



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Joe Byrd, Speaker*

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Thursday, August 29, 2019

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Special Session called by Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Joe Byrd

Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

#### INVOCATION

**Speaker Byrd gave the invocation.**

#### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke

Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

#### NEW BUSINESS

*Honored to address the Council at this special meeting Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr., gave appreciation for the consideration of his nominees and other business items on the agenda.*

1. [19-065](#)

#### **THE HOUSING, JOBS, AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2019**

**Sponsors:**

Canaan Duncan, Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Shawn Crittenden, Keith Austin, Joe Deere, Joe Byrd, Daryl Legg, Victoria Vazquez, Wes Nofire, Mike Dobbins, E. O. "JR." Smith, Harley Buzzard, Dora Patzkowski, Janees Taylor, Julia Coates and Mary Baker Shaw

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-12-19

2. [19-063](#) **AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Sponsors:** Canaan Duncan, Daryl Legg, Janees Taylor, Dora Patzkowski, Keith Austin, Joe Deere, Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan and Victoria Vazquez

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-13-19

3. [19-060](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TINA GLORY JORDAN AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**Sponsors:** Joe Byrd, E. O. "JR." Smith, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Keith Austin, Mike Shambaugh, Canaan Duncan, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Dobbins, Joe Deere and Daryl Legg

**Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Jordan abstaining.**

Enactment No: R-037-19

4. [19-055](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SARA E. HILL AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Janees Taylor, Rex Jordan, Victoria Vazquez, Daryl Legg, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere, Canaan Duncan, Mike Shambaugh, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates, Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-038-19

5. [19-061](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF TRALYNNA L. SCOTT AS TREASURER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Canaan Duncan, Daryl Legg, Keith Austin, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere, Mike Shambaugh and Rex Jordan

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-039-19

6. [19-054](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHAD C. HARSHA AS SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**Sponsors:** Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh, Mike Dobbins, Keith Austin, Daryl Legg, Canaan Duncan, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere, Victoria Vazquez and E. O. "JR." Smith

**Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-040-19

7. [19-059](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANKIE HARGIS AS REGISTRAR OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**Sponsors:** Keith Austin, Victoria Vazquez, Rex Jordan, Mike Shambaugh, Daryl Legg, Joe Deere, Wes Nofire, Canaan Duncan, E. O. "JR." Smith, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates and Janees Taylor

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-041-19

8. [19-064](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STANLEY JOE CRITTENDEN AS SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**Sponsors:** Canaan Duncan, Janees Taylor, Daryl Legg, Keith Austin, Dora Patzkowski, Joe Deere, Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Victoria Vazquez, Harley Buzzard, Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

**Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-042-19

9. [19-058](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KIMBERLY TEEHEE AS DELEGATE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**Sponsors:** Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Daryl Legg, Keith Austin, Dora Patzkowski, Mike Shambaugh, Joe Deere, Rex Jordan, Harley Buzzard, Joe Byrd, Julia Coates and Mary Baker Shaw

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-043-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Speaker Byrd commented, to those in the audience, there was much debate held during committee this afternoon. HE requested all of those confirmed today to please stand.*

*Speaker Byrd requested Deputy Warner invite everyone to the Cherokee Holiday.*

SWEARING IN OF THE NEWLY ELECTED CABINET MEMBERS

*Justice John C. Garrett performed the swearing in ceremony for The Secretary of State, The Attorney General, The Treasurer, The Secretary of Natural Resources, The Registrar, The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Delegate to the United States House of Representatives.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Duncan recognized Kim Teehee's family in attendance and announced the recent passing of thier family member.*

*Speaker Byrd reminded everyone who was sworn in to remain and sign thier oaths.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 4:15 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.