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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

September 18th, 2026
Chota Center,
Cherokee Casino Tahlequah
3307 S Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSION STAFF:

Audra Imhoff, Executive Director
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager
Tim Forrest, Audit Manager
Cale Parnell, Administrative Officer
Crystal Sunday, Gaming Clerk

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Angela Jobe, CNE IT
Mitch Moore, CNE Marketing
BJ Harrington, CNE Corporate Gaming
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Zachary Nix, CNE Accounting
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance

VISITORS:

Paiten Taylor-Qualls, CNOAG
Melvina Shotpouch, CN Tribal Council

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

September 18, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. ROLL CALL:

Crystal Sunday called Roll.

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

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. Any questions, any debate, none seen. Motion passes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the August 21st, 2026, Minutes. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to Approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Chairman Sparks abstained from voting. Any questions, any debate, none seen. Motion passes.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Crystal Sunday, Gaming Clerk, CNGC and Melvina Shotpouch, CN Tribal Council

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 DeLozier made the Motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary.

The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-E, and VII.A-B, at 9:42 am.

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

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 O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 9:59 am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Alternative Standards for Class II Mobile Gaming – A. Imhoff

The Chair asked for unanimous consent to memorialize that the Public Comments regarding the Proposed Alternative Standards for Class II Mobile Gaming was received by the Commission. Any questions, any debate, hearing none. The unanimous consent passes.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses – C. Quetone

1. Employees Temporary:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Thirty-four (34) Temporary Orders; Twenty-eight (28) Suitability Orders, and Eighteen (18) Licensing Orders effective September 18th, 2026. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate, none seen. Motion passes.

2. Employees Renewal:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the One Hundred and Thirty-eight (138) Renewals effective September 18th, 2026. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Commissioner O'Leary abstained from voting. Any questions; any debate, none seen. Motion passes.

3. Vendor New Company:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Twelve (12) New Individual Orders effective September 18th, 2026. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate, none seen. Motion passes.

4. Vendor Renewals:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Seven (7) Company Renewals and Forty-seven (47) Individual Renewals effective October 16th, 2026. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate, none seen. Motion passes.

5. License Classifications: - A. Imhoff

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the Executive Director's previously granted approval for 2 new Key positions and 1 Primary Management Official. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate, none seen. Motion to affirm passes.

B. Game & System Approvals:

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Products Approval – C. Quetone

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

- 56 new electronic game themes
- 3 new OS/Main programs
- 2 new gaming cabinets

Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions or debate, none seen. The Motion passes.

2. Electronic Gaming Machine Product Affirmations – C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the Executive Director’s previously granted approvals as listed in EGM Memo:

- 3 new electronic game themes
- 2 new OS/Main Programs

Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions or debate, none seen. The Motion to affirm passes.

3. WSS Table Felts – C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve Three (3) new Table Felts for the West Siloam Springs Casino. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions or debate, none seen. The Motion passes.

4. EZ Pay Purchase Ticket Limits – A. Imhoff

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve configuration and permission changes for the purchase of TITO tickets. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions or debate, none seen. The Motion passes.

C. IHP Transfer Request Memo – C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to Release the Requested Retired Progressive Funds to Promotions. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion passes.

D. Calendar of Events & Promotions – Approval - C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Promotions as stated in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion passes.

E. Calendar of Events & Promotions – Affirmations - C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the three (3) Executive Director approvals previously granted for the Promotions as stated in the packet. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion to Affirm passes.

F. Tournaments – Approval - C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Tournaments as listed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion passes.

G. Tournaments – Affirmations - C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the Executive Director’s Approval previously granted for the Tournaments, as stated in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion to Affirm passes.

H. SICS – New - C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the new SICS listed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion passes.

I. SICS – Revisions - C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the SICS revisions listed in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion passes.

J. SICS – Brochures - C. Quetone

The Chair made a Motion to Table item J until the next scheduled meeting. Non-debatable and non-amendable. None opposed. Motion to Table passes.

K. Implementation Follow-up Memo 2026 Q4 (Info Only) – T. Forrest

The Chair asked for unanimous consent to memorialize that the information was received by the Commission. None opposed. The unanimous consent passes.

L. 2026 CNE TICS Key and Access Control (Info Only) – T. Forrest

The Chair asked for unanimous consent to memorialize that the information was received by the Commission. None opposed. The unanimous consent passes.

M. FY26-27 Audit Plan – T. Forrest

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the FY26-27 Audit Plan as listed in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion passes.

N. 26-07AP Gaming System Final Audit Report – T. Forrest

The Chair entertained the Motion to Release the Final Audit Report as listed in the packet. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion passes.

O. Proposed Alternative Standards for Class II Mobile Gaming – ED Imhoff

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve republication of the Proposed Alternative Standards. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair considered a Motion to Amend the previous Motion to approve the republication of the Proposed Alternative Standards for Class II Mobile Gaming for an additional notice and comment period upon accepting and incorporating the comments during the prior notice and comment period by the Commission. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion to Amend; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion as Amended passes.

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

The Chair entertained the Motion to enter 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 10:54am.

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 12:58 pm.

X. OPEN SESSION

The Chair entertained the Motion regarding #1064522 to grant license conditioned on successfully providing the Commission with documentation to support final determination of the underlying action. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion regarding #1029771 to approve the request to withdrawal the request for licensure. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion regarding #1065222 to grant license condition upon the successful completion of application by complete information as to any background information. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions or debate, none seen. Motion passes.

The Chair announced regarding #1062544, with the agreement of the licensee, that the hearing will be continued at the next Commission Meeting or as mutually scheduled by mutual agreement. No action taken, only announced.

The Chair announced, regarding #36577, the hearing will be continued at the next Commission meeting to allow appropriate time to provide notice and respond. No action taken, only announced.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm.

Approval of Minutes:



Chairman, John Sparks

Oct. 16, 2026
Date