



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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Thursday, October 30, 2025

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poindexter called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates; Codey Poindexter; Uriah Grass; Danny Callison; Ashley Grant ; Johnny Kidwell ; Melvina Shotpouch and Candessa Tehee

Absent 2 - Clifton Hughes and Joshua Sam

Late Arrival 2 - Joe Deere and Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Neff offered to take questions in the absence of Ms. Jarvis.

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

Mr. Paden gave highlights from the report then offered to answer any questions. Councilor Shotpouch inquired if any speaker is allowed to attend the consortium meetings. She also inquired as to who to contact to find out the date and location of the meetings. Co-Chair Grass requested notification of the consortium meetings. Chair Poindexter inquired as to the number of speakers in attendance at the recently

held speakers event.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

Mr. Duncan offered to take any questions in the absence of Ms. Smith.

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Jane Osti / Donetta Johnson

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

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Only: Legislative Cultural Retreat

Councilor Legg made a motion to enter into discussion. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. Chair Poindexter provided a handout of suggestions for the retreat. He commented about the upcoming busy holiday season and suggested revisiting this in January. He gave an overview of the suggestions then requested input from the Council. Councilors commented and gave appreciation for the retreat suggestion. Councilor Kidwell suggested removing the Roberts Rules of Order training and having it separately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Hall announced Cherokee language classes Thursday night at the Keys Methodist Church.

Councilor Legg announced Cherokee language classes at the Muldrow Community Organization starting November 24th.

Councilor Deere announced the Choctaws Cultural Day is tomorrow at their event center.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:23 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Howard Paden
Jane Osti
Ross Winn*

*Canaan Duncan
Donetta Johnson
Chelbie Turtle*

*Brooke Neff
Sheila Bowlin*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young