

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Thursday, March 5, 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****V. Reports and Announcements**

- 1.) [2026 -5015](#) An ordinance to establish an elk hunting season
Attachments: [item 1 3.5.26](#)
(New Ord)
- 2.) [2026 -5016](#) An ordinance to establish the EBCI digital sovereignty
Attachments: [item 2 3.5.26](#)
(New Ord)
- 3.) [2026 -5017](#) An ordinance to amend CC Chapter 16C so that distributions to qualified enrolled members from the Minors Trust Fund are treated as general welfare distributions and not subject to federal income tax
Attachments: [item 3 3.5.26](#)
(New Ord)
- 4.) [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.
- 5.) [2025 -4945](#) Tabled Res. No. 27(25) - A resolution to provide for transparency in tribal governance
Attachments: [T. Res. 27\(25\)](#)
8:40 a.m.
- 6.) [2025 -4946](#) Tabled Res. No. 28(25) - A resolution to reaffirm Part 1. Section 19 of the Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and Cherokee Code Chapter 117-12
Attachments: [T. Res. 28\(25\)](#)
8:50 a.m.
- 7.) [2025 -4948](#) Tabled Res. No. 30(25) - A resolution to enhance transparency in tribal governance
Attachments: [T. Res. 30\(25\)](#)
9:00 a.m.

- 8.) [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\(26\)](#)
9:10 a.m.
- 9.) [2025 -4984](#) Tabled Res. No. 92(26) - 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: [T. Res. 92\(26\)](#)
9:20 a.m.
- 10.) [2025 -4988](#) Tabled Amended Res. No. 97(26) - A resolution authorizing the EBCI to withdraw from USET and terminate its membership
Attachments: [T. Amd. Res. 97\(26\)](#)
9:30 a.m.
- 11.) [2026 -4990](#) Tabled Ord. No. 107(26) - An ordinance to amend the time for filing ethics complaints and amending the publication requirements for ethics reports
Attachments: [T.Ord. 107\(26\)](#)
9:40 a.m.
- 12.) [2026 -4991](#) Tabled Ord. No. 108(26) - An ordinance to amend the Tribe's laws on fishing guides which shall be known as the "William Thomas "Dooley" Saunooke Law"
Attachments: [T.Ord. 108\(26\)](#)
9:50 a.m.
- 13.) [2026 -4992](#) Tabled Ord. No. 109(26) - An ordinance to update the Tribe's Fishing Laws
Attachments: [item 3 2.5.26](#)
10:00 a.m.
- 14.) [2026 -4993](#) Tabled Ord. No. 110(26) - An ordinance amending Cherokee Code Chapter 45 to update the Tribes laws on foreclosure of security instruments that contain the power of sale and are used to secure repayment of a loan
Attachments: [item 4 2.5.26](#)
[Tabled Ord 110 2026 Eminent Domain](#)
10:10 a.m.
- 15.) [2026 -5013](#) Tabled Ord. No. 111(26) - Amending Chapter 1 - Civil Procedure
Attachments: [item 4b 2.5.26](#)
[T. Ord. 111\(26\)](#)
10:20 a.m.

