



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

*Victoria Vazquez, Chair*

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Thursday, March 31, 2016

11:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Byrd called this first meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and gave a brief explanation for the reasoning behind creating this Culture committee.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

Roll was called to determine membership.

**Present** 12 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Late Arrival** 2 - Don Garvin and David Thornton, Sr.

### TMP-342

#### SELECTION OF THE CULTURE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

Councilor Taylor made a motion to nominate Councilor Vazquez as the Chair of this committee. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Jordan made a motion to nominate Councilor Byrd as the Co-Chair of this committee. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Speaker Byrd handed the gavel to the newly elected committee Chair Vazquez. Chair Vazquez gave a brief overview and appreciation for the creation of this committee.

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Mr. Travis Owens reported in the absence of Ms. Jarvis. He provided an update from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the Saline Courthouse. Chair Vazquez inquired about the process to register for the*

*Preservation Series. Councilor Lay inquired about the safety of the bridge at the Saline Courthouse. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the preservation of the old Bull Hollow office as it is also considered a historical site.*

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

*Mr. Boney and Mr. Ross gave highlights from the report provided. He touched on the meeting held last week on the language consortium with the Eastern Band and the Keetoowah Band. He gave an overview of what the consortium group does as well as their meeting schedule. The online language classes' registration begins this week. Councilor Byrd commented on the enormous amount of funds in the program at NSU and while a good cause it didn't produce the number of certified teachers as projected. He suggested with their online classes and community classes that they keep good documentation. Mr. Boney gave an overview of the language scholarship program. They also provided the information regarding the Speakers Bureau meetings held each month. A flyer was provided for information regarding the Inter Tribal Language Summit being held April 13 and 14th.*

Historical Society - Candessa Tehee

*Dr. Tehee introduced the current Vice President of the Cherokee National Historical Society Board of Trustees and current acting President, Shane Jett. Ms. Tehee announced she will be speaking at the Gilcrease Museum Cherokee Symposium in April. They have a tentative date of October 22nd set for the Seven Star Gala. They are seeking the nominations for the awards given at the gala. On April 8th beginning at 6:00 p.m. they will have the Trail of Tears Art Show and sale opening and reception. Councilor Hatfield inquired about Mr. Jett's duties. Councilor Byrd requested a breakdown of the current employees. He also inquired about possible future projects. He suggested the preparation of a budget and submitted for the 2016 requests. Councilor Crittenden inquired about plans for the amphitheater. Chair Vazquez requested the information regarding the Gilcrease event be forwarded to the Council staff for disbursement. Councilor Byrd commented they are considering possible options regarding the drama at the new event center being planned at the Cherokee Plaza. Mr. Jett provided Tribal Leadership Directories for the Council.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

*Mr. Daugherty announced the cultural trainings and activities presented to the At Large communities are also going to be provided to the in-jurisdiction communities. He reported their office will be moving to the old CNB building just outside of Tahlequah on HWY51. They provided the details of their yearly Community Leaders Conference coming up in June and extended invitations to each Council member. Councilor Thornton inquired if they would be requesting an increase in the budget to initiate the cultural activities within jurisdiction. Chair Vazquez requested they have a representative at each of her three April community meetings. He yielded part of his reporting time to Ryan Mackey and Howard Paden to report on the new initiative/program to save our language. They provided a handout of an overview for the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program. They provided a background of the program and the progress made to date. The speakers were introduced.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Vazquez announced the passing of one of our National Treasurers, Edith Ketcher Knight. She also announced Marsha Lamb has requested they participate in a photo opportunity while placing the blue ribbons on the tree for domestic abuse. Lunch has been provided and is waiting. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 26th at 11:00 a.m.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 12:18 p.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Rob Daugherty</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Roy Boney</i>
<i>John Ross</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Tyler Thomas</i>
<i>Tammy Dry</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>	<i>Ryan Mackey</i>

## VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Candessa Tehee</i>	<i>Travis Owens</i>	<i>Cheryl Trask</i>
<i>Shane Jett</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>