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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
2026-06-CTH**

**Executive Order Establishing the Principal Chief's Work Group on the Implementation of the
Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Act of 2026**

1. **AUTHORITY:** The Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation and the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Act of 2026
2. **POLICY:** It is in the interest of the Cherokee Nation to manage the development of the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District within the meaning of the [Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Act of 2026, LA 14-26](#) (hereafter the "Act"). The Act requires that the Principal Chief develop a "Master Plan" for the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District (hereafter "District") every ten years. The Act reflects the Council's determination that the development of the District, described in [Exhibit A](#) of the Act, be carefully planned and implies that said development be maximized to support the Nation's interests in governmental operations, citizen access to services, good physical working conditions as well as historic, cultural and artistic preservation and interpretation. Accordingly, the "Principal Chief's Work Group on the Implementation of the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Act of 2026" is warranted to, among other things, develop and issue the "Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Master Plan" within the meaning of the Act.
3. **Principal Chief's Work Group on the Implementation of the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Act of 2026:** There is hereby established the Principal Chief's Work Group on the Implementation of the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Act of 2026, and ***alternatively known as the Principal Chief's Capitol Complex District Work Group***, which shall be a standing work group.

- a. **Composition of Work Group:** The ***Principal Chief's Capitol Complex District Work Group*** shall be composed of the following members:
 - i. Chief of Staff, (Chair)
 - ii. Senior Administrator of Construction (Co-Chair)
 - iii. Secretary of Natural Resources
 - iv. Secretary of Language and Culture
 - v. Executive Director of Management Resources
 - vi. Member appointed each fiscal year by Chair (*FY 2027, Camerin Fite James, Senior Policy Advisor*)
 - vii. Member appointed each fiscal year by Chair
- b. **Composition of Sub-Committees:** The Work Group may designate sub-committees from time to time, which should consist of relevant executive directors or staff assigned in consultation with a relevant executive director.
- c. ***Ex Officio:*** The following shall receive an invitation to at least one meeting of the Work Group prior to December 31, 2026, and at such other meetings at the discretion of the chair and shall receiving an invitation to a briefing of the final draft of the Master Plan before public issuance:
 - i. Principal Chief
 - ii. Deputy Principal Chief
 - iii. Speaker of the Council (by invitation)
 - iv. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (by invitation)

The Task Force may request the assignment of such clerical and administrative assistance as necessary to perform its work. Additionally, the Task Force is generally authorized administrative expense funds available under the Housing, Jobs and Sustainable Communities Act or the Public Health and Wellness Fund Act to fund its work, subject to approval of specific amounts.

- d. **Objectives:** The Work Group has two objectives:
 - i. Complete the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Master Plan within the meaning of the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Act of 2026, by December 31, 2026, *to wit:*

Section 4.

D. Master Plan for Capitol Complex District.

No later than December 31, 2026, the Principal Chief shall develop and maintain a non-binding "Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Master Plan." The Master Plan shall:

- a. Identify existing infrastructure and the proposed highest and best use of properties within the District over a ten (10) year period;*
- b. Include the general location and description of capital projects authorized under this Act;*
- c. Be reviewed annually, with written reporting to the Council regarding implementation progress and projected fiscal impacts;*
- d. Be reviewed and reissued beginning in Fiscal Year 2037 and each tenth fiscal year thereafter;*
- e. Be updated to reflect substantial infrastructure changes; and*
- f. Be made publicly available on the Cherokee.org website following a forty-five (45) day Council review and comment period.*

- ii. Continue as a standing body to meet the obligations of Section 4.D., subsections c, d and e, and to engage in other analysis, evaluation, development land acquisition recommendations and legislative recommendations consistent with the purposes and policies of the Act.
- iii. Periodically, at the discretion of the chair, engage Cherokee Nation citizens or other stakeholders to gather relevant input.
- iv. Develop, via Cherokee Nation Communications, and install standardized signage to identify the relevant geographic area of the District, with said installation complete by May 1, 2026.

e. **Transparency:** Although the Work Group is an executive branch advisory group and not a public body within the meaning of the Cherokee Nation Freedom of Information Act, its report shall be distributed to Cherokee Nation elected officials and to the general public via the Cherokee Nation website consistent with the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Act of 2026.

4. **ORDER:** Principal Chief's Work Group on the Implementation of the Cherokee Nation Capitol Complex District Act of 2026 is hereby created to achieve the purposes and policies set forth in this order.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order is effective immediately on this 9/24/26

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Attachments:

Exhibit A:
"Cherokee Nation
Capitol Complex
District Act of
2026, Exhibit A."

