



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Keith Austin, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, June 25, 2020

11:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 11:28 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Shaw gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely*

**Present** 14 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

**Absent** 2 - Daryl Legg and Rex Jordan

**Late Arrival** 1 - Canaan Duncan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the February 10th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

*Chair Austin announced we have written reports submitted. He welcomed our new Executive Director, Corey Bunch.*

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

Executive Director's Report - Corey Bunch

*Mr. Bunch gave an overview of all of the changes within the Education Department. He began as the Executive Director on June 1st, Mark Vance is the new Deputy Director, Mr. Patrick Moore is the new Superintendent at Sequoyah, Natalie Cloud is the new*

*Principal at Sequoyah, Carolyn Allen is the new JOM Director, and Aaron Emberton as Senior Advisor. He gave an overview of his educational background. Chair Austin requested a brief background on the other education leadership changes. He announced they have not yet filled the position of Principal at the Language and Immersion School. Chair Austin commented he has requested an organization chart with contact information once available. Councilor Byrd inquired about the vacancy for the boys' basketball coach. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the job title for Mr. Emberton. Chief of Staff Enlow commented on the new Education team. Councilor Nofire inquired about the possibility of assisting schools with computers or other ways of helping with the possibility of home schooling this fall.*

**Chair Austin inquired if there were any questions for the other directors listed under reports.**

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Sequoyah High School - Patrick Moore

*Councilor Duncan requested Mr. Moore be present at the next meeting.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:50 a.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Corey Bunch*

*Taralee Montgomery*

*Todd Enlow*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddye Snell*

*Tim Brown*