



# 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, May 15, 2017

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the April 10th minutes as submitted.**  
**Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kelley reported our Talking Leaves Job Corp is one of five in the region that is in the 100% rating. The welding graduation was held last Thursday with most of the graduates already having jobs. They are working to get the pipe fitters training started. She commented on the nurses training. They are working with Oklahoma University Economic Development toward certifications. She provided an update on the TERO offices moving locations. Vocational-Rehab will have a regional meeting in June at the Hard Rock in Tulsa.*

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

*Mr. Etheridge reported they would be visiting Sallisaw, Tahlequah, Pryor, and Little Kansas to discuss the Title VI ESSA program. Councilor Buzzard requested an overview of the program. Mr. Etheridge gave some information on the upcoming camps at RSU, Dwight Mission, Nowata, Little Kansas, Briggs and Welling. The*

*Remember the Removal Bike Ride sendoff will be two weeks from tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Etheridge reminded everyone of the June 15th scholarship deadline. Councilor Buzzard inquired if there has been a change in policy on the concurrent enrollment.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Ms. Thompson announced the last day for full enrollment is August 7th. She introduced the Head Start recruiters with her as Chad Cochran, Joseph McClure and Mary Lee Cary. They provided an enrollment packet and gave a brief overview of the application process.*

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Qualls announced the immersion school graduations were held last week and the high school graduation is scheduled for this Friday night. He provided an update from the visit they received from the BIE. He gave end of the school numbers. Mr. Qualls also gave an athletic update. The girls basketball camp will begin on the 30th.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:53 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Courtney Jordan</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Ron Etheridge</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Leroy Qualls</i>
<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Mary Lee Carey</i>	<i>Chad Cochran</i>
<i>Josh McClure</i>		

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Mary Baker Shaw</i>
<i>J.B. Wildcat</i>	<i>Sylvia Wildcat</i>	