

Tribal Relations Committee

CITY HALL, 175 E. 2nd STREET

One Technology Center, 10th Floor, Chat Room North

10:00 am

MINUTES

February 3, 2025

1. Call to Order: Councilor Vanessa Hall-Harper called the meeting to order at 10:12am.

Present:

- a. Tulsa City Council and City of Tulsa:
 - i. Councilor Vanessa Hall-Harper (District 1)
 - ii. Councilor Anthony Archie (District 2)
 - ii. Councilor Jackie Dutton (District 3)
 - iii. Councilor Laura Bellis (District 4)
 - iii. Councilor Christian Bengel (District 6)
 - iv. Councilor Lori Decter Wright (District 7)
 - v. Amanda Swope (City of Tulsa; Mayors Office)
 - vi. Sarah Davis (City Council Staff)
 - vi. Brandon Worley (City Council Staff)
 - vii. Chris Baughman (City Council Staff)

- b. Tribal Representatives:
 - i. Representative Joe Deere (Cherokee Nation)
 - ii. Hunter Erwin (Muscogee Nation)
 - iii. Whitney Pingleton (Muskogee Nation)

- iv. Cheryl Cohenour (GTAIAC)
- v. Stacy Laskey (Osage Nation)

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2. Review and vote on the minutes from the Tribal Nations Relations Committee meeting.
 - I. Minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion made by Councilor Decter Wright and seconded by Councilor Bellis.

3. Discussion on Tribal Nations Relations Committee goals and priorities for 2025.
 - I. Amanda Swope gave an update on her position and the goals of the Mayor's Office for Tribal Partnerships. The committee discussed the pros and cons of moving this committee to strictly a working group. The committee discussed the importance of ensuring that they still have a voice and can discuss positions. They finalized a decision to continue with the quarterly committee meetings where they will discuss larger topics with presenters and have a smaller working group that will hold meetings in between the quarterly committee meetings to discuss smaller topics. The working group will consist of Amanda Swope, Councilor Bellis, Councilor Hall-Harper, Councilor Archie, and Councilor Dutton. The first topic for the quarterly committee meetings will be a discussion on family and children's services and the working group will hold a zoom meeting to discuss the Tribes' visit to D.C. and federal funding.

4. Update from tribal representatives on upcoming activities.
 - I. Joe Deere and Hunter Erwin will be traveling to D.C. to meet with federal representatives to discuss federal funding and tribal policy. The Muscogee Nation is focusing on their spring celebration. March 19 will be the Native Business Owners Expo at the Riverspirit Casino. The Cherokee Nation will be releasing their education funding soon. They are meeting with Tulsa County to work on bridge conditions within the county in need of repair. March 8th is the Osage Sovereignty Dance. Cheryl Cohenour gave a quick update on dream keepers park. They are still raising funding for the project.

5. Adjournment
 - I. Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

