



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*David Walkingstick, Chair*

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Monday, October 17, 2016

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Baker gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

**Absent** 1 - Wanda Hatfield

**Late Arrival** 3 - Curtis Snell; Buel Anglen and Keith Austin

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the September 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kelley reported the GED graduation was held a couple of weeks ago. They will be hosting the Oklahoma Tribal Re-entry programs this Wednesday. She provided an update on the projects they are working with CNB. She stated there are businesses contacting them to assist in their recruiting. She gave an update on the upcoming job fairs. The NORA Summit will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at NSU. She announced they have received another grant therefore the Kawi Café will be taking on a new direction. Leadership Oklahoma is coming to the Cherokee Nation on November the 18th. Chief Baker signed a proclamation declaring October as Manufacturing Month in the Cherokee Nation. They are planning an open house in the Pryor office for their partnership with the Pryor schools for the alternative school. They participated in the chili cook-off held at Rogers State University. The TERO Vendor Fair will be held November 17th at Hard Rock.*

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

*Mr. Etheridge gave a brief overview of the Every Student Succeeds Act. He had a list of schools that exceed the 50% requirement within our jurisdiction. Ms. Jennifer Pigeon announced the College and Career Night at Sequoyah High School will be held in the gym at 5pm on October 27th.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Mr. Etheridge reported on behalf of Ms. Thompson. He announced the 23rd Annual Early Childhood Conference will be the 21st through the 23rd in Tulsa.*

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Qualls announced he attended the Bureau of Indian Education meeting last week at the Inter Tribal Conference. He reported their regional accreditation at SHS is due today. He announced a college and career fair is being held today at the school. He reported the robotics team and the power lifting team both won State championships and the Academic State Championship for softball. He provided other athletic highlights.*

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

*Ms. Randall reported they have completed all of the summer camps. They are now planning all of the Junior Achievement activities. On November 1st the scholarships open. They are doing ACT prep in Sequoyah County now and start next week in Ft. Gibson then Owasso and Pryor. She offered to answer questions.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:45 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Canaan Duncan</i>   | <i>Diane Kelley</i>  | <i>Leroy Qualls</i>    |
| <i>Courtney Jordan</i> | <i>Ron Etheridge</i> | <i>Jennifer Pigeon</i> |

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell*  
*Janice Randall*

*Cheryl Brown*

*Dianne Barker Harrold*