

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Thursday, January 8, 2026

8:30 AM

Council Chambers

Tribal Council

I. Call to Order - Chairman*8:30 AM***II. Prayer****III. Roll Call****IV. Orders of the Day**

- 1.) [2025 -4917](#) Tabled Ord. No. 6(25) - An ordinance amending the judicial code - Chapter 7 of the Cherokee Code

Attachments: [T. Ord. 6\(25\)](#)

8:30 a.m.

- 2.) [2025 -4919](#) Tabled Ord. No. 11(25) - An ordinance to update the Tribe's laws on Underground Storage Tanks

Attachments: [T. Ord. 11\(25\)](#)

8:40 a.m.

- 3.) [2025 -4953](#) Tabled Ord. No. 54(25) - An ordinance to amend CC Sections 105-4, 106-21, and 106-22 to clarify remedies for failure to pay Tribal Levy and other fees, and to clarify when appeals may be made to Business Committee

Attachments: [item 1 12.4.25](#)

8:50 a.m.

- 4.) [2025 -4959](#) Tabled Res. No. 60(25) - A resolution for the Estate of Velma Jean Ledford O'Kelley

Attachments: [item 7 12.4.25](#)

bu item 7 12.4.25

[T. Res. 60\(25\)](#)

9:00 a.m.

- 5.) [2025 -4962](#) Tabled Res. No. 64(25) - A resolution for individuals listed to purchase one buildable acre of Tribal land for housing purposes for a purchase price of \$500 on the condition that they meet the requirements of Cherokee Code Section 47D-4

Attachments: bu item 25 12.4.25

[T. Res. 64\(25\)](#)

9:10 a.m.

- 6.) [2025 -4971](#) Tabled Ord. No. 75(25) - An ordinance to amend CC Section 17-12 to provide that the Cannabis Control Board shall select a member of the Board to serve as its Chairman

Attachments: [T. Ord. No. 75\(25\)](#)

9:20 a.m.

- 7.) [2025 -4972](#) Tabled Ord. No. 76(25) -An ordinance to amend CC Section 16-2.01 governing the terms of the members of the Tribal Gaming Commission, and CC Section 16A-3 governing the terms of the members of the Board of Advisors of the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise
Attachments: [T. Ord. 76\(25\)](#)
9:30 a.m.
- 8.) [2025 -4973](#) A resolution to update the Fiscal Management Policy
Attachments: [Item 8 1.8.26](#)
bu item 8 1.8.26
9:40 a.m.
- 9.) [2025 -4974](#) A resolution to approve capital requests
Attachments: [item 9 1.8.26](#)
bu item 9 1.8.26
9:50 a.m.
- 10.) [2025 -4975](#) A resolution to add a position to the Natural Resources - Forestry Program (Supervisor)
Attachments: [item 10 1.8.26](#)
bu item 10 1.8.26
10:00 a.m.
- 11.) [2025 -4976](#) A resolution to add a position to the Natural Resources - Forestry Program (Administrative officer)
Attachments: [item 11 1.8.26](#)
bu item 11 1.8.26
10:10 a.m.
- 12.) [2025 -4977](#) A resolution to approve the research project entitled "National GSL State / Tribal Suicide Grant Evaluation" by Anna Hogberg, Area Director, Health, Wellness, and Prevention, Generation Schools Network
Attachments: [item 12 1.8.26](#)
10:20 a.m.
- 13.) [2025 -4978](#) A resolution to approve the research project, "Partnership Between the EBCI Natural Resources Department and the Integrative Conservation Doctoral Program" by Dr. Laura German of the University of Georgia in collaboration with Dr. Joe O'Brien and Integrative Conservation doctoral students
Attachments: [item 13 1.8.26](#)
10:30 a.m.

- 14.) [2025 -4979](#) A resolution to approve the research project, "Cherokee Constructs of Mental Health and Wellness" by Rachel Lam, and enrolled Cherokee Nation citizen pursuing a Masters of History through Western Carolina University's History Department and Cherokee Studies Program
Attachments: [item 14 1.8.26](#)

10:40 a.m.
- 15.) [2025 -4980](#) A resolution to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the placement of the Qualla Boundary into trust with the United States of America
Attachments: [item 15 1.8.26](#)

bu item 15 1.8.26

10:50 a.m.
- 16.) [2025 -4981](#) A resolution requesting that Macie J. Welch be allowed to purchase one acre of Tribal Land for housing for a purchase price of \$500 on the condition that they meet the requirements of Cherokee Code Section 47D-4
Attachments: [item 16 1.8.26](#)

11:00 a.m.
- 17.) [2025 -4982](#) A resolution requesting that Miriam Stephanie Fuller be allowed to purchase one acre of Tribal land for housing for a purchase price of \$500 on the condition that they meet the requirements of Cherokee Code Section 47D-4
Attachments: [item 17 1.8.26](#)
- 18.) [2025 -4983](#) A resolution requesting that Tribal Council recognizes the inherent rights of the Longperson, a natural entity within the boundary and ancestral homelands of the Cherokee people
Attachments: [item 18 1.8.26](#)

11:10 a.m.
- 19.) [2025 -4984](#) A resolution requesting that Tribal Council express its full support for the Reconciliation in Place Names Act and urges the United States Congress to pass this legislation without delay
Attachments: [item 19 1.8.26](#)

11:20 a.m.
- 20.) [2025 -4985](#) A resolution requesting that the EBCI increase the Elder Heating Assistance Program benefit amount by \$250 per eligible household, effective for the next heating season
Attachments: [item 20 1.8.26](#)

11:30 a.m.
- 21.) [2025 -4986](#) A resolution required by Wells Fargo to confirm certain matters necessary to amend and extend the existing Revolving Credit and Term Loan Agreement between EBCI Holdings, LLC, and Wells Fargo in connection with the CSI Casino
Attachments: [item 21 1.8.26](#)

11:40 a.m.

- 22.) [2025 -4987](#) A resolution authorizing the Tribe to withdraw from NCAI and terminate its membership

Attachments: [item 22 1.8.26](#)

11:50 a.m.

- 23.) [2025 -4988](#) A resolution authorizing the EBCI to withdraw from USET and terminate its membership

Attachments: [item 23 1.8.26](#)

12:00 p.m.

V. Reports and Announcements

Lunch

Emergency Resolutions

Banishment Items if Necessary

V. Recessed