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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

January 9, 2026
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
777 West Cherokee St.
Catoosa, Ok 74015

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSION STAFF:

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

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Monica Richards, CNE Finance
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance
BJ Harrington, Corporate Gaming
Jon Warden, CNE Surveillance Technology
Angelia Jobe, CNE IT
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
JC Ayers, CNE Human Resources
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Erica Martindale, CNB Assurance

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert , CN Office of the Attorney General

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2026**

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 Hull
Commissioner Birdwell
Commissioner DeLozier
Commissioner O'Leary

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the December 12th, 2025, Minutes. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Chairman Sparks and Commissioner Birdwell abstained from the vote. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

JC Ayers, CNE Human Resources

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 9:48 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 DeLozier. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:15am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Permits & Licenses-

1. Employees Temporary:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Fifteen (15) Temporary Orders; Twenty-Eight (28) Suitability Orders and Twenty-Seven (27) Licensing Orders effective January 9, 2026. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

2. Employees Renewal:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Ninety-Three (93) Renewals effective January 9, 2026. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Commissioner Hull abstained from the vote. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. Vendor New Company:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve Two (2) Individual Orders for January 9, 2026. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

4. Vendor Renewals:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve One (1) Company Renewals and Sixteen (16) Individual Renewals for February 6, 2026. Commissioner Hull 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 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:

- 21 new electronic game themes
- 4 new OS/Main programs
- 3 new gaming components
- 1 new gaming cabinet

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

C. IHP Transfer Request Memo – K. Markes

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

E. Tournaments – K. Markes

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

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

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Revised System of Internal Controls. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

G. 26-02AP Player Tracking FAR - T. Forrest

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Request for release of the Final Audit Report. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions.

H. 2026 CNE TICS Accounting Review (Information Only) - T. Forrest

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

I. 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 DeLozier made the Motion to enter Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 10:51am.

The Chair entertained the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at approximately 10:56am.

OPEN SESSION

1030157 – The Chair entertained the Motion to Adopt the staff's recommendation in the finding of non-suitability. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:59am.

Approval of Minutes:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Sparks".

Chairman Sparks

Feb. 6, 2026

Date