



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

*David Walkingstick, Chair*

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Wednesday, July 29, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 2 - Julia Coates and Curtis Snell

**Late Arrival** 2 - Janelle Fullbright and Tina Glory Jordan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the June 15th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kelley reported on the Summer Youth Interns trip to North Carolina. She gave an update on the welding classes. The culinary program's 8th class will graduate soon. The Talking Leaves Job Corp will graduate 178 students on the 21st of August. Both the National Voc-Rehab week and the National Manufacturing week are coming up. A job fair will be held in Pryor in conjunction with the National Manufacturing week. Macy's will have a big open house on the 6th of August. Councilor Hargis inquired if the welding classes would be held at other locations.*

Executive Director's Report - Bruce Davis

*Mr. Davis provided updates on the Cherokee camps. In College Resources they have 4,272 scholarships, 233 on the waiting list, 33 concurrent summer enrollment students and 63 fall concurrent enrollment students. Councilor Taylor inquired about the Promise Program at Connors. Councilor Lay inquired about the scholarship waiting list. Councilor Vazquez inquired if there was an increase in teachers from last year's Cherokee camps. Councilor Byrd requested the Camp Cherokee include culture and healthy nations. Chair Walkingstick requested an after action review of Camp Cherokee to determine what could be done better.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Mr. Davis offered to take questions back to Ms. Thompson as she is preparing for the start of the school year.*

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Qualls provided an update on the construction projects at Sequoyah. They are preparing for the upcoming school year. He announced Sequoyah will remain 3A in athletics. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the agriculture program.*

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley  
Bruce Davis*

*Tom Elkins  
Jennifer Pigeon*

*Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
Leroy Qualls*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Keith Austin*

*Lisa Long*

*Teddye Snell*