



# 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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Thursday, January 31, 2019

11:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Newly elected District 7 Councilor, Canaan Duncan, gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Duncan requested to be a member of this committee.*

**Present** 15 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith and Canaan Duncan

**Late Arrival** 1 - Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the November 14th regular session. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis gave an overview of the report. Chair Vazquez inquired about the entry deadline for the Cherokee Art Market. Councilor Shaw requested some clarification. Councilor Shaw inquired if the At Large grade school kids would participate in the Art Market. She also inquired about the art work for the new outpatient clinic. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the National Treasurers were given priority. Councilor Lay inquired if the current hospital will be renovated as well with the med school. He requested additional clarification on the care taker home at the Saline Courthouse.*

## Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

*Ms. Anna Sixkiller gave a report on the language consortium. They will be traveling to Cherokee in March. Chair Vazquez requested an example of a sentence or phrase to translate. Councilor Crittenden voiced the need for the immersion school to have a bus route. Mr. Boney commented Ms. Sixkiller is also doing media recordings for a media company. At the Inter Tribal Conference the Culture Committee announced the Inter Tribal Language Summit will be held in Ada July 17th and 18th. They are looking for locations to have the community language classes. He congratulated, John Ross, for inventing the zero to make Sequoyah's numbering system work properly. He reported on the online class for college credit at Rogers State University and the possibility of developing a Cherokee Language TV program with RSU TV. Councilor Hatfield inquired if they work with the University of Oklahoma.*

## Community &amp; Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

*Mr. Stretch offered to answer questions from the report submitted. Councilor Shaw questioned the numbers listed for the attendance at the Phoenix and Tucson events. She inquired if the numbers were from the sign in sheets.*

## Historical Society - Charles Gourd

*Dr. Gourd gave an update on the calendar of events provided last month. He introduced Cheryl Parrish and Brenda Partain. He gave a summary of the report provided. He met with the OSU Library on a training people on how to conduct an interview. They are working with Pat Gwin to get a traditional garden planted at the Heritage Center. They are updating and expanding the Cherokee exhibit space at the JM Davis Gun Museum. Dr. Gourd stated they are working with the Gilcrease Museum on training to digitize heirlooms and collections. The exhibits at the Five Tribes Museum have been updated. They have been requested to have a Cherokee Day at the National Cowboy and Western Museum. The Will Rogers exhibit of him before he was famous will now be on permanent display at the Will Rogers Museum. They are considering a community arts project to allow artists an opportunity to sell their pieces. He touched on the upcoming Summer of Women's Art Show coming up.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd announced a CD of Charlie Shell, Joyce Green, DJ & Francis McCarter and Candice Byrd is now available. He gave appreciation to Roy Boney for designing the cover. All sale proceeds go into scholarships.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 11:46 a.m.**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

*John Young  
Roy Boney  
Todd Enlow*

*Kevin Stretch  
Anna Sixkiller*

*Brandon Scott  
Taryn King*

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

*Travis Owens  
Charles Gourd  
Teddy Snell*

*Molly Jarvis  
Cheryl Parrish  
Tahlina Nofire Blakestad*

*Cheryl Trask  
Brenda Partain*