



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Wednesday, November 14, 2018

12:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis ; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Mary Baker Shaw

**Absent** 1 - Dick Lay

**Late Arrival** 1 - Mike Dobbins

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the October 16th regular session minutes.**

**Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Mr. Scot Craig offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick asked for an update on the Marshals pay.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

*Ms. Nimmo reported the stay had been denied in the ICWA case in Texas. She provided a more in depth update regarding the case. She also provided an update in the DC Nash case. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Walkingstick requested an update on the Murphy Case. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the UKB cases. Chair Byrd asked about the 47 Act also known as the Stigler Act.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin reported there are 17 total requests, 14 of those are FOIA and 3 are GRA. At this time none are outstanding and the website has been updated.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston corrected the next meeting of the Tax Commission board. She offered to answer questions from the board.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*Mr. Hummingbird offered to answer questions from the report. The NIGC recently commemorated the 30-year anniversary of the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. He stated the construction projects for Tahlequah and Catoosa are on time. They are in the process of doing their end of year reviews for facility licenses. They have combined the November and December board meetings to December 7th. The following Wednesday will be the all CNG staff meeting at the community meeting room here at the complex. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Buzzard inquired about how the ball and dice games are performing and if there will be expansion into other locations.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shaw requested clarification on Cherokee Elder Care and the difference with the Cherokee Nation.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [18-071](#) A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE APPOINTMENTS AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT FROM THE CHEROKEE NATION JUDICIAL BRANCH  
  
**Chair Byrd gave an overview for the reasoning of this resolution. Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. Following discussion and questions the motion to approve carried with Councilor Jordan opposed.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-077](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN C. GARRETT AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT  
  
**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Following several questions of Chief Justice Garrett the motion to approve carried with no opposition. Councilor Taylor requested to be added as a sponsor.**
2. [18-078](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANKIE HARGIS AS REGISTRAR FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE  
  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Following numerous questions, the motion to approve carried with no**

opposition.

3. [18-079](#)

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 7 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

**Councilor Austin moved to approve with a substitute timeline provided.**

**Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Following very lengthy discussion the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis and E. O. "JR." Smith

**Nay:** 6 - Buel Anglen; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh and Mary Baker Shaw

**Not In Room:** 1 - Mike Dobbins

4. [18-080](#)

A RESOLUTION ELECTING JANEES TAYLOR TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve Janees Taylor as the Secretary of the Tribal Council. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

5. [TMP-373](#)

DISCUSSION ONLY: H. R. 6124 - TRIBAL SOCIAL SECURITY FAIRNESS ACT OF 2018

**Mr. Reece gave an overview of H.R. 6124.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:39 p.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Connie Parnell</i>	<i>Marcus Fears</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Brandon Scott</i>	<i>Radena Rutherford</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>Scot Craig</i>	<i>Sharon Swepton</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>
<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Derrick Vann</i>	

## VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Rick Doherty</i>	<i>John Garrett</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Linda Sax</i>	<i>David Cornsilk</i>
<i>Brent Taylor</i>	<i>Tressa Hart</i>	