

**Minutes**  
**Business, Finance, & Justice**  
**Committee**  
**October 12, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Thomasene Yahola Osborn, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Representative Mark Randolph

**ROLL CALL:** April Lindsey, Legislative Clerk accounted for five members present and none counted as absent/excused at the time of roll call. **Members present:** Patrick Freeman, Randall Hicks, Mark Randolph, Sandra Golden and Thomasene Yahola Osborn. **Members absent/excused:**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:** Yes. Five members present constitute a quorum. Therefore, any business transacted will be valid.

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**9/21/23**

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Approve the minutes with any changes necessary**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes	Sandra Golden – Yes	Randall Hicks – Yes
Mark Randolph – Yes	Thomasene Yahola Osborn –	

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Representative Patrick Freeman made a motion to **Move NCA 23-130 to the top of the Agenda**. Representative Sandra Golden seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes	Sandra Golden – Yes	Randall Hicks – Yes
Mark Randolph – Yes	Thomasene Yahola Osborn –	

**\*Chairperson Thomasene Y. Osborn relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Sandra Golden.**

**NCA 23-130 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 26, CHAPTER 2, § 2-201. E, ENTITLED “COMPENSATION”**

Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Patrick Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn made a motion to **Postpone till next BFJ meeting**. Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes	Sandra Golden –	Randall Hicks – Yes
Mark Randolph – Yes	Thomasene Yahola Osborn – Yes	

**\*Vice-Chair Sandra Golden relinquished the Chair back to Chairperson Thomasene Y. Osborn.**

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Go into Executive Session**. Representative Sandra Golden seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes	Sandra Golden –	Randall Hicks – Yes
Mark Randolph – Yes	Thomasene Yahola Osborn – Yes	

In Executive Session at: 4:22 p.m.  
Out of Executive Session at: 4:45 p.m.

**TR 23-108** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND KANJI & KATZEN, P.L.L.C.

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Sandra Golden seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes	Sandra Golden – Yes	Randall Hicks – Yes
Mark Randolph – Yes	Thomasene Yahola Osborn –	

**TR 23-109** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

Representative Mark Randolph made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes	Sandra Golden – Yes	Randall Hicks – Yes
Mark Randolph – Yes	Thomasene Yahola Osborn –	

**TR 23-109** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

Representative Mark Randolph made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**NCA 23-124** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS SUPPORT FOR ADAM WALSH ACT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**NCA 23-125** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A LAWSUIT TO BE FILED IN FEDERAL COURT IN THE NAME OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SEEKING DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST THE CITY OF TULSA EXERCISING UNLAWFUL JURISDICTION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION RESERVATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE ACTION

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Do Pass Substitute**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**NCA 23-126** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION'S LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES 2023 COPS OFFICE TRIBAL RESOURCES GRANT PROGRAM - EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**NCA 23-127** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FORM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**NCA 23-128** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**NCA 23-129** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO HOST THE JUSTICE OF THE RESERVATION CONFERENCE EVENT

Representative Patrick Freeman made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Mark Randolph made a motion to **Amend the Dates to Feb 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

Back to the Main Motion as Amended. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **3 in favor, 1 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – No                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

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**Referred Legislation:**

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Add TR 23-111 and NCA 23-132 to the Agenda.** Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**TR 23-111**    A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MNGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO EXECUTE THE GAMING INDUSTRY TIP COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Do Pass.** Representative Patrick Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

**NCA 23-132**    A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BE USED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CODE ANNOTATED PRINT AND ELECTRONIC VERSION

Representative Mark Randolph made a motion to **Do Pass.** Representative Randall Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Go into Executive Session**. Representative Patrick Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes                      Sandra Golden – Yes                      Randall Hicks – Yes  
Mark Randolph – Yes                      Thomasene Yahola Osborn –

In Executive Session at: 5:42 p.m.  
Out of Executive Session at: 6:15 p.m.

**Discussion:**

MNGE  
Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise  
Muscogee International, LLC

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Representative Sandra Golden gave benediction and served as adjournment.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.**

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**APPROVAL**

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Thomasene Yahola Osborn, Chairperson

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Legislative Clerk

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Date