



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Tuesday, November 14, 2017

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Chair Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

**Absent** 2 - Frankie Hargis and Harley Buzzard

**Late Arrival** 1 - Keith Austin

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the October 26th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Marshal Buhl reported they started active shooter response training last week. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

*Ms. Nimmo reported they are hiring a new attorney and will introduce her next month. Chair Byrd requested a brief update on the Murphy case ruling.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin reported there are currently 18 FOIA requests with 2 of those being new and 6 are outstanding. There are 6 total GRA's with 2 of those being new requests and the other 4 are outstanding. The website has been updated.*

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

*No one was available to report.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*Ms. Debra Wilson reported in the absence of Mr. Hummingbird. On September 28th NIGC announced a notice of proposed rulemaking that would amend 25CFR547.5 which is class II minimal technical standards to remove the sunset date for certain gaming systems. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston provided clarification on the Cherokee Nation Veteran tax exempt card issues. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Warner inquired about the search for staff at the Sallisaw tag office.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton was not available to report.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [17-109](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEACON TURNER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC  
**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Mr. Turner was available for any questions. The motion carried with Councilor Crittenden opposed.**
  
2. [17-126](#) ACT RELATING TO AMENDMENT OF TITLE 18 ARTICLE 3 SECTION 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GENERAL CORPORATION ACT, INCREASING THE DIVIDENDS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
*Councilor Lay made a motion for discussion only. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Lay requested Treasurer Horn and Assistant Attorney General Harsha to join our Council Attorney to provide an overview of this amendment. He stated he and Council Attorney Nofire Blakestad drafted the Title 18 amendment increasing the dividend another 2%. Treasurer Horn has been working toward a similar goal of a permanent fund and thinks they can be combined. He requested Ms. Horn provide an overview of the changes.*  
**Councilor Lay requested these be combined and brought forward for consideration next month. He requested clarification on the requirement for a 2/3rds vote of the Council and the Principal Chief to expend the funding.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [17-128](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN ALLEN AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION  
  
**Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Lay made a motion to table. The motion failed for the lack of a second. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Lay opposed.**
  
- 2. [17-129](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GARY DAN DAVIS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION  
  
**Councilor Warner made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
- 3. [17-130](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TREASURY SERVICES AGREEMENT AND GRANTING A LIMITED CONSENT TO BE SUED  
  
**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Chair Byrd requested an overview of the request. The motion to approve carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:36 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Connie Parnell</i>	<i>Joe Crittenden</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>
<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Debra Wilson</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Charles Gourd</i>	<i>Carolyn Allen</i>	<i>Pam Sellers</i>
<i>Jami Murphy</i>	<i>Deacon Turner</i>	<i>Gary Don Davis</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	