



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*David Walkingstick, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, December 11, 2017

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Smith gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Frankie Hargis ; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the November 13th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Vocational Programs/Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Kelley reported they have held their second meeting with Health Administration in regard to recruitment for the new facility. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired if they are considering other medical training programs.*

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

*Ms. Jennifer Pigeon reported for Mr. Etheridge. She gave an update on the recently held college and career nights held. She announced the deadline for spring scholarships is the 28th of December. Councilor Warner gave an update in regard to state level funding. Councilor Crittenden inquired if school club functions qualify for community service hours for the scholarships. Councilor Byrd inquired about the College Resources manager position. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the past request for a Cherokee promise work group. Councilor Warner suggested completing*

*the concurrent enrollment work group first. A concurrent work group meeting was set for January 15th at 5:00 p.m.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

*Mr. Qualls gave highlights from the report. He also reported on the conference he and Mr. Etheridge recently attended. Councilor Byrd inquired about a date for the next school board meeting. He requested their board consider a resolution honoring our caller and allowing him to get in all SHS games free. He also inquired about the school board becoming more than just an advisory board.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Anglen moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 3:37 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley  
Leroy Qualls*

*Jennifer Pigeon  
Alayna Farris*

*Canaan Duncan*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Tahlina Nofire Blakestad*