

**NOMINATION OF STACY SHEPHERD TO SERVE ON THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
INDIAN EDUCATION**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE a Resolution supporting the nomination of Stacy Shepherd, Executive Officer of Member Services, for appointment to serve on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education seeks nominations to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education Affairs;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), the Chief has the power to "establish and appoint committees, members and delegates to represent the Choctaw Nation with the advice and consent of the Tribal Council.";

WHEREAS, Chief Gary Batton nominates Stacy Shepherd for appointment to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education to represent the Nation and its Tribal Members, education division, and Indian Country as a whole;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shepherd's heart for service and education, as well as her experience and expertise make her a great fit for this role. Moreover, Mrs. Shepherd's ongoing commitment to serving the Nation's Tribal Members and Indian Country as a whole for the pursuit of their lifelong educational endeavors further makes Mrs. Shepherd a worthy candidate for this nomination;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Nation supports efforts to strengthen our relationship with the President of the United States, the U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. Department of Interior to advance educational pursuits that serve Indian Country and develop our leaders of tomorrow;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shepherd is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to her commitment to serving the Nation's Tribal Members and her leadership in overseeing all educational endeavors on behalf of the Choctaw Nation. Mrs. Shepherd's experience as a classroom teacher, and now her leadership overseeing all educational programs from the Nation provides her in-depth knowledge of Tribal Members' educational needs from birth as well as their lifelong educational and professional pursuits. She has expertise in cultural education and is well-attuned to educational needs pertaining to early childhood and workforce development. Mrs. Shepherd's appointment to this national role will serve many purposes and provide a unique voice for the Nation and Indian Country; and

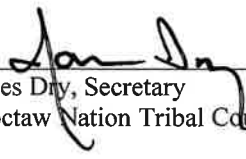
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Mrs. Stacy Shepherd for appointment to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

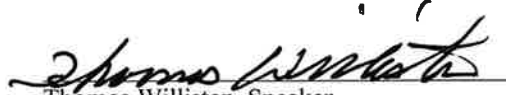
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for supporting the nomination of Stacy Shepherd for appointment to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

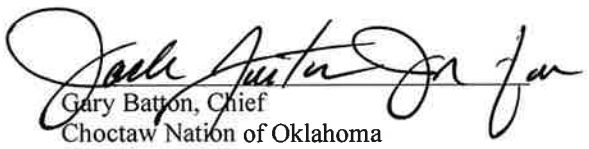
CERTIFICATION

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I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at a meeting of the Tribal Council in Tvska Homma, Oklahoma on August 9, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 12 -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 8-12-25

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this Resolution is to support the nomination of Stacy Shepherd for appointment to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Mrs. Shepherd is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to her commitment to serving the Nation's Tribal Members and her leadership in overseeing all educational endeavors on behalf of the Choctaw Nation. This nomination would fill a seat at the table for the Choctaw Nation on a national committee via Presidential appointment.

Strategic Goal: This Council Resolution furthers the Nation's Strategic Goal of Protecting and Promoting Choctaw Nation Sovereignty and Culture by appointing Choctaw Nation Tribal Members and Employees to political positions that give the Choctaw Nation, Tribal Members, and Indian Country a voice on a national stage.

**Title of Council Resolution: NOMINATION OF STACY SHEPHERD TO SERVE ON THE NATIONAL
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Agency: Chief's Office, Government Affairs

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Sara Jane Smallwood Cocke, Government Affairs