



# Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

December of 2024




Dear Kiowa District 7 Citizens,

Hêñ[gàu kí:dà báu t'á:gyà – Merry Christmas!


We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Kiowa families of District 7 who joined us for our Christmas Hymn Sing-along at the Tulsa office. The event was a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate the season, and honor our shared traditions. Your presence and voices filled the evening with joy and exemplified the strong sense of community that defines our Kiowa spirit.

As we reflect on the year and look forward to the future, we are reminded of the importance of family, culture, and unity. May this holiday season bring blessings, peace, and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

Warmest holiday wishes,



## Hên[gàu kí:dà báu t'á:gyà! Have a Good Christmas!



Warren Queton is known by the Kiowa name P'au-ah, meaning "The moon is coming." He is from the Bointy, Queton, and Big Bow families from the Stinking Creek area. Warren was elected as the Kiowa Tribe District 7 Legislator in 2022 and 2024, representing all Kiowa at large citizens who currently do not live in the Kiowa territorial boundaries. He recently served as the Director of Kiowa Tribe Higher Education. He worked for 15 years at the University of Oklahoma, serving as Tribal Liaison Officer and Academic Counselor for the OU Upward Bound program. He is an Army Veteran, with service in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Spartan Shield. He is a proud member of the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society.



### Legislative Report Card

- ✓ Wrote and Sponsored 23 Legislative Bills/Laws
- ✓ 97% of total Bills/Laws sponsored were enacted by the Legislature
- ✓ Attended 26 Legislative Sessions
- ✓ Established a Budget Oversight Committee

### 2025 Legislative Initiatives

- Call for an Amendatory Convention to address Blood Quantum
- Call for a Constitutional Conventional to debate amendments to the Kiowa Constitution
- Revise Legislative Procedures
- Complete Kiowa Gaming Commission Ordinance Revisions
- Complete Kiowa Casino Revenue Allocation Feasibility Analysis

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- Monthly newsletters
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# Latest Legislature News

## **December 14, 2024 Regular Session Highlights**

During the Kiowa Tribe's regular monthly legislative session held on December 14, 2024, the following current legislative measures and resolutions were reviewed, discussed, and entered into the official record. Below is a summary of the significant topics addressed during the session.

### **Review of the Kiowa Gaming Ordinance Act of 2024**

The legislature revisited the **Kiowa Gaming Ordinance Act of 2024**, which was initially proposed to address regulations governing the operations of gaming enterprises under the Kiowa Gaming Commission. The act remains under review, pending further clarification and notes from the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). Just so you know – the legislature noted that action to approve a new ordinance cannot proceed until the anticipated guidance is received.

### **Federal Charter of Incorporation for Kiowa, Inc.**

The session also included the review of a resolution petitioning the Secretary of the Interior to issue a federal charter of incorporation for **Kiowa, Inc.**. This measure, sponsored by Michael Primus (District 2), seeks to secure a federal charter legitimizing and formalizing the corporate activities of Kiowa, Inc. No additional updates or status reports were available during the meeting.

### **Key Resolutions Examined**

The following resolutions were among the primary agenda items that the legislature

reviewed during both the old and new business stages of the session:

**Old Business:**

**1) Resolution KL-CY-2024-0XX – First Amendment to the Kiowa Code of 2017**

*Sponsor: Michael Primus (District 2)*

This resolution seeks to amend and update the Kiowa Code of 2017 to address governance and operational matters requiring legislative clarity and modernization.

**2) Resolution KL-CY-2024-0XX – Statement of Support for the Truth and Healing Commission on the Indian Boarding Schools Policies Act**

*Sponsor: Michael Primus (District 2)*

This proposed resolution expresses support for the ongoing initiative to address historical injustices linked to Indian boarding school policies.<sup>1</sup>

**New Business:**

**1) Resolution KL-CY-2024-0XX – Authorizing Signatories for the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA)**

*Sponsor: Timothy Satepauhoodle (District 3)*

This resolution authorizes designated signatories to conduct official business with the BTFA on behalf of the Kiowa Tribe.

**2) Resolution KL-CY-2024-0XX – Recognizing and Honoring Kiowa Veterans with the Purple Heart Medal**

*Sponsor: Warren Queton (District 7)*

Acknowledging the bravery and sacrifice of veterans, this resolution commends Kiowa veterans honored with the Purple Heart Medal.

**3) Resolution KL-CY-2024-0XX – Amended Resolution Authorizing Bank of Oklahoma Accounts**

*Sponsor: Michael Primus (District 2)*

This resolution updates the authorized signers, powers, and limitations concerning the Kiowa Tribe's financial accounts with the Bank of Oklahoma.

**4) Resolution KL-CY-2024-0XX – Amended Resolution Authorizing Sovereign Bank Accounts**

*Sponsor: Michael Primus (District 2)*

Similar to the above, this resolution addresses the financial governance of sovereign bank accounts in the name of the Kiowa Tribe.

