

# **Council of the Cherokee Nation**

Council House 17763 S. Muskogee Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464

# Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Monday, May 14, 2012

3:00 PM

**Legislative Conference Room** 

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr.; David Thornton, Sr.; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Absent 1 - Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the April 16th regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Walkingstick moved to amend the agenda to move prior to the reports the Sequoyah High School Athletic Program update. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** 

2. TMP-204 SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM UPDATE

Coach Larry Grigg gave an update of the Sequoyah High School Cross Country, volleyball, football, fast pitch softball, wrestling, basketball, baseball, track, golf and slow pitch softball. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an update on the personnel changes within the athletic program as well as the average GPA for the student athletes. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about a drug test policy for the athletes at

Seguoyah High School.

#### REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kim Carroll offered to answer questions from the report provided.

2. Executive Director's Report - Dr. Neil Morton

Dr. Morton offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the preference for the summer camps. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if the supplemental documents requested for the scholarship applications could be sent hard copy now that the applications are all on line now. Dr. Morton announced his department is involved with a comprehensive review of Sequoyah which involves quite a bit of reorganization. He stated he would provide a report at the June committee meeting. Councilor Garvin inquired if all of the seniors would be graduating this year. He announced the 6th grade Immersion School graduation would be held this evening.

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Barbara Littledave offered to answer questions from the report provided.

4. Leadership - Mark Skinner

Mr. Skinner offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Jack D. Baker inquired about the Remember the Removal Bike Ride. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about blood quantum requirements for Miss. Cherokee. Mr. Skinner announced the kick off ceremony for the Bike riders will be held June 1st at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers and the riders will return on the 22nd with a ceremony held at the courthouse. Councilor Walkingstick voiced concern for the complaints he is receiving in regard to the Tribal Youth Council. Mr. Skinner announced they are going through some changes at this time. After additional discussion was held Chair Byrd requested a member of the Youth Council attend the Education & Culture committee next month to report. Councilor Cowan Watts suggested the Youth Council as a group have a legislative initiative which they bring forward to the Council.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None pending.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. TMP-202

DISCUSSION: THE CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION (CNF) - CNF FUNCTION, STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND ROLE/COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY BOARD

Ms. Gilliland provided a packet of information for the Cherokee Nation Foundation. She provided a power point presentation with an overview of the foundation. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about open seats on the board. He inquired if notice is given out to those who don't receive scholarships through the foundation and if so do

they suggest applying for the scholarships through the Higher Education Department.

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Walkingstick moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution honoring Angel Goodrich. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### 2. <u>12-072</u>

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ANGEL GOODRICH, A CITIZEN OF THE CHEROKEE NATION, FOR HER OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A copy of the proposed resolution honoring Angel Goodrich was handed out. Ms. Barker Harrold requested a change be made to reflect the Kansas Lady Jayhawks. Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve and forward to full Council tonight. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Garvin offered a friendly amendment to change Kansas State University to the University of Kansas. The friendly amendment was accepted. The motion carried.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:02 p.m.

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Coach Larry GriggDianna TurtleLacey HornKim GillilandDr. Neil MortonDarryl LeggMark SkinnerBarbara LittledaveKim Carroll

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

Raymond Vann Dianne Barker Harrold Charles Dry Patricia Carpenter