

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Thursday, May 7, 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.) [2026 -5061](#) An ordinance amending Chapter 19 - regarding caging bears on Tribal Lands
Attachments: [item 1 5.7.26](#)
New Ord
- 2.) [2026 -5062](#) An ordinance to amend and expend Drug Trafficking to include synthetic opioids and opium
Attachments: [item 2 5.7.26](#)
New Ord.
- 3.) [2026 -5063](#) An ordinance to clarify and correct the Cherokee Code to reflect the intent of Tribal Council concerning the use of UTV's on approved roads
Attachments: [item 3 5.7.26](#)
New Ord.
- 4.) [2026 -5064](#) An ordinance about hiring the One Feather Editor
Attachments: [item 4 5.7.26](#)
New Ord.
- [2026 -5065](#) Congressional Candidate for the 11th District Jamie Ager
8:30 a.m.
- 5.) [2025 -4917](#) Tabled Ord. No. 6(25) - An ordinance amending the judicial code - Chapter 7 of the Cherokee Code
Attachments: [T. Ord. 6\(25\)](#)
8:40 am
- 6.) [2025 -4919](#) Tabled Ord. No. 11(25) - An ordinance to update the Tribe's laws on Underground Storage Tanks
Attachments: [T. Ord. 11\(25\)](#)
8:50 a.m.

- 7.) [2025 -4980](#) Tabled Res. No. 88(2026) - A resolution to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the placement of the Qualla Boundary into trust with the United States of America
Attachments: [bu item 15 1.8.26](#)
[T. Res. 88\(26\)](#)
9:00 am
- 8.) [2026 -5015](#) Tabled Ord. No. 135(26) - An ordinance to establish an elk hunting season
Attachments: [item 1 3.5.26](#)
[T.Ord. 135\(26\)](#)
9:10 a.m.
- 9.) [2026 -5016](#) Tabled Ord. No. 136(26) - An ordinance to establish the EBCI digital sovereignty
Attachments: [item 2 3.5.26](#)
[T.Ord. 136\(26\)](#)
9:20 a.m.
- 10.) [2026 -5035](#) Tabled Ord. No. 157(26) - An ordinance to amend C Chapter 55D to provide that revenues obtained by EBCI Holdings, LLC from the Ceasars Southern Indiana Casino, and distributed to the Tribe shall be allocated to the Tribes General Fund and Debt Service Sinking Fund
Attachments: [item 1 4.2.26](#)
[Tabled Ord 157 2026 EBCI Holdings Caesars Southern Indiana Casino Dist](#)
9:30 a.m.
- 11.) [2026 -5036](#) Tabled Ord. No. 158(26) -An ordinance amending Chapter 47E to ban data centers on EBCI Trust Lands
Attachments: [item 2 4.2.26](#)
9:40 a.m.
- 12.) [2026 -5057](#) Tabled Ord. No. 159(26) - CC Chapt. 47-D & Chapt 47B to update the Tribe's laws on the assignment of possessory holdings
Attachments: [Tabled Ord 159 assignments of poss holdings by TC](#)
9:50 a.m.
- 13.) [2026 -5037](#) Tabled Res. No. 160(26) - A resolution requesting that Jesse Toineeta be allowed to purchase the "Proposed Playground Area" located on Blankenship Tract in the Big Cove Community for \$500
Attachments: [item 12 4.2.26](#)
[Tabled Res 160 2026 jessie toineeta to purchase the playground area located c](#)
10:00 am

- 14.) [2026 -5066](#) Esther Louise Catolster Abel recognition of heirs
Attachments: [item 14 5.7.26](#)
bu item 14 5.7.26

10:05 a.m .
- 15.) [2026 -5067](#) James Marcus George estate
Attachments: [item 15 5.7.26](#)
bu item 15 5.7.26
- 16.) [2026 -5068](#) Douglas Swimmer estate
Attachments: [item 16 5.7.26](#)
bu item 16 5.7.26
- 17.) [2026 -5069](#) Mindah Marie Mahsetky Hill estate
Attachments: [item 17 5.7.26](#)
bu item 17 5.7.26
- 18.) [2026 -5070](#) Winston Carl Wolfe Welch estate
Attachments: [item 18 5.7.26](#)
bu item 18 5.7.26
- 19.) [2026 -5071](#) Add a new position to TABCC
Attachments: [item 19 5.7.26](#)
bu item 19 5.7.26

10:10 a.m.
- 20.) [2026 -5072](#) A resolution to approve budget amendments
Attachments: [item 20 5.7.26](#)
[bu item 20 5.7.26](#)
- 21.) [2026 -5073](#) A resolution to approve capital, funding, and project requests
Attachments: [item 21 5.7.26](#)
bu item 21 5.7.26
- 22.) [2026 -5074](#) The Child Advocacy Program requests to apply for and accept funds from the Victims of Crime Act, through the Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) in the estimated amount of \$35,000 for FY27
Attachments: [item 22 5.7.26](#)

10:20 a.m.

- 23.) [2026 -5075](#) The Cooperative Extension Program requests to apply for and accept funds from Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in the estimated amount of \$1,000,000 for FY27-28
Attachments: [item 23 5.7.26](#)
- 24.) [2026 -5076](#) The Cooperative Extension Program requests to apply for and accept funds from the US Department of Labor in the estimated amount of \$971,700 for FY27
Attachments: [item 24 5.7.26](#)
- 25.) [2026 -5077](#) The Division of Commerce requests to apply for and accept funds from the EDA in the estimated amount of \$143,000 for FY26-29
Attachments: [item 25 5.7.26](#)
- 26.) [2026 -5078](#) A resolution supporting the removal of Ela Dam and the restoration of Longperson
Attachments: [item 26 5.7.26](#)
[bu item 26 5.7.26](#)

10:30 a.m.
- 27.) [2026 -5079](#) A resolution approving the Lickstone Ridge Tribal Reserve Management Plan
Attachments: [item 27 5.7.26](#)
[bu item 27 5.7.26](#)

10:40 a.m.
- 28.) [2026 -5080](#) A resolution requesting a study be conducted on the placement of a no kill and non-profit animal sanctuary
Attachments: [item 28 5.7.26](#)

10:50 a.m.
- 29.) [2026 -5081](#) A resolution requesting a study be conducted to research the possibility of building a center that can accommodate our people with special place
Attachments: [item 29 5.7.26](#)

11:00 a.m.
- 30.) [2026 -5082](#) A resolution requesting that Trey Adcock, Tiffanie Hardbarger, Katie Tiger and their project team are granted permission to conduct the research project called, "Cherokee Digital Storytelling and Photovoice Pilot Project"
Attachments: [item 30 5.7.26](#)

11:10 a.m.
- 31.) [2026 -5083](#) Donation Resolution for the month of May
Attachments: [item 31 5.7.26](#)

11:20 a.m.

32.) **2026 -5084** A resolution appointing Albert Martin to the NC Certification Commission

Attachments: item 32 5.7.26
bu item 32 5.7.26

11:30 a.m.

Emergency Resolutions

Banishment Items if Necessary

33) [2026 -5085](#) A resolution to exclude Jackie Lynn Beck

Attachments: [item 33 5.7.26](#)

V. **Reports and Announcements**

V. **Recessed**