

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 19: Council

Chapter 4: Officers and Meetings

§ 33.5. Attendance by means of electronic interactive device

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A. At-Large Members of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council may attend Tribal Council Committee meetings through the aid of a device which provides two-way transmission of both visual and audio communication, provided that there is otherwise a quorum physically present at the location of the meeting without counting the Members attending via electronic devices, and also provided that the physically absent Members are able to fully participate and vote through the aid of the interactive devices.

B. Any Member of the Tribal Council who is unable to attend a meeting or session because he or she is conducting official Cherokee Nation business may attend Tribal Council Committee meetings through the aid of a device which provides two-way transmission of both visual and audio communication, provided that there is otherwise a quorum physically present at the location of the meeting without counting the Members attending via electronic devices, and also provided that the physically absent Members are able to fully participate and vote through the aid of the interactive devices. Further this privilege may be extended to any Member of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council who is unable to attend committee meetings provided that two-thirds (2/3) of the committee approves the circumstances or reason for the Council person being unable to be physically present.

C. Except as provided below, the provisions of the act do not apply to a Chairperson of a Committee.

D. In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the Tribal Council, including but not limited to a war, strike, riot, crime, plague, pandemic or an event described by the legal term act of God (tornado, flood, earthquake, volcanic eruption, etc.), that prevent or inhibit Tribal Council Members from being physically present at a session or meeting, any and/or all Tribal Council Members, including the Chairperson, may attend a session or meeting through the aid of a device or technology which provides two-way transmission of both visual and audio communication, and the Tribal Council may convene a session or meeting with the Tribal Council Members in attendance either physically and/or through the aid of a device which provides two-way transmission of both visual and audio communication. All events of extraordinary circumstances shall be described and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Tribal Council following the roll call of such meeting.

Historical Data

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