



# 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, October 29, 2020

11:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Co Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Dobbins gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilors Vazquez, Duncan and Shaw attended remotely.*

**Present** 15 - Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Canaan Duncan ; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Wes Nofire and Dora Patzkowski

**Late Arrival** 1 - Mary Baker Shaw

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the August regular session minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

*Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report provided. She also provided an update on the Heritage Center transition. Councilor Deere inquired about the Route 66 pathway in front of the casino.*

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Betty Frogg / Donetta Johnson

*Ms. Frogg was not available online.*

## Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

*Mr. Paden gave an overview of the report provided. He announced they have received two new grants and gave an overview of each. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the accomplishments listed in the report. Councilor Legg requested they reach out to Central High School in Sallisaw about getting a Cherokee language course. Councilor Crittenden announced he was given a Cherokee ledger from an elder and requested he pick it up and review. Councilor Austin commented on the RSU viewership numbers for the online Cherokee course. Chair Byrd inquired about the implementation of the language classes into our employee orientation and even possibly for the Council. He commented it is an honor for the immersion students and the parents should take the responsibility. He inquired about an incentive for the parents to learn. He suggested taking the Cherokee Speakers journal and dating it for a close date, new books can be opened. Councilor Crittenden suggested providing incentives for the younger kids also.*

## Community &amp; Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

*Mr. Stretch reported on some new hires within their department then gave an update from the report provided. He stated they continue to discourage gatherings even outside due to the pandemic. Tuesday November 3rd the At Large Advisor Community Meeting will be held virtually. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

## Historical Society - Paul Buckner

*Ms. Jarvis gave an update during her Cultural Tourism Report.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Vazquez congratulated the new National Treasures who were designated this year.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Nofire moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:42 a.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery*

*Todd Enlow*

*Remote:*

*Howard Paden*

*Kevin Stretch*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Tim Brown*

*Teddy Snell*

*Remote:*

*Molly Jarvis*

*Betty Frogg*