



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Thursday, August 27, 2020

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shambaugh gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Canaan Duncan ; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Daryl Legg; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

Late Arrival 2 - Harley Buzzard and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the July minutes as submitted.
Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the Lineman Training and the Fire Program. A fiber tech program will start with twelve students in September. She provided an update on the Job Corp and when the students may return. The GED Graduates will have a virtual graduation this year. She reported they received a Department of Labor COVID Disaster Relief Grant for \$12m. They have been requested to submit a pre-application for an employment and training grant for \$15m. Councilor Deere commented on Nike N7 opening up internships.

Executive Director's Report - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch gave appreciation to for the COVID relief grants given to the schools. He announced they currently have fifty-six competitive grant applications from schools.

He provided an update on the \$400 technology stipend and the \$150 clothing vouchers going out this week. The \$750 technology stipend for the undergrad scholarship recipients will start going out tomorrow. He congratulated Mark Vance on his appointment as the National JOM President. Chair Austin requested clarification on the stipend payments to families with multiple children. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the timeline to get the funds once the confirmation email is received. Councilor Duncan inquired about issues with families of multiple children only receiving payment for one.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Bunch offered to answer questions pertaining to Head Start.

Sequoyah High School - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch reported today is in person orientation for Seniors at Sequoyah. Councilor Dobbins inquired about a start date for extracurricular activities to begin. Councilor Byrd inquired about OSAA approval, other local schools participating in extracurricular activities and Sequoyah losing students to schools who are playing sports. He commented the Tribe is about safety first and is more equipped to provide safety to the students. Additional discussion was held regarding the decisions made in regard to safety and sporting events.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 12:08.**

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery

Todd Enlow

Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Remote:

Corey Bunch

Diane Kelley

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Teddy Snell