Summer Youth participants will be held at the Job Corp facility. She provided an update for the Pryor GED testing site. Ms. Kelley provided an update on the Day Training Program. Interviews for the Summer Youth Interns begin next Monday. Mr. Overacker continues to work in the coordination of the benefit golf tournament for the One Fire Task Force. They are also networking with several businesses for on the job training. Their offices for Pryor and Tulsa have been put on hold at this time. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the work staff for CRC.*

2. Executive Director's Report - Bill Andoe / Dr. Gloria Sly

*Dr. Sly offered to answer any questions from the reports provided. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about their recommendation in regard the doctoral program up for consideration during old business items. Councilor Keener inquired about the Remember the Removal ride. Councilor Coates inquired about the recommendation for the National Treasurers.*

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Dr. Sly reported the Head Start review is complete and they should receive a preliminary report in June and the official report in October.*

4. Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Qualls gave an update on Sequoyah's slow pitch, baseball and track teams. He provided an update on the ACT test scores and provided a handout of the ACT scores by grade. Councilor Glory Jordan congratulated him on the 4 Gates Scholars at Sequoyah and announced there were also 2 at Keys and 5 at Tahlequah one of which was our Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain's son. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the senior class trip. Councilor Byrd announced Mr. Qualls has been inducted into Sequoyah High School's Hall of Fame.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-300](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE CHEROKEE NATION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP DOCTORAL PROGRAM
- Councilor Glory Jordan commented the recommendation is to change the semesters from 6 to 8 and the no option to 2 additional semesters for the doctoral program. She commented the amendment to the legislation hasn't been prepared at this time and inquired about the wishes of the committee. She made a motion to approve the recommendation with the paperwork to follow. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion carried. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-047](#) AN ACT RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACT OF 2011 TO REVISE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Baker inquired about the map referred to in the legislation that isn't attached. Ms. Mandy Scott gave an overview of the proposed changes. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Walkingstick announced the next meeting is Monday, June 16th.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 4:16 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Elizabeth Odell  
Mandy Scott  
Leroy Qualls  
Tom Elkins  
Bill John Baker  
Ginger Brown*

*Diane Kelley  
Dr. Gloria Sly  
David Moore  
G. V. Gulager  
Todd Hembree*

*Bill Andoe  
Jennifer Pigeon  
Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
Pat Gwin  
Taylor Alsney*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Janice Randall*

*Dianne Baker Harrold*