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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

October 17, 2025
Cherokee Casino Tahlequah
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, Ok 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman
Richard Hull, Commissioner
Dwight Birdwell, Commissioner
Linda O'Leary, Commissioner
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

Audra Imhoff, Executive Director
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager
Kelsey Markes, Compliance Manager
Tim Forrest, Audit Manager
Cale Parnell, Administrative Officer
Indy Hicks, Gaming Systems Analyst
Amy Calico, Executive Assistant

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Angelia Jobe, CNE IT

Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Jon Warden, CNE Surveillance Technology
Christer Farr, CNE IT
Steve Libauski, CNE IT
Jackie McQueen, CNE Marketing
Erica Jo Bonaparte, CNB Audit
Eric Shoemaker, CNE FB

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal
Melvina Shotpouch, CN Tribal Council

CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:43 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks
Commission Hull
Commissioner Birdwell
Commissioner O'Leary
Commissioner DeLozier

Four (5) Commissioners were present, and a quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner DeLozier made the motion to approve the Agenda; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Table the Minutes for September 19, 2025. Commissioner Hull made the motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

VI. CNE REPORTS:

The Chair entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the CNE Reports and Executive Director's report. Commissioner O'Leary made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier.

The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-E, and VII at 9:46 am.

- A. Financial
- B. Facilities
- C. Marketing Project Updates
- D. Litigation
- E. Compacts

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The reports under items VI.A-E, and VII. A-B were received in Executive Session, and no action was taken. The Chair entertains the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:17am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses-

1. Employees Temporary:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Twenty-Seven (27) Temporary Permits, Thirty (30) Suitability Determinations and Twenty-One (21) Orders. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

2. Employees Renewal:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Two Hundred and Thirty-One (231) Renewals. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. Vendor New Company:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve Twenty-Two (22) Individual Orders for October 17, 2025. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

4. Vendor Renewals:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Seven (7) Company Renewals and Sixty-Six (66) Individual Renewals for October 17, 2025. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

5. License Classifications

The Chair entertained a Motion to Affirm the previously provided approval from the Executive Director. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

6. Charitable Gaming – Affirmation of Approval

The Chair entertained a Motion to Affirm the previously provided approval from the Executive Director granting Charitable Gaming Application for the Hulbert Cherokee Organization. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

B. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Approvals – K. Markes

The Chair entertains the Motion to Approve the following items as listed in EGM Memo:

- 32 new electronic game themes
- 7 new OS/main programs
- 3 new gaming components
- 1 new gaming cabinet

Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes.

2. Electronic Gaming Machine Affirmations – K. Markes

The Chair entertains the Motion to Affirm the Six (6) Executive Director's approvals previously granted as listed in EGM Memo:

- 5 new electronic game themes
- 1 new gaming components

Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions. The Motion passes, the approvals were affirmed.

C. IHP Removal Transfer Request Memo – K. Markes

The Chair entertained the Motion to Transfer The Requested Retired Progressive Funds to Promotions. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

D. Promotions – K. Markes

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

E. Tournaments – K. Markes

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the suspended Tournaments enclosed in the packet. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the Tournament enclosed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

F. System of Internal Controls (SICS) – K. Markes

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the New and Revised System of Internal Controls. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

G. 2025 TICS Financial Transactions – T. Forrest

The Chair requested unanimous consent to let the record reflect that the receipt of information was without objection and the order be reflected in the minutes.

H. 2025 TICS Gaming Machines – T. Forrest

The Chair requested unanimous consent to let the record reflect that the receipt of information was without objection and the order be reflected in the minutes.

I. 2026 Commission Meeting Schedule – A. Imhoff

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adopt the Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule as listed in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

J. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings – C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to enter Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 10:56am.

The Chair entertained the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at approximately 12:04pm.

OPEN SESSION

1029771 – The Chair entertained the Motion to continue on February 6, 2026, at 9:30am, Chota Center at Tahlequah Casino. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:08pm.

Approval of Minutes:


Chairman Sparks


Date