



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*David Walkingstick, Chair*

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Monday, January 16, 2017

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Baker gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 12 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

**Absent** 2 - Curtis Snell and Wanda Hatfield

**Late Arrival** 3 - Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez and Rex Jordan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the December 12th minutes as submitted. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kelley gave an update on the testing center in Pryor and the ribbon cutting. She provided information on the new testing center capabilities. They are going to begin a pre-apprenticeship program with construction. A ground breaking is scheduled for the 17th of February. She provided handouts of information on Apprenticeship Oklahoma. They will soon have a full time job developer in the Jay office. She gave updates on some of their staffing location changes. Ms. Kelley gave updates on the upcoming Summer Youth program.*

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

*Mr. Etheridge announced the Public School Appreciation Day will be March 24th at the Hard Rock, A School Administrators meeting will be held on March 31st at the*

*Roland Casino, and on April 7th they will be at Will Rogers Downs for a School Administrators meeting. They completed the RTR orientation. The College Resource Center is busy with the scholarships and concurrent enrollment. Chair Walkingstick inquired if anyone would be present in Washington to represent us during the Every Student Succeeds Act Summit in February.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced they are fully enrolled. They continue look to fill employment positions in Stilwell, Jay and Tahlequah.*

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Qualls gave a supplementary report. He gave an overview of the Bureau of Indian Education visit last week. The Robotics team has qualified for State. The Academic team leaves tomorrow for Stigler for competition to qualify for State. He provided athletic updates. Mr. Qualls commented it looks as though we will have a student committed to attend Stanford. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the SHS kids in a competition on RSU TV.*

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

*Ms. Randall gave clarification on the numbers provided in the report. She commented on her attendance at the community meetings. She provided dates for their scholarship applications. Councilor Taylor inquired about dates for the CCPI Camp.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd introduced and gave a brief background on Brian Barlow and requested a few moments to allow him to provide an update on his recent activities. Mr. Barlow gave appreciation for the opportunities given to him by the Cherokee Nation and where it has led him today.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:16 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Jami Murphy  
Ron Etheridge  
Tom Elkins

Canaan Duncan  
Diane Kelley  
Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Jennifer Pigeon  
Leroy Qualls  
Verna Thompson

*Bruce Davis*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Brian Barlow*

*Teddy Snell*

*Janice Randall*

*Dianne Barker Harrold*