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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

May 2, 2025
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, Ok, 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSION STAFF:

Audra Imhoff, Executive Director
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager
Velma Coon-Santos, Gaming Auditor
Amy Calico, Executive Assistant
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming Systems Analyst
Shandie Hughes, Licensing Agent

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Bear Christenson, CNE Compliance
Monica Richards, CNE Finance
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
BJ Harrington, Corporate Gaming
Erica Martindale, CNB Audit
Jennifer Watkins, CNE Compliance

VISITORS:

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

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2025**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:38am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

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

Absent:

Five (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. The Motion carried and the Agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the April 4, 2025, Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. 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 DeLozier.

The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session at 9:41 am to discuss items VI.A-E and VII.A-B.

A. Financial

B. Facilities

C. Project Fusion 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 DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion passed to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:02 am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses-

1. Employees Temporary:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Twenty-Seven (27) Temporary Permits, Seventy-Two (72) Suitability Determinations and Forty-Five (45) Orders. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

2. Employees Renewal:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Seventy (70) Renewals. Commissioner DeLozier 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 Eight (8) Individual Orders for May 2, 2025. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier.

4. Vendor Renewals:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve Five (5) Individual Renewals for May 30, 2025. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

5. License Classifications

The Chair entertained a Motion to Affirm the previously provided approvals from the Executive Director. This includes 1 PMO & 3 Key Positions as listed in the packet. 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. Vann

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

- 42 new electronic game themes
- 7 new gaming components
- 4 new OS/main programs

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 entertained the Motion to Affirm the One (1) Executive Director's approvals previously granted as listed in EGM Memo:

- 1 new electronic game themes

Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion passes, the approvals were affirmed.

3. Roulette Up Approval Memo – K. Vann

The Chair entertained a Motion to Approve the Roulette Up progressive as well as two new felts. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

C. IHP Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Release The Requested Transfer Progressive Funds to Promotions. Commissioner Hull asked, “Will this portion would be divided into two parts?” The Chair confirmed it will be separated into two parts. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

D. IHP Removal Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

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

E. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the Executive Director Approval of the Corporate promotions:

- Canned TBD (CAN2410DRAWING)

Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes.

F. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the West Siloam Springs (1) enclosed in the packet. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

G. System of Internal Controls (SICS) – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Ten (10) revised changes to the System Internal Control Standards as listed: MMD002, MMD004, MMD005, MMD006, MMD007, MMD008, MMD009, TGM140, TGM420 AND TGM437. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

H. 25-05AP Complimentaries FAR – V. Coon-Santos

The Chair entertained the Motion to release the 25-05AP Complimentaries FAR. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions on the Motion to release. Motion passes.

I. CNE TICS Gaming Promotions Bingo Review – V. Coon-Santos

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. Any questions.

J. CNE TICS Mid-Year Gaming Funds Verification – V. Coon-Santos

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. Any questions.

K. Delegation of Authority Memo – A. Imhoff

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Delegation of Authority Memo as enclosed in the packet. The Chair stated, “Out of caution we wanted to make sure The Delegation of Authority related to the Executive Director was memorialized particularly as it relates to Executive Director Imhoff.”. Executive Director Imhoff stated, “I would like to point out there are two separate Delegation of Authority’s. One is beginning January 28, 2024, and the second is May 2025.” Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any debate. Motion passes.

L. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings

The Chair entertained the Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 10:50am.

The Chair entertained 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 11:40am.

OPEN SESSION

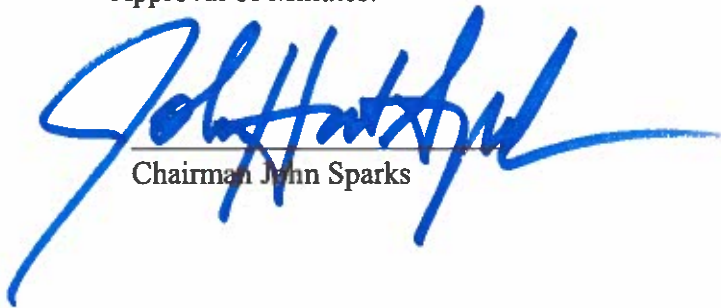
1055008 - Motion to conditionally approve the license. The conditions are completion of deferred sentences, documentation on evaluations and reported courses completed. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any debate. Motion Passes.

105226 – Licensee appeared and reported status update and will reappear May 30th. 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:47am.

Approval of Minutes:



Chairman John Sparks

May 30, 2025
Date