



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Thursday, June 25, 2015

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd** called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

### INVOCATION

**Chair Byrd** gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

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

**Late Arrival** 1 - Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis** moved to approve the May 28th regular session and the May 28th special session minutes as submitted. **Councilor Vazquez** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Vazquez** moved to amend the agenda to consider both of the nominations prior to the reports. **Councilor Glory Jordan** seconded the motion with a friendly to let the written reports stand. The motion carried with **Councilor Keener** opposed.

### OLD BUSINESS

4. [15-051](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LAUREN JONES TO THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX EDITORIAL BOARD

**Councilor Vazquez** moved to approve. **Councilor Taylor** seconded the motion. **Councilor Vazquez** introduced Ms. Jones and after numerous questions and

comments the motion to approve carried with Councilor Cowan Watts opposed.

- 5. [15-052](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LUKA E. MADISON AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Ms. Madison was not present for questions and was asked to be present at the Council meeting. The motion to approve carried with Councilors Cowan Watts, Coates, Taylor, Buzzard and Keener abstaining.**

REPORTS:

*The oral reports were waived with a request to let the written reports stand.*

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Self-Governance - Vickie Hanvey

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Human Resources - Nason Morton

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. **TMP-329** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CLOSING THE LOOPHOLE ALLOWING CANDIDATE FOR PRINCIPAL CHIEF AND OTHER OFFICES TO RAISE AND SPEND MONEY AND ESCAPE ACCOUNTABILITY BY NOT FILING FOR OFFICE  
**Councilor Thornton moved to table. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Coates and Cowan Watts opposed.**
- 2. **TMP-330** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:  
(A) WHAT CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR A COUNCILOR TO CLAIM TRAVEL TO AND FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, INCLUDING TRAVEL FROM PERMANENT RESIDENCES AND FROM TEMPORARY WORK LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF CHEROKEE NATION?  
(B) MAY THE COUNCIL REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL FUNDS, FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, FROM A COUNCIL MEMBER WHO DID NOT HAVE A SUFFICIENT BASIS TO CLAIM SUCH FUNDS?  
**Councilor Thornton moved to table. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilors Cowan Watts and Coates opposed.**

- 3. [TMP-331](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: REVIEW OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY

**Councilor Glory Jordan moved to table and requested comments and suggestions be brought forward prior to the next meeting. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Buzzard requested the policy be provided by email again. The motion carried with Councilor Coates opposed.**

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chair Byrd gave appreciation to all of those who prepared for the Remember the Removal Bike Riders return event held earlier today at the Supreme Court House.**

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:28 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Kelly Myer</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Andy Quetone</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>David Cornsilk</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>
<i>Vickie Hanvey</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Claud Stover</i>	<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Rhonda Trumbula</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Lauren Jones</i>
<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>	<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>	<i>January Hoskin</i>