**Publications and Resolutions Entered into Record**

The following resolutions were read into the official legislative record for informational purposes:

**1) Resolution KL-CY-2024-0XX – Kiowa Tribe Annual Budget Appropriation, Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

*Sponsor: Michael Primus (District 2)*

**2) Resolution KL-CY-2024-0XX – First Amendment to KL-CY-2022-010 Establishing a Bank Account with CrossFirst Bank of Tulsa**

*Sponsor: Cole DeLaune (District 4)*

**3) Resolution KL-CY-2024-0XX – Second Amendment to the Kiowa Code of 2017**

*Sponsor: Cole DeLaune (District 4)*

**Acknowledgment and Call to Action**

This session highlighted our legislative representatives' continued work and dedication in advancing the Kiowa people's interests. District 7 Citizens are encouraged to remain

informed about legislative proceedings and provide input on important matters by contacting their legislative representative at [district7legislature@kiowatribe.org](mailto:district7legislature@kiowatribe.org). For any inquiries or to access additional information on these legislative efforts, don't hesitate to contact the Kiowa Tribal Legislature directly.

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## Kiowa District 7 Legislator Addresses New Tribal Community Workers on Cultural Practices



On Friday, December 13th, an assembly of dedicated professionals gathered at the Oklahoma City Zoo Education Center to attend an event hosted by the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board (SPTHB). The session formed part of the Board's broader initiatives to educate those working in tribal communities and to bridge understanding between diverse professional backgrounds and Indigenous cultural practices. The Kiowa District 7 Legislator Warren Queton presented the sacred traditions surrounding gathering and using cedar, sage, sweetgrass, and tobacco in tribal ceremonies.

### **Understanding Sacred Practices in Indigenous Contexts**

Warren Queton's discourse aimed to deepen attendees' understanding of the cultural and ceremonial significance of cedar, sage, sweetgrass, and tobacco in tribal communities. These sacred plants are not merely natural resources; they hold profound spiritual and cultural value, deeply embedded in ceremony, healing, and communal identity.

Queton articulated the specific roles these elements play:

- **Cedar** is often used in purification ceremonies, offering protection and spiritual cleansing.
- **Sage** serves as a purifier, shedding negative energy and preparing spaces or individuals for ceremonial practice.
- **Sweetgrass** brings a sense of calm and positivity, symbolizing kindness and connection.
- **Tobacco**, widely used as a sacred offering, represents respect and a bridge for prayers to reach the spiritual world.

Queton emphasized that working with these items requires knowledge, intentionality, and utmost respect, especially for those entering tribal spaces as external professionals. His teachings highlighted the importance of community collaboration and cultural humility, reminding attendees that each practice and item is steeped in traditions that differ across tribes.

### **Navigating Tribal Spaces with Respect**

The event shed light on the importance of cultural sensitivity for those serving tribal communities. Queton shared insights on navigating sacred practices with care and respect, particularly for individuals who may be new to such deeply rooted traditions.

The guidelines he discussed included:

- Seeking guidance and permission from tribal elders or cultural practitioners before engaging in traditional practices.
- Approaching sacred items like cedar, sage, sweetgrass, and tobacco with reverence, understanding their sacred purposes instead of treating them as merely botanical commodities.
- Acknowledging the diversity within and among tribes, as ceremonial practices vary and cultural contexts must not be generalized.

For many attendees, this was an opportunity to move beyond professional engagement into a space of true cultural partnership, fostering trust and respect within tribal communities.

### **The Mission of the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board**

At the heart of this event was the mission of the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board—to provide leadership, resources, and advocacy for tribal health programs in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas. The SPTHB strives to bridge gaps in cultural understanding while supporting tribal sovereignty and self-determination. By providing a platform for cultural education, the SPTHB ensures that its mission goes beyond healthcare to encompass a holistic approach to community well-being—one that prioritizes cultural preservation and respect for Indigenous knowledge systems.

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## **Upcoming Events**

**NEW LOCATION**

**2025**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**BLACK AND WHITE BALL**

*Celebration*

DECEMBER  
TUESDAY

**31**

6 P M  
TO  
M I D N I G H T

CONCESSION STAND:

N.A.D.A  
COTTON CANDY  
POPCORN  
HOT MEAL

SPECIAL HOOP DANCE  
WITH AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION  
REV. JAY MULE

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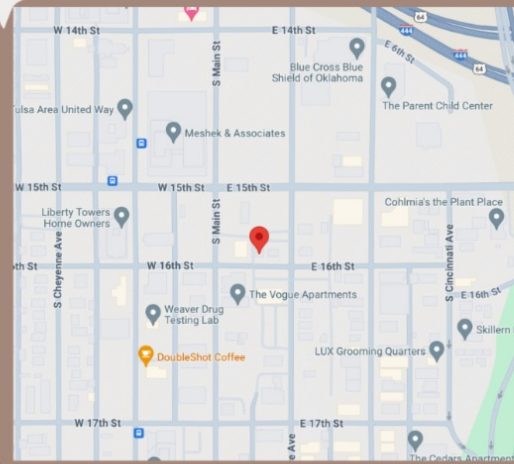
**LET'S LEARN  
KIOWA!**

