



# 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, January 26, 2017

11:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 11 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Dick Lay; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Frankie Hargis

**Absent** 2 - Don Garvin and David Thornton, Sr.

**Late Arrival** 2 - Jack D. Baker and Rex Jordan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve the November 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis gave an overview of the report provided and offered to answer questions. Councilor Byrd inquired about some suggestions for outings during Tri-Council this year. Councilor Buzzard requested meeting with the Grove area in regard to some tourism options. Councilor Snell inquired about the bridge at the Saline Courthouse Bridge. Chair Vazquez inquired if the mannequin displays at the Grove Casino are complete.*

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

*Mr. Dennis Sixkiller gave an update on the December and January Speaker's Bureau meetings. He announced the Consortium meeting will be held the 22nd – 24th of February in Cherokee, NC. Mr. Boney gave an update on the Cherokee lessons*

*within the Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People segments. They have hired Lawrence Panther as the Coordinator of the Cherokee Teacher Training Program. They are currently scheduling their community language classes. The dates for the upcoming Language Summit will be April 12th and 13th at NSU. He provided a handout of a new Cherokee language font they have been working on with Google. Councilor Austin commented on the predominately Cherokee Speakers not understanding the medical terminology while at their appointments. He inquired if there is an interpreter available. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the length of the community classes and how you become eligible to teach those classes.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

*Mr. Daugherty reported the annual report has been placed on each of their desk. He announced a couple of his staff worked with Ameri-Corp and have been nominated for an award. Chair Vazquez commented she liked the set-up of the report. Mr. Daugherty requested Mr. Paden and Mr. Mackey provided an update on the Cherokee Language Program and its first two graduates. He introduced them as Cody Vann and Don Dugger. Councilor Byrd commended them for their efforts as it is harder to learn the language as an adult and this should be encouragement to others. Chief Baker announced the land has been put into trust for the new casino in Tahlequah which will allow the old casino will become our immersion school, our language program and our master apprentice program.*

Historical Society - Tonia Weavel

*Ms. Weavel commented there are three graduates from the Cherokee Humanities Course here today: Ryan Mackey, Dawnena Squirrel and Don Dugger. Ms. Weavel reported on the yearly visits to the Heritage Center and the genealogy center. They have hired a Development Manager. They will soon begin the search for the new Executive Director. The board will have a retreat next week where they will plan for the upcoming year. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Vazquez introduced her cousin David Wilson in attendance.*

*The Chair also announced the long awaited Cherokee National Treasurers book has been published and look forward to a book signing.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:55 p.m.**

PAGE BREAK

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Dawnea Squirrel</i>	<i>Ryan Mackey</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>
<i>Roy Boney</i>	<i>John Ross</i>	<i>Rob Daugherty</i>
<i>Tonia Weavel</i>	<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Tommy Wildcat</i>
<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Dennis Sixkiller</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Don Dugger</i>	<i>Cody Vann</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Molly Jarvis</i>	<i>Travis Owens</i>	<i>Cheryl Trask</i>
<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>David Wilson</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>