



Caddo Nation of Oklahoma

Chairman – Bobby Gonzalez
Vice Chairman – Kelly Factor
Secretary – Jennifer Reeder
Treasurer – Verna Castillo

OKC Representative – Brittany Habbart
Anadarko Representative – Tracey Martine
Ft. Cobb Representative – Arlene O’Neal
Binger Representative –Kara Dougherty

Caddo Nation Membership Meeting Caddo Nation Cultural Building April 25, 2026

Call to order at: 10:29 a.m.

Quorum established: 15 online, 20 in-person

Invocation: Brandon Worcester

New Business

- **Chairman’s Report**
 - Chairman Gonzalez provided an update on Self-Governance negotiations and the State of the Caddo Nation.
 - Reported the Tribal Council is conducting due diligence, in coordination with the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), on the potential reopening of the former casino building as a tribal gaming facility.
 - Announced that Self-Governance negotiations with the Bureau of Indian Affairs continue to make progress.
 - Reported the Council is laying the groundwork to support future funding for a Tribal Court System, Law Enforcement, and Forestry programs.
 - Stated the Council is exploring the development of a tribal healthcare system and future collaboration with the Indian Health Service.

Motion 01: by Jim Cussen, seconded by Sydney Samaniego, to approve the January 31, 2026, meeting minutes as amended to: Add Diana Hampton's last name to the online attendees list. Correct Motion No. 1 by adding Steven Edmonds as the seconder. **Motion Carried:** 22-0-0

Old Business

- **Caddo Nation Election Board**

- Reported the Election Board has obtained its own Progeny license, reducing its reliance on the Enrollment Office for voter registration and election-related matters.
- **Caddo Nation Constitution Commission**
 - Reported the Commission is holding its eighth Constitution outreach meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and announced the ninth outreach meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2026.
 - Jim Cussen reported the Commission has begun drafting its final report for presentation to the Tribal Council. Commissioner Amy Heath announced Survey No. 2 is available in both paper and electronic formats and encouraged members who have not yet participated to complete the survey.
- **Historic Preservation**
 - Historical Preservation staff reported ongoing efforts to identify and preserve historic Caddo cemeteries, conduct archaeological surveys, and carry out NAGPRA work. The Chairman announced a \$733,000 National Park Service grant for cemetery preservation, discussed partnerships with federal agencies, and provided a brief overview of NAGPRA. NAGPRA site monitors introduced and provided an update on their work.
- **Caddo Nation Economic Development Authority**
 - Zackeree Kelin reported progress on the Tribal Utility Authority feasibility study, solar projects, oil and gas development, orphan well remediation, and renewable energy initiatives. He highlighted national recognition of the Tribe's energy efforts. The Chairman thanked volunteers and reminded citizens to review any mineral or seismic agreements affecting their property.
- **Department Reports**
 - Department directors provided updates on opioid response, victim services, foster care development, housing, diabetes and elder services, environmental programs, transportation, tribal tags, and education. Reports highlighted program improvements, grant funding, infrastructure projects, workforce development, and expanded services for tribal citizens.
- **Health Board Update**
 - Arnita Pewewardy reported on Health Board activities, including improvements at the Lawton Indian Hospital, such as ambulance services and a new helipad. Citizens were encouraged to share concerns and positive feedback regarding Indian Health Service programs.
- **Child Care Program Update**
 - Child Care Director highlighted upcoming family programs, autism screenings, summer camps, youth CPR training, gardening activities, and expanded childcare

support for children with developmental disabilities. She also discussed efforts to reduce childcare costs and increase access to specialized services for families.

- **Availability of Denture Services**

- A tribal citizen asked about the availability of denture services following the retirement of the provider who had previously provided dentures at no cost. Staff and council responded that they would research current options and noted that some nearby Indian Health Service facilities continue to offer denture services, although wait times may apply.

- Vice-Chairman Kelly Factor provided council updates.
- Binger Representative Kara Dougherty introduced herself.

Motion 02: by Amy Heath, seconded by Sunny Balfour to adjourn at 12:43 p.m. **Motion Carried: 25-0-0**

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Chairman and Secretary of the Tribal Council of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, hereby certify the above Caddo Nation Membership meeting minutes were approved by a quorum of the membership at a duly called meeting convened and held on this ___ day of _____, 2026 at the Caddo Nation Tribal Complex in Binger, Oklahoma, and that the forgoing minutes were duly adopted by an affirmative vote of ___ For, ___ Against, and ___ Abstentions.

Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman

Date

Jennifer Reeder, Secretary

Date

Online Participants

1. Jake McKinley
2. Michael Ulman
3. Jessica McKinley
4. Tracy Compton
5. Shayna Sheridan
6. Kristi Dane
7. Kristie Chandler
8. Korree Gomez
9. Misty Heath
10. Tabbetha Guy
11. Becky Quinlan
12. Nichole Beatty
13. Zackeree Kelin
14. Kristie Chandler
15. Betty (no last name given)