

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Thursday, February 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**

- 1.) [2026 -4990](#) An ordinance to amend the time for filing ethics complaints and amending the publication requirements for ethics reports
Attachments: [item 1 2.5.26](#)

(NEW ORD.)
- 2.) [2026 -4991](#) An ordinance to amend the Tribe's laws on fishing guides which shall be known as the "William Thomas "Dooley" Saunooke Law"
Attachments: [item 2 2.5.26](#)

(NEW ORD)
- 3.) [2026 -4992](#) An ordinance to update the Tribe's Fishing Laws
Attachments: [item 3 2.5.26](#)

(NEW ORD)
- 4.) [2026 -4993](#) 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](#)

(NEW ORD)
- 4b.) [2026 -5013](#) Amending Chapter 1 - Civil Procedure
Attachments: [item 4b 2.5.26](#)

(NEW ORD)
- 5.) [2025 -4917](#) Tabled Ord. No. 6(25) - An ordinance amending the judicial code - Chapter 7 of the Cherokee Code
Attachments: [T. Ord. 6\(25\)](#)

8:30 A.M.
- 6.) [2025 -4919](#) Tabled Ord. No. 11(25) - An ordinance to update the Tribe's laws on Underground Storage Tanks
Attachments: [T. Ord. 11\(25\)](#)

8:40 A.M.

- 7.) [2025 -4922](#) Tabled Ord. No. 14(25) - An ordinance to update the Tribe's fishing laws
Attachments: [T. Ord. 14\(25\)](#)
8:50 A.M.
- 8.) [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](#)
9:00 A.M.
- 9.) [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.
- 10.) [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.
- 11.) [2025 -4986](#) Tabled Res. No. 95(26) - 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: [T. Res. 95\(26\)](#)
9:30 A.M.
- 12.) [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\(26\)](#)
9:40 A.M.
- 13.) [2026 -4994](#) A resolution to approve funding and capital requests
Attachments: [item 1 13 2.5.26](#)
bu item 1 2.5.26
9:50 A.M.
- 14.) [2026 -4995](#) The Tribal Foods Distribution Program requests to apply for and accept funds from the USDA Food and Nutrition Services in the estimated amount of \$718,829 for FY 26-27
Attachments: [item 14 2.5.26](#)
10:00 A.M.

- 15.) [2026 -4996](#) The EBCI Emergency Management Program requests to apply for and accept funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency administered by North Carolina Emergency Management in the estimated amount of \$700,000 for FY26-30
Attachments: [item 15 2.5.26](#)
- 16.) [2026 -4997](#) The EBCI Emergency Management Agency administered by North Carolina Emergency Management in the estimated amount of \$300,000 for FY26-30
Attachments: [item 16 2.5.26](#)
- 17.) [2026 -4998](#) The EBCI Emergency Management requests to apply for and accept funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency administered by North Carolina Emergency Management in the estimated amount of \$200,000 for FY26-30
Attachments: [item 17 2.5.26](#)
- 18.) [2026 -4999](#) The EBCI Emergency Management program requests to apply for and accept funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency administered by North Carolina Emergency Management in the estimated amount of \$100,000 for FY 26-30
Attachments: [item 18 2.5.26](#)
- 19.) [2026 -5000](#) The EBCI Emergency Management Program requests to apply for and accept funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency administered by North Carolina Emergency Management in the estimated amount of \$300,000 for FY 26-30
Attachments: [item 19 2..26](#)
- 20.) [2026 -5001](#) The EBCI Emergency Management Program requests to apply for and accept funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency administered by North Carolina Emergency Management in the estimated amount \$200,000 for FY26-30
Attachments: [item 20 2.5.26](#)
- 21.) [2026 -5002](#) The EBCI Emergency Management Program requests to apply for and accept funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency administered by North Carolina Emergency Management in the estimated amount of \$2,500,000 for FY26-30
Attachments: [item 21 2.5.26](#)
- 22.) [2026 -5003](#) 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](#)

10:10 A.M.

- 23.) [2026 -5004](#) A resolution to change the fees for fishing permits
Attachments: [item 23 2.5.26](#)
10:20 A.M.
- 24.) [2026 -5005](#) A resolution to appoint Shannon Swimmer to the Beloved Woman Committee
Attachments: [item 24 2.5.26](#)
10:30 A.M.
- 25.) [2026 -5006](#) A resolution to authorize a Tribal census for the purpose of adjusting Tribal Council weighted votes
Attachments: [item 25 2.5.26](#)
10:40 A.M.
- 26.) [2026 -5007](#) A resolution requesting that the land and associated structures and infrastructure located on the west side of Camp Creek Rd consisting of approximately 33 acres part of parcel: purchased by Res. 203 2018 shall be used as a Tribal Sovereignty Development Property and shall be used for the purposes of construction of a meat processing facility, including a live stock feeding and holding area, be used for crop production and may be used for animal grazing, growing food, growing horticulture and culturally significant plants
Attachments: [item 26 2.5.26](#)
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10:50 A.M.
- 27.) [2026 -5008](#) A resolution to name Dr. Lisa Lefler, PhD, as an Honorary Member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Attachments: [item 27 2.5.26](#)
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11:00 A.M.
- 28.) [2026 -5009](#) A resolution to encourage the Principal Chief to grant administrative leave for Tribal employees to participate in Red Cross blood drives held on the Qualla Boundary
Attachments: [item 28 2.6.26](#)
11:10 A.M.
- 29.) [2026 -5010](#) A resolution to provide that Tribal leaders will each year recognize and honor the oldest living male and female Tribal Elders in each community
Attachments: [item 30 2.5.26](#)
11:20 A.M.
- 30.) [2026 -5011](#) A resolution to purchase one buildable acre of land for housing purposes
Attachments: [item 30 2.5.26](#)
11:30 A.M.

Emergency Resolutions***Banishment Items if Necessary***

- 31.) [2026 -4989](#) Tabled Res. No. 106(26) - Banishment Arvis Boughman

Attachments: [T. Res. 106\(26\)](#)

- 32.) [2026 -5012](#) Banishment Durwood Chase Fox

Attachments: [item 32 2.5.26](#)

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