



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
January 24, 2018 – 10:00 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

ROLL CALL

Richard Peterson, President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 1 st Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 2 nd Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 3 rd Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 4 th Vice President	Present
Marvin Adams, 5 th Vice President	Present
Wilbur Brown, 6 th Vice President	Present
Keenan Sanderson, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: CFO Theresa Belton, COO Ken Truitt, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Executive Assistant to the COO Helene Bennett, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Administrative Assistant to the General Counsel/Recording Secretary Laura May Whistler, Cultural Heritage & Education Manager Sarah Dybdahl, Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation CEO Richard Rinehart and T&H Services LLC General Manager Bob Hamilton.

INVOCATION

1st Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S 4th Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt the agenda with additions. M/C

Additions:

CBJ Annexation Discussion Topic
Board of Fish Update
NAFTA Update

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for public comment was given. No public comment was provided.

REPORTS

President's Report

President Peterson provided an update of the Tlingit & Haida All Staff Meeting. At the meeting the Tribe announced several new internal policy changes and discussed them with staff.

President Peterson also provided an update on the public safety Native Issues Forum, which also addressed the opioid epidemic. He discussed the Tribe's desire to compact additional public safety programs with the State. President Peterson next advised the Executive Council that the Tribe is considering declaring a state an emergency due to opioid abuse. Discussion ensued and Executive Council members offered their guidance.

President Peterson declared an Addiction/Rehabilitation Committee will be created, and appointed 4th Vice President Jackie Pata to chair the committee.

President Peterson further reported that the University of Southeast Alaska held a meeting on suicide prevention with a focus on cultural solutions. In addition, he recently spoke to Casey Family Foundation and thanked them for the positive impact the Foundation has had on Tlingit & Haida. He also announced that the Communications Specialist position has been filled. The new position will focus on providing updates about the Tribe and its activities through social media, including creating podcasts and a YouTube channel.

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy reported an update as to the status of the Tribal Child Welfare Compact and related Support Services Funding Agreement (SSFA). She next announced the Constitution Committee has distributed to delegates the 2017 Constitutional amendments and 2018 proposed amendments. She also reported that the Separation of Powers Committee is examining the Tribe's governing documents and governing practices to analyze issues related to the separation of powers. Finally, she announced that Attorney General Jahna Lindemuth responded to the Tribe's letter regarding issues between the Tribe and the Borough of Vital Statistics.

4th Vice President Jackie Pata requested a presentation of the Separation of Powers Committee report once the report had been finalized.

Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti provided a verbal report on All Staff Meeting, tenure awards, the Native Issues Forum and the status of the 83rd Tribal Assembly plans.

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

COO Ken Truitt provided an update that he is working with Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Theresa Belton in identifying financial duties that properly reside with the CFO, but which are currently the COO's responsibility, and transferring those duties to the CFO. He also provided an

update on the implementation of the Tribal D program. In addition, he announced a new Information Technology Help Desk is now fully implemented. The new technology will track requests and allow for improved management tracking of such requests.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton reviewed the November Financial report. Consistent with the previous announcement from COO Ken Truitt, the CFO report will now include the Trust Fund report.

Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation (THTBC) Quarterly Report

THTBC CEO Richard Rinehart provided an update of THTBC's financials and Juneau operations. THTBC announced that it will begin taking over certain operations for Tlingit & Haida in Juneau such as, the Property Management, Sacred Grounds Coffee and security guard services.

BREAK

The chair called to take a 15 minute break at 12:00 PM. No objection, so moved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Report

4th Vice President Jackie Pata provided an update of NCIA's efforts to support the inclusion of an indigenous representative provision in the NAFTA.

Board of Fish

President Peterson announced that the Board of Fisheries, for the second year in a row, announced the spring king salmon fishery will be closed. Due to that closure, the Tribe's King Salmon Derby will, again, be cancelled. The Derby has been the Tribe's primary fundraiser for the Alumni Scholarship program. The Tribe is already exploring alternative fundraising activities.

Farm Bill Recommendations

4th Vice President Jackie Pata requested recommendations from the Executive Council for proposed amendments to the Farm Bill. She explained, such recommendations have a better chance of success when they are brought forward in the drafting phase, not later in the process. Discussion ensued.

Delegate Elections Update

Program Compliance Program Coordinator Crystal Christiansen provided an update on delegate elections. The update included which communities are currently holding meetings for nominees and methods for voting, absentee or electronic, adopted by different communities. Discussion ensued regarding voter engagement.

CBJ Annexation Proposal

President Peterson spoke in favor of supporting Angoon's opposition to the City and Borough of Juneau's (CBJ) plans to annex the northern part of Admiralty Island. Opposition has been expressed by the City of Angoon, the Angoon Community Association, and Kootznoowoo.

M/S 6th Vice President Wilbur Brown moved to support Angoon and oppose the proposed annexation of the northern part of Admiralty Island. M/C

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Donation Request

Second Chance Coordinator Talia Eames requested the donation of the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall for a community screening of the film "Beyond the Wall".

M/S 6th Vice President Wilbur Brown moved to approve Second Chance Coordinator Talia Eames' donation request of the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall. M/C

BREAK

The chair called for a 5 minute break at 1:15 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The chair called to enter to Executive Session at 1:20 PM. No objection, so moved.

Executive Session adjourned.

ADJOURN

The chair called to adjourn at 1:56 PM. No objection, so moved.