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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

June 27, 2025
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
777 West Cherokee St.
Catoosa, Ok 74015

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Richard Hull, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

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

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Angelia Jobe, CNE IT

Brian Bork, CNE Marketing
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance
BJ Harrington, Corporate Gaming
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Mickey Ward, CNE Operations
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing

VISITORS:

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

CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:44 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

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

Absent: Commissioner Hull

Four (4) Commissioners were present, and a quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the May 30, 2025, Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

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 Birdwell.

The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-E and VII at 9:48 am.

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

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The reports under item 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 O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:12 am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses-

1. Employees Temporary:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Eleven (11) Temporary Permits, Twenty (20) Suitability Determinations and Twenty-Six (26) Orders. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

2. Employees Renewal:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the One Hundred and Thirty-One (131) Renewals. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. Vendor New Company:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve Five (5) Individual Orders for June 27, 2025. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

4. Vendor Renewals:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve Thirty-Nine (39) Individual Renewals for June 27, 2025. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. 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 DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

B. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Approvals – K. Vann

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

- 32 new electronic game themes

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

2. Electronic Gaming Machine Affirmations – K. Vann

The Chair entertains the Motion to Affirm the Seventeen (17) Executive Director's approvals previously granted as listed in EGM Memo:

- 13 new electronic game themes
- 3 new OS/main programs
- 1 new gaming component

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

C. IHP Removal Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

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

D. Tournaments – K. Vann

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

E. SICS – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Five (5) revised changes to the System Internal Control Standards as listed: RVA002, RVA004, RVA023, RVA039, AND RVA041. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

1. Poker Definitions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Poker Definitions brochure enclosed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes.

F. 25-06AP Key and Access Control FAR – T. Forrest

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve and Release the Key and Access Control Final Audit Report. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. No questions. No debate. Motion passes.

G. CNE TICS Information Technology Report – T. Forrest

The Chair asked for unanimous consent to ensure that the information was received without objection.

H. CNE TICS Cage and Casino Instruments Review – T. Forrest

The Chair asked for unanimous consent to ensure that the information was received without objection.

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

OPEN SESSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:44am.

Approval of Minutes:


Chairman Sparks

July 25, 2025
Date