



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

*Codey Poindexter, Chair
Uriah Grass, Co-Chair*

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Monday, December 15, 2025

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Codey Poindexter; Uriah Grass; Danny Callison; Ashley Grant ; Clifton Hughes; Johnny Kidwell ; Melvina Shotpouch and Candessa Tehee

Absent 3 - Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Joshua Sam

Late Arrival 1 - Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Mr. Owens gave highlights from the report and offered to answer any questions. Councilor McGeady commented on the holiday market held at the Anna Mitchell Cultural Center. Councilor Deere inquired about music at the Route 66 event.

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

Mr. Paden gave highlights from the report. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg inquired about an evening Master Apprentice course. Councilor Kidwell requested a brief on Speaker Services at the Legislative Luncheon at Inter Tribal in January. Councilor Hughes commented on a Pre-K child speaking Cherokee at a recently held parade.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Savannah Smith

Ms. Smith reported they have finalized the CCO participation list for 2025. She offered to answer any questions. Councilor Kidwell requested an update for the Ga Du Gi Corp at the Legislative Luncheon during Inter-Tribal in January. Councilor Hall gave appreciation for assistance provided to an elder.

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Jane Osti / Donetta Johnson

Ms. Osti gave highlights from the report and offered to answer any questions. Chair Poindexter gave appreciation for the recently held Treasures Luncheon.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:27 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Brooke Neff
Canaan Duncan*

*Donetta Johnson
Howard Paden*

*Savannah Smith
Shella Bowlin*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Jane Osti

Travis Owens