



# 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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Tuesday, March 21, 2017

9:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Austin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Warner was present but not a member of this committee.*

**Present** 8 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell;  
Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Frankie Hargis

**Absent** 3 - Shawn Crittenden; Don Garvin and Rex Jordan

**Late Arrival** 3 - Harley Buzzard; Wanda Hatfield and Dick Lay

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Anglen moved to approve the January 16th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis gave a detailed overview of the report provided and offered to answer questions. Councilor Hargis inquired about contact information for the youth competition. Councilor Byrd inquired if there has been consideration to take over the State parks within our jurisdiction especially Cherokee Landing here on Tenkiller Lake. Chair Vazquez requested details on the Cahokia Mounds tour. She inquired about the number of Cherokee Treasurers going to Cherokee Days. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the status of the Welcome Center in Kansas, Oklahoma.*

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

*Mr. Boney gave highlights from the report provided. They are working on a lesson*

*plan to teach how to use the computer with the Cherokee language. The University of Arkansas has an exhibit "Early Native Americans" in which our Cherokee Translators assisted in the preparations. He announced the community classes have begun. An update was provided on the Cherokee Language Bowl. Councilor Baker requested a copy of the "We are learning Cherokee" text book.*

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

*Ms. Tammy Miller reported in the absence of Mr. Daugherty. She highlighted the volunteer program. In regard to COTTA they have issued approximately thirty small sub awards to the communities. The Master Apprentice Program went to assist with the tornado in Greasy. Councilor Byrd commented on the volunteer program and suggested considering this as a criteria for our youth. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the sub grant awards.*

Historical Society - Tonia Weavel

*Chair Vazquez announced Ms. Weavel is on her way at this time.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Vazquez announced the Wild Onion Feast sponsored by the Pocahontas club is this Saturday at the Claremore Senior Citizen Center. She also announced the National Treasurers book is on sale at Amazon. There will be an official book launch on April 13th at the Sequoyah High School gym.*

Historical Society - Tonia Weavel

*Ms. Weavel gave an update on their working hours. They have applied and received a COTTA grant. The search for their executive director has begun with expectations to have the position filled by May. She announced they now have a development manager which is a paid position through CNB. They are working on a fundraising campaign. A maintenance supervisor has been hired. With the help of the Cherokee Nation Day Training, Tribal Work Experience, the Sector Partnership Grant and the Oklahoma Work Force they are able to fill some much needed staff shortages. Today is the first day for the seasonal employees. They have had one hundred entries to the Trail of Tears Art Show. In conjunction with the Anna Mitchell Legacy exhibit they hosted a pottery lecture by Jane Osti and Victoria Vazquez along with a pottery making event. She gave an update on some of the staff's speaking events. Chair Vazquez inquired if there is a space available for presentation and/or workshops instead of the atrium.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Byrd moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 9:33 a.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Roy Boney</i>		

## VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Molly Jarvis</i>	<i>Cheryl Trask</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Tonia Weavel</i>		