



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Shawn Crittenden, Chair*

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Monday, January 10, 2022

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilors Coates and Legg attended remotely.*

**Present** 16 - Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Daryl Legg; Wes Nofire; Shawn Crittenden; Candessa Tehee; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Victoria Vazquez; Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

**Late Arrival** 1 - Rex Jordan

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the December minutes. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kelley gave updates on the various training programs and then offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Nofire inquired as to the number of students at Job Corp. He requested clarification on the Job Corp facility lockdown.*

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

*Mr. Vance reported they have been delivering masks to the schools. The Higher Education Scholarship deadline has been extended to the 18th. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Deere inquired if certain schools within his district received scholarship information and masks.*

Sequoyah High School - Mark Vance

*Mr. Vance announced the new Principal is Ramona Ketcher and the new Assistant Principal is Justin Brown. Councilor Austin requested each be brought before committee for a formal introduction at a later date.*

Head Start - Verna Thompson

*Mr. Vance offered to answer questions for Ms. Thompson.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:10 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Remote:*

*Taralee Montgomery*

*Diane Kelley*

*Corey Bunch*

*Mark Vance*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*

*Teddy Snell*