

Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting MINUTES

September 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m., Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building
808 Morris Rd
Tribal Reserve

Misty M. Nuttle – President
Jordan Kanuho – Vice-President
George Gardipe – Secretary
Carol Chapman – Treasurer

Cynthia Butler– First Council Seat
Dawna Hare – Second Council Seat
Carol L. Nuttle – Third Council Seat
Jenifer Gover LittleSun – Fourth Council Seat

I. Call to Order & Invocation

Madame President Nuttle called the meeting to order at 9:20 am. Secretary Gardipe gave the invocation.

II. Roll Call – Declaration of Quorum

Secretary George Gardipe called the roll: Misty M Nuttle – here, Jordan Kanuho – here, George Gardipe – here, Carol Chapman – excused, Cynthia Butler – here, Dawna Hare – excused, Carol Nuttle – here, and Jenifer Gover LittleSun – excused. **Quorum established.**

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for September 2, 2025, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2025

Motion made by George Gardipe to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting minutes for August 19, 2025, with changes, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

V. Pawnee Business Council Travel Report & Request

Madame President Nuttle Travel Report:

- MOU Signing – Pawnee Nation College & Tulsa Community College (TCC):
 - Event held at TCC West Campus in Tulsa

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- Purpose: Establish collaboration for Higher Learning Commission accreditation
- Initial cohort: 10 students enrolled for the semester
- Media Coverage: Native New Online, KOTV Channel 6, Fox 23
- Emphasis on cultural integration and educational opportunity for Native Youth
- CHAP Site Visit – Seattle Area:
 - Focused on implementation of Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) models
 - Visit included Northwest Indian College and other tribal health sites
 - Key themes: Cultural Knowledge, self-identity, and educational goals
 - Collaboration with Oklahoma State University staff on curriculum development in:
 - Behavioral Health
 - Dental Therapy
 - Community Health
 - Advocacy continues for funding and support through IHSO
 - Upcoming event: CHAP Grantee Retreat in Oklahoma City (funded by CHAP Grant)

Councilwoman Carol Nuttle Travel Report:

- Attended the same CHAP site visits in Washington
- Highlighted Suquamish Tribes 16-chair dental clinic
- Praised their self-governance and forward-thinking approach
- Stressed CHAP's potential to train tribal members in healthcare fields
- Acknowledge challenges with state-level regulations but expressed optimism
- Will also attend the CHAP Retreat in Oklahoma City

VI. Pawnee Business Council Committee Reports

Councilwoman Cynthia Butler committee report:

- Human Resource (HR) Committee
 - Meeting date: August 25, 2025
 - Focus: Continued work on revising the Human Resources policies
 - Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025
- Governing Documents Committee
 - Meeting: Constitution Convention Committee met with available delegates
 - Purpose: Planning educational forums for citizens regarding proposed constitutional changes.
 - Forum Locations Planned:
 - Pawnee
 - Tulsa
 - Oklahoma City
 - Format: Hybrid (recorded sessions with online access via link)
 - Additional Plans: Development of presentation materials (e.g., Power Point)
 - Pending Response: Awaiting reply from the Secretary of the Interior regarding the call for a secretarial election.

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Councilwoman Butler emphasized the importance of public education and outreach in preparation for the election.

VII. Old Business

1. Discussion and/or action on MOU with Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program and Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the MOU with Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program and Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health, with changes, seconded by Carol Nuttle.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

VIII. New Business

1. Approval of Resolution #25-61 Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health DBA

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #25-61 Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health DBA, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

2. Approval of 4013 Indian Reservation Roads Budget Mod #1

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the 4013 Indian Reservation Roads Budget Mod #1, seconded by Carol Nuttle.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

3. Approval of Cross Timbers Consulting Contract to develop the Pawnee Nation Comprehensive Safety Plan

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to table Cross Timbers Consulting Contract to develop the Pawnee Nation Comprehensive Safety Plan, seconded by Carol Nuttle.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

IX. Open Forums

No formal public comments were submitted during the open forum.

The following announcements were made by Jamie Nelson:

- Upcoming Events
 - Saturday, September 6:
 - Pawnee Indian Veterans Princess Reception, Mose Yellowhorse Field at 11 am
 - Sunday, September 7:
 - Grandparents Day Dance, Roundhouse, at noon
 - Wednesday, September 10:
 - Food Distribution Program Closure: Truck Delivery
 - Saturday, September 13:
 - Nasharo Council Meeting, Enrollment Building, at 9:00 am.
- Additional Meetings were made by Councilwoman Cynthia Butler:
 - September 2 (Evening): City Council Meeting at 6:00 PM, City Hall
 - September 3: Tourism Committee Meeting (may be canceled due to funeral)
 - September 5: Communications Committee Meeting
 - September 3: Chamber of Commerce Meeting at 11:30 AM, Chamber Office

X. Set the Next Meeting Date

The next Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting has been scheduled for September 16, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Multipurpose Building.

XI. Adjournment

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to adjourn, seconded by Carol Nuttle.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho- yes, George Gardipe– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Carol Nuttle – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 9:50 am.

Approved: September 16, 2026
Date

Misty M. Nuttle, President
Pawnee Business Council

George Gardipe, Secretary
Pawnee Business Council