



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Tuesday, November 13, 2012

3:00 PM

Head Start Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Councilor Byrd called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; 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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Garvin moved to approve the October 15th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Brenda Fitzgerald reported in the absence of Ms. Kelley. She reported all of the Vocational Training Program funds have been obligated for the remainder of this fiscal year. She offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired how much funding would be needed. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested this be an agenda item on the November Executive & Finance committee meeting for discussion. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report of actuals for the TERO fees.*

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

*Dr. Morton provided a handout containing information on competitive grant funding, cost at Haskell Indian Nations University, Cherokee Nation College Resources*

*Scholarship policies, and the 2011-2012 A-F Report Card for those schools within the Cherokee Nation boundaries. Dr. Morton offered to bring back a proposal in December of suggested changes to the competitive grant program and the A-F Report Card issues. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about the need for a budget modification. Councilor Cowan Watts requested details of the program in regard to funding, the number assisted, and if technical assistance has been provided to the schools applying. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested an agenda item on the November Executive & Finance Committee for discussion on the MVT competitive grant funds.*

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Chairman Byrd gave appreciation to Ms. Thompson and her staff for Thanksgiving lunch and the warm hospitality. Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the written report. She provided packets to the Council which contains the Head Start's performance standards and the profile of the program. She announced they will be hosting the 19th Annual Early Childhood Conference will be held next week in Tulsa. She extended an invitation to the Council to attend their banquet on Tuesday night during the conference.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-142](#) A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE POLICY FOR ALL HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS
- Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment to include the military academies. The friendly was accepted. Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to reduce the funding for Haskell students from \$2,000 to \$1,000. The motion died with the lack of a second. Councilor Coates offered a friendly amendment for the funding to the military academies be specified for travel and other incidentals not covered by the academy. The friendly was accepted. Councilor Anglen made a motion to send to full Council this evening. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.*
- The motion to approve as amended and forward to the Council meeting this evening carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried at 4:02 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Brenda Fitzgerald  
Dianna Turtle*

*Dr. Neil Morton  
Elizabeth O'Dell*

*Jennifer Pigeon  
Jody Reece*

*Verna Thompson*  
*Leroy Qualls*

*Jerry Snell*

*Barbara Foreman*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Ollie Starr*  
*Natalie Ostrander*

*Ruth Ann Weaver*  
*Raymond Vann*

*Dianne Barker Harrold*