

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF AMANDA JOHNSON TO SERVE ON THE OKLAHOMA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION**

**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**TO APPROVE** a Resolution supporting the nomination of Amanda Johnson, Choctaw Nation Tribal Member and Executive Director of Education, to serve as a member of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education as a representative of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education has an opening for an appointee to be appointed by the Oklahoma State Speaker of the House of Representatives;

**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 Amanda Johnson, Choctaw Nation Tribal Member and Executive Director of Education, to serve as a member of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education to represent the Nation, its educational programs, Choctaw students, and all Native students in Oklahoma;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson's leadership, education, experience, and expertise, as well as her commitment to serving students make her a great fit for this role;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Johnson is highly qualified and equipped to serve on this committee due to her commitment to serving the Nation and utilizing her skillset to provide tribal members with education opportunities from birth and through their lifetime. Ms. Johnson oversees programming that serves 38,000 tribal members nationwide, and has the skillset and heart to serve in this statewide capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma supports efforts to build and grow our relationship with the State of Oklahoma, grow our relationship and partnership with other governments and educational institutions around the state, and build strong relationships with other tribal nations; and


**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support the nomination of Ms. Amanda Johnson to serve on the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education as a representative of the Nation.

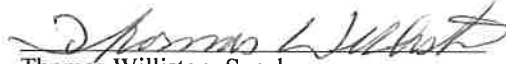
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for supporting the nomination of Ms. Amanda Johnson to serve on the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education.

**CERTIFICATION**

*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 twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on November 11, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 06 -24 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero ( 0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.*

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Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 11-14-23

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**Purpose/Need of Council Resolution:** The purpose of this Resolution is to support the nomination of Amanda Johnson, Choctaw Nation Tribal Member and Executive Director of Education, to serve as a member of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education. Ms. Johnson experienced the benefits of the Nation's educational programs, and has used her education and experience to now lead all education programs for the Choctaw Nation. Her role on this committee would positively affect education for all Choctaw and Native students in Oklahoma. This nomination would further the Nation's strategic goals of supporting service delivery as well as promoting and exercising sovereignty by giving the Nation a statewide voice in policy matters and achieve the Nation's legislative goal of Choctaw Tribal Members appointed to political positions.

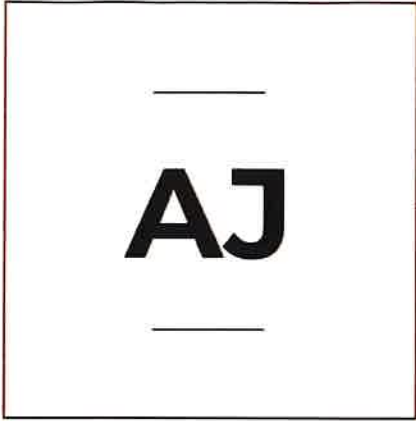
**Title of Council Resolution: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF AMANDA  
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**Agency:** Government Relations

**Budget:** N/A

**Match Required:** N/A

**Request by:** John Hobbs, SEO Communications



# AMANDA JOHNSON

## SUMMARY

Dedicated executive director with 18 years of tribal experience serving students, tribal members, associates, and leaders from diverse backgrounds. Proven track record for promoting growth and educational opportunities for children, families, and educators. Passionate leader skilled in developing, coaching, and motivating staff while interfacing with executives. Committed to helping Choctaw students and associates reach their full potential.

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## EDUCATION

### Master of Science

Native American Leadership  
Southeastern Oklahoma State  
University, Durant, OK  
2017

### Bachelor of Science

Liberal and Applied Studies  
emphasis in Behavioral Science  
Southeastern Oklahoma State  
University, Durant, OK  
2014

### GED

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma,  
Durant, OK  
2002

## SKILLS

- Project Management
- Training & Development
- Data Analytics
- Grant Writing & Oversight
- Stakeholder Relations
- Policy Implementation
- Budget Creation & Supervision
- Coaching & Mentoring

## EXPERIENCE

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

*Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma | Durant, OK | July 2021 - Current*

- Strong partnerships with 85 school districts and public-school administrators within the Choctaw Nation reservation.
- Lead 23 education programs that promote educational opportunities for 38,000 students from birth to higher education and career training.
- Responsible for The School of Choctaw Language and Jones Academy a residential BIE school.
- Provide effective leadership and supervision of 670+ associates.
- Oversee expenditures of 45 business units and 350M budget (grants & tribal funds) annually.

### SENIOR DIRECTOR OF HEAD START & CHILD CARE

*Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma | Durant, OK | November 2020 – July 2021*

- Established CC and HS strategic plans and operational objectives to strengthen policies and promote growth.
- Facilitated both in-person and virtual trainings to provide valuable professional development for new and current staff.
- Led 21 early childhood schools during a pandemic with minimal disruptions to the classroom environment.

## TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

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**John Maxwell Certified Coach**  
2019

**Teaching Pyramid Infant – Toddler Observation Certification**  
2019

**Preschool CLASS Observation Certification**  
2019

**AIAN New Director Leadership Academy**  
UCLA, Los Angeles, CA  
2018

**Choctaw University Native American Leadership: Freshman and Sophomore Levels.**  
CNO, Durant, OK  
2013

**Child Development Associate Certificate: Early Childhood Professional Development**  
Oklahoma University, Norman, OK  
2005

- Grant application and oversight of educational grants.
- Grew the CC program by 300 students.

### HEAD START AND CHILD CARE DIRECTOR

*Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma | Durant, OK | June 2017 – November 2020*

- Oversee expenditures of 12 business units and 17.5M budget.
- Ensure CNO P&P, DHS regulations, and HSPPS are met.
- Created a Conscious Discipline plan and leadership team for HS & CC.
- Collaborate with Business Development on future expansion projects.
- Led 3 major construction projects from planning and design to ribbon cutting and fully operational (Durant 2 - 20M project).
- Partnered with KTC to offer CDA certification training to all associates.
- Developed an ongoing evaluation system to ensure quality control of the 13 Head Starts, 1 Chahta Preschool, and 7 Child Care centers within the 10 ½ reservation area of CNO.
- Responsible for staff performance, performance evaluation, and progressive discipline of 287+ associates.
- Responsible for 310 Head Start children, 17 Chahta Preschool, and 340 Child Care children.

### CHILD CARE DIRECTOR

*Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma | Durant, OK | September 2015 – June 2017*

- Researched and compiled demographic data to promote the need of additional childcare centers resulting in the construction of Poteau and Durant 2 expansions.
- Incorporated Creative Curriculum, Conscious Discipline, and smart boards in all preschool classrooms to promote school readiness.
- Partnered with Murray State College to offer child development courses in Durant to provide staff an opportunity to work towards their associates in child development.
- Expanded the Durant CC preschool classroom to provide a safe learning environment for 22 additional children.
- Oversee expenditures of 8 business units and 8.8M budget.
- Implemented a peer-to-peer mentoring initiative.
- Responsible for staff performance, performance evaluation, and progressive discipline of 131+ associates.

### SENIOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

*Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma | Durant, OK | October 2014 - September 2015*

- Assisted tribal members in obtaining assistance for housing, education, and ensuring their basic needs were met.
- Established relationships with the service programs to better assist tribal members.
- Assisted with team building initiatives and overall support for maintenance of organizational culture and employee morale.
- Distributed company-wide announcements and coordinated catering for

## COMMITTEES & COMMUNITY SERVICE

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**Potts Family Foundation Committee.** *Grants Committee*  
2021 – current

**CCOSA,** *Member*  
2021 -Present

**CNO Drug & Alcohol Policy Committee**  
2021

**CNO Census Committee**  
2019 - 2020

**CNO Ethics & Compliance Committee**  
2016 – 2017

**CNO Case Management Committee**  
2017

**Tribal Early Learning Initiative Committee**  
2015 -2018

**Coleman Public School JOM Committee,** *President*  
2015 -2017

**Murray State College Adult Education Committee,** *Member*  
2015 - 2019

**Atoka KTC Business & Education Council Committee,** *Member*  
2015 -2020

**Coleman Baptist Building Committee,** *Member*  
2012 -2015

**Coleman Community Foundation,** *Vice President*  
2011 -Present

- special events and other employee morale functions.
- Served on the Polished Professionals Committee.
- Worked closely with the SEO to manage daily workflow.
- Assisted with the budget process for approximately 97 business units utilizing WebFocus.
- Maintained weekly departmental and construction updates for upper management.

### EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

*Choctaw Casino & Resort | Durant, OK | January 2008 - January 2014*

- Heavy calendar management.
- Coordinated meetings, catering, and special events (parties for VIPs)
- Served on the Donations Committee in proxy of the Executive Director.
- Established relationships with other Executive Assistants and team players to collaborate, obtain information, and solve problems quickly.
- Acted as a liaison between internal/external customers and the ED.
- Exercised considerable tact, diplomacy, and judgment to determine the approach or action to take in non-routine situations.
- Executed and maintained accurate records of contracts and maintenance agreements for all 13 Choctaw Casino locations.
- Compiled complex reports and data for management and tribal council.

### HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST

*Choctaw Casino | Grant, OK | January 2007 - January 2008*

- Interviewed and hired new associates to meet the staffing demands.
- Grant Casino had the lowest turn over during this time.
- Ensured accurate payroll processing.
- Maintained employment related records with strict confidentiality.
- Actively listened and resolved employee complaints or contacted the appropriate manager.

### PURCHASING AGENT

*Choctaw Casino | Grant, OK | January 2006 - January 2007*

- Arranged timely delivery to fulfill the needs of the Casino.
- Obtained bids from multiple vendors on major accounts and purchases.
- Researched and resolved accounts payable discrepancies.
- Coded and entered invoices in JDE.

### CLOSEOUT CLERK

*Choctaw Casino | Grant, OK | January 2005 - January 2006*

- Verified authenticity of tickets and payouts.
- Notified the site auditor of reoccurring problems with shift packets.
- Entered high volumes of data efficiently in Excel.