



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*David Walkingstick, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, December 12, 2016

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Austin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

**Absent** 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

**Late Arrival** 2 - Buel Anglen and Bryan Warner

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the November 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

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

*No one was present to report.*

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

*Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions from the reports provided. Ms. Pigeon reminded everyone of the upcoming deadlines for the scholarships; this Friday the 16th at 5:00 p.m. is the concurrent enrollment deadline, the deadline for the undergraduate, graduate and promise scholarships is at 5:00 p.m. December 28th for spring 2017 renewals. Councilor Lay inquired if new applications were accepted for the Spring semesters.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions on behalf of Ms. Thompson.*

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Qualls offered to answer questions from the report provided. He gave a supplemental report by reporting this is their testing finals week. He gave comparisons on their concurrent enrollment now versus four years ago. Highlights were given on the athletic teams. He reported on the band concert, the board meeting and the dorm open house. Their Christmas dinner will be held this Friday and everyone is invited to attend. Everyone was invited to the immersion program this Friday morning. They have a coop project with the immersion on a grant to increase math scores. They are planting a garden next to the dorms. Councilor Byrd inquired about the cost of the concurrent enrollment. He also inquired about the difference in funding for the dorm students versus the day students. Councilor Hargis inquired about dorm vacancies. Chair Walkingstick suggested placing an emphasis for the students to live in the dorms. He requested an explanation of the funding for Sequoyah funding.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Walkingstick recognized Carrie Spencer in the attendance. Ms. Spencer, the Executive Director of RISE, provided a packet of information from the program and gave a brief overview of the which was founded for the sole purpose of opening a long term residence for Oklahoma girls who have been victim of sex trafficking and/or commercial sexual exploitation.*

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

*Ms. Kelley reported on the Christmas open house held in Sallisaw last Thursday. They are working with the 4 Work Force offices in our area that the State is closing to assist in finding them new office space. They have a Christmas open house scheduled this Friday at 1:00 p.m. in Pryor then in Claremore at 3:00 p.m. Job Corp will be sending students home for the Christmas holidays. She reported on the dorms at Job Corp along with their performance standards. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Hargis requested clarification on the unemployment office in Stilwell closing.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:48 p.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>John Paden</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>
<i>Tyler Thomas</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	

## VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
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