



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Keith Austin, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, May 25, 2023

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Callison gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 17 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Chuck Garrett

*Mr. Garrett provided an update on the financials and the federal contracts. He introduced the Vice President of Corporate Strategy. Mr. Garrett reported the total Native American employment is 66.5% at CNB. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Nofire inquired if the benefits of the employees who transfer to Gold Strike also transfer.*

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Janees Taylor

*Treasurer Taylor reported on the debt ceiling and announced the Cherokee Nation doesn't have any debt. There has been research to determine what it would take to*

*run the tribe for ninety days. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley provided an update on the Career Readiness Campus, mobile job fairs, and the Summer Youth Program. She announced the possibility of a new business in Sallisaw. Ms. Kelley gave highlights from the visit from the Department of Justice. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

Commerce - Anna Knight

*Ms. Knight reported they are busy preparing for the upcoming Cherokee Holiday. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

*No concerns were voiced.*

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

ROADS

SPORTS TEAMS APPLICATIONS

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW APPLICATIONS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [23-028](#) AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #30-22 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - MOD. 8; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
  
**Co Chair Sam inquired about the increase for the Cherokee Holiday. Co Chair Sam moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Janees Taylor</i>
<i>Becca Isbell</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Sherman Nofire</i>	<i>Karen Nofire</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Chuck Garrett</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>John Young</i>
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