**INSTRUCTOR:  
WARREN QUETON**

**WHEN**

**JANUARY 27TH  
6 TO 7:30 PM**

**WHERE**



Kiowa District 7  
Tulsa Office:  
15th E 16th Street,  
Tulsa OK 74119

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ON SITE**

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## YouTube Channel

District 7 has a YouTube channel. We aim to record and upload our webinars and different events so everyone can stay involved.

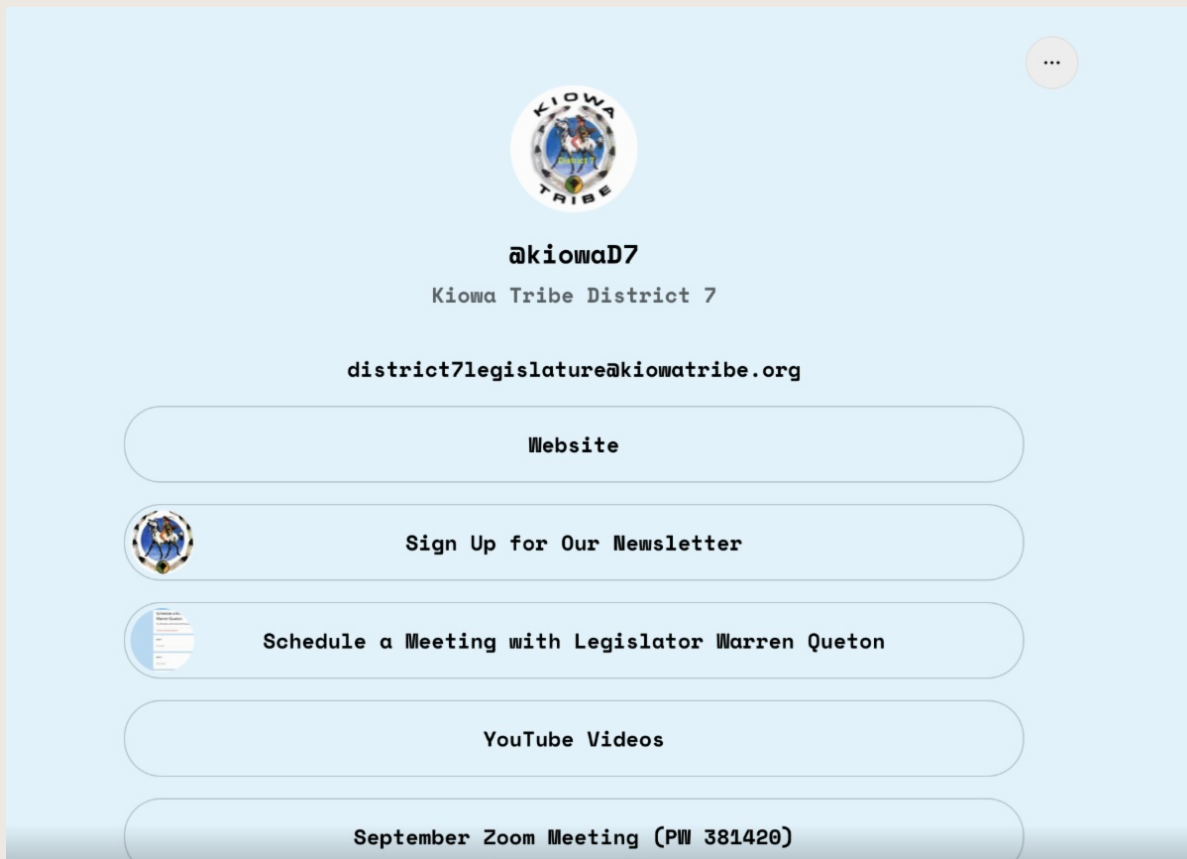
This month, we have uploaded the following:

- Our December Tulsa language class

To access these videos, please visit our linktree, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>



# D7 Links



The screenshot shows a Linktree profile for @kiowaD7. At the top is the Kiowa Tribe logo, which features a circular emblem with a figure on horseback and the words "KIOWA TRIBE". Below the logo, the handle "@kiowaD7" is displayed, followed by the text "Kiowa Tribe District 7" and the email address "district7legislature@kiowatribe.org". There is a three-dot menu icon in the top right corner. The profile contains five link cards: "Website", "Sign Up for Our Newsletter" (with a small globe icon), "Schedule a Meeting with Legislator Warren Queton" (with a small document icon), "YouTube Videos", and "September Zoom Meeting (PW 381420)".

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