- 16.) [2026 -5014](#) Tabled Ord. No. 112(26) - An ordinance to amend CC Chapter 17 to provide for the distribution of certain revenues from Qualla Enterprises, LLC, to the Tribe and Tribal members
Attachments: [Tabled Ord 112 2026 rev from Qualla Ent. Cannabis Rev. Allocation Plan](#)
10:30 a.m.
- 17.) [2026 -5003](#) Tabled Res. No. 122(26) - A resolution to approve the research project entitled "American Indian Alumni Voices: "Navigating Non-Native Campus Culture" by Dr. Sara Lute, Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of North Carolina Asheville
Attachments: [item 22 2.5.26](#)
[T. Res. 122\(26\)](#)
10:40 a.m.
- 18.) [2026 -5006](#) Tabled Res. No. 125(26) - A resolution to authorize a Tribal census for the purpose of adjusting Tribal Council weighted votes
Attachments: [item 25 2.5.26](#)
[T. Res. 125\(26\)](#)
10:50 a.m.
- 19.) [2026 -5018](#) A resolution to approve the research project entitled "Automatic External Defibrillators in Rural and American Indian and Alaskan Native Populations" by Audry Blewer, Assistant Professor Duke University
Attachments: [item 19 3.5.26](#)
11:00 a.m.
- 20.) [2026 -5019](#) A resolution to approve the Research Project Entitled "A Community-Driven Approach to Maternal Mental Health for Indigenous Women in the Nurse-Family Partnership Program within the EBCI by Angie Trombly
Attachments: [item 20 3.5.26](#)
11:10 a.m.
- 21.) [2026 -5020](#) The Fire Department requests to apply for and accept funds from the Dogwood Health Trust in the estimated amount of \$289,928 for FY26-27
Attachments: [item 21 3.5.26](#)
11:20 a.m.
- 22.) [2026 -5021](#) The Public Health and Human Services Administration program requests to apply for and accept funds from the US Department of Labor, Veterans Employment Training Services in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000 for FY26-29
Attachments: [item 22 3.5.26](#)

- 23.) [2026 -5022](#) Budget Amendment - Emergency Telephone Budget (Increase Use of Fund Balance for equipment purchases approved by the NC 911 Board
Attachments: [item 23 3.5.26](#)
bu item 23 3.5.26

11:30 a.m.
- 24.) [2026 -5023](#) A resolution to approve capital, funding and project requests
Attachments: [item 24 3.5.26](#)
bu item 24 3.5.26
- 25.) [2026 -5024](#) A resolution to update the Fiscal Management Policy
Attachments: [item 25 3.5.26](#)
bu item 25 3.5.26
- 26.) [2026 -5025](#) A resolution to allocate funding received from Tribal Opioid Lawsuit Settlements
Attachments: [item 26 3.5.26](#)
bu item 26 3.5.26

11:40 a.m.
- 27.) [2026 -5026](#) A resolution to correct the official name of the Tribe from "Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians" to "Eastern Cherokee Nation"
Attachments: [item 27 3.5.26](#)
bu item 27 3.5.26

11:50 a.m.
- Lunch***
- 28.) [2026 -5027](#) A resolution granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity to T-Mobile License, LLC for the purpose of expanding cellular phone service and wireless services on the Qualla Boundary
Attachments: [item 28 3.5.26](#)
bu item 28 3.5.26

1:10 p.m.
- 29.) [2026 -5028](#) A resolution requesting Tribal Council adopt the Transportation Improvement Plan
Attachments: [item 29 3.5.26](#)

1:20 p.m.
- 30.) [2026 -5029](#) A resolution authorizing a waiver for Birdtown Community Club to receive FY26 funding
Attachments: [item 30 3.5.26](#)
bu item 30 3.5.26

1:30 p.m.

- 31.) [2026 -5030](#) A resolution requesting to bestow the title of Beloved Man to Mr. Davy Arch

Attachments: [item 31 3.5.26](#)

1:40 p.m.
- 32.) [2026 -5031](#) A resolution requesting EBCI to designate the Tribal Veteran Services Department to oversee maintaining the stock and distribution of EBCI flags where they are needed

Attachments: [item 32 3.5.26](#)

1:50 p.m.
- 33.) [2026 -5032](#) A resolution advancing EBCI sovereignty and stewardship of lands administered by the US Forest Service and US Park Service across the ancestral homelands of the Kituwah People and endorsing the frameworks for stewardship and collaboration established by the Elohi Dinigatiyi (Earth Keepers)

Attachments: [item 33 3.5.26](#)

2:00 p.m.
- 34.) [2026 -5033](#) One Donation Resolution for the month of March - Robbinsville High School Lady Knights Varsity Softball - \$600

Attachments: [item 34 3.5.26](#)

2:10 p.m.

Emergency Resolutions

Banishment Items if Necessary

- 35.) [2026 -5034](#) Angel Antonio Palmo - Banishment

Attachments: [item 35 3.5.26](#)

V. Recessed