



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Mike Shambaugh, Chair*

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Monday, December 16, 2024

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Johnny Kidwell ; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

**Late Arrival** 1 - Kevin Easley Jr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Daniel Mead

*Marshal Buhl announced this is his last meeting as the Marshal of the Cherokee Nation. He introduced Daniel Mead who would be the Acting Marsha as of January 1st. Marshal Mead gave his background. They offered to answer any questions. Councilors commented on the tenure and service of Marhsal Buhl.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chad Harsha

*Attorney General Harsha gave an update on the tag compact and explained to process from this point forward. Changes will be coming to the motor vehicle code to align with the changes in the compact. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepton

*Ms. Swepton gave highlights from the report and commented on the compact changes. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Gaming Commission - Audra Imhoff

*Ms. Brooke Neff offered to take questions back for Ms. Imhoff.*

Human Resources - Samantha Hendricks

*Ms. Hendricks reported they are working on the implementation of electronic files. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Coates inquired about the consideration of a dollar to dollar higher rate in 401k match for those employees who have more years of service. Councilor Tehee gave appreciation for the level of accessibility of her to the Council.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [24-118](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. ASHLEY COMIFORD AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD  
**Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Ms. Comiford appeared via zoom for questions. Councilors Coates, Callison, and Kidwell requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**
2. [24-119](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF PAT GWIN AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD  
**Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. Mr. Gwin appeared via zoom to answer any questions. Councilor Coates requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.**
3. [24-120](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. EMMA BETH HARP AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD  
**Deputy Secretary of State, Canaan Duncan, requested this item be withdrawn per the request of the Administration.**
4. [24-121](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MELISSA PAYNE AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD  
**Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. Ms. Payne joined the meeting to address any questions via zoom. The motion to approve carried.**
5. [24-113](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED CONSENT TO SUIT FOR A

TRANSACTION INVOLVING CHEROKEE NATION SYSTEM SOLUTIONS, L.L.C., A CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

**Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

6. [24-114](#)

A RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM CHEROKEE TRI-COUNCIL

**Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. Chair Shambaugh commented the Tri-Council has become a platform for the United Keetoowah Band to attack the Cherokee Nation. With the new leadership at the UKB there is hope for meetings in the future. Numerous Councilors commented on this agenda item. Following comments Councilors Tehee, Kidwell, Callison, Easley, Hall, Poindexter, Shotpouch and Legg requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

7. [24-115](#)

AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 68 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED

**Councilor Kidwell moved to approve the revised version provided. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A request was made for all items passed out of committee today be forward to Council this evening.**

**Councilor Callison announced at Cherokee Nation night at RSU the Council was presented with a basketball.**

**Chair Shambaugh announced it was Councilor Legg's birthday and requested everyone join in signing to him. Councilor Legg thanked everyone.**

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Shotpouch moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:44 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Daniel Mead</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>	<i>Samantha Hendricks</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Shella Bowlin</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Chuck Garrett</i>	<i>Shane Bilby</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>		
<i>Remote:</i>		
<i>Ashley Comiford</i>	<i>Melissa Payne</i>	<i>Pat Gwin</i>