



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
February 22-23 – 10:00 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES Day 1

CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 at 11:00 AM

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 and Secretary to the President Carley Jackson.

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S 4th Vice President Jackie Pata moved to amend the agenda, moving agenda item Alaska Permanent Capital Management Presentation of CCTHITA Trust Fund to after Executive Session. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maxine Thompson spoke in opposition to the proposed annexation of the northern part of Admiralty Island. She would like to see the lands of Admiralty Island protected for the sake of

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the Angoon people and their traditional way of life. She believes annexation would impair such protection and urged the Executive Council to unite in opposition to the annexation.

Matthew John also spoke in opposition to the proposed annexation of the northern part of Admiralty Island. He stated that Juneau tribal citizens should lend their voices to the opposition. He believes that a strong unified voice is the best path to preventing the annexation.

REPORTS

Alaska Permanent Capital Management Presentation of Tlingit & Haida Trust Fund

Chief Investment Officer, Multi-Assets Strategies Brandy Niclai and Vice President, Director of Sales Blake Phillips presented investment goals and an overview of the Tlingit & Haida Trust Fund. The presentation included historical growth, current growth and future projections. Discussion ensued.

President's Report

President Peterson provided an update of his recent activities including a meeting with the Senator Dan Sullivan's staff and attendance at the Southeast Conference. He reported on the Native Issue Forums and their success. He advised that he attended the recent AFN Board meeting. The AFN Board will be working on resolutions to support traditional native artists and push for a more viable marketplace them to sell their products. The resolutions will specifically address the legality of Alaskan ivory and marine mammal products in handcrafted pieces.

President Peterson announced he has established a committee to focus on addiction and rehabilitation. 4th Vice President Jackie Pata will chair of the newly established committee. He advised the Executive Council that the recent training, titled "Government to Government: Advocacy in a Changing World", was well received and a valuable experience. Tlingit & Haida has been asked to host the training in other communities within the Southeast region. President Peterson has accepted an invitation to be the keynote speaker at Mount Edgecombe's Seventieth Anniversary celebration.

President Peterson finally announced the recipients of the 2018 President's Awards:

- Culture Bearer – DonnaRae James (San Francisco)
- Emerging Leader – Eva Rowan (Klawock)
- Hold Each Other up Award – Barbara Franks (Anchorage)
- Inspiring Educator Award – Ronnie Fairbanks (Craig)
- Language Warrior - Benjamin Young (Ketchikan)
- Ally Award – Nancy Barnes (Juneau)
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Gil Truitt (Sitka)

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. As part of the report she advised the Execitve Council that Juneau has two upcoming Superior Court vacancies. The Alaska Judicial Council has solicited for applications for one of these seats. Tribal Court Judge Debra O'Gara has applied.

M/S 4th Vice President Jackie Pata moved to support and endorse Debra O’Gara in her efforts in applying for the Alaska Superior Court seat. M/C

The chair relaxed the agenda to allow Alaska Regional Coalition to present next in the agenda. No objection, so moved.

Alaska Regional Coalition

Government Affairs Consultant Jordan Marshall presented on the Alaska Regional Coalition’s involvement with public safety programs and offered additional commentary on the budget. Discussion ensued.

Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti provided a written report.

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

COO Ken Truitt summarized his written report. As part of that report he noted his attendance at a fiduciary training and recommended that the Investment Committee consider putting the trust fund work out to bid.

M/S 4th Vice President Jackie Pata, based upon the recommendations the Investment Committee, the Tribe will put forth an RFP for our current trust fund investment portfolio. M/C

BREAK

The chair called to take a 20 minute break at 12:00 PM. No objection, so moved.

REPORTS CONTINUED

The chair relaxed the agenda to allow Chris McNeil to speak. No objection, so moved.

Chris McNeil spoke in favor of supporting the ANCSA revenue sharing provision that addresses the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Chris McNeil requested the Executive Council support the proposal.

M/S 5th Vice President Marvin Adams moved to send a letter of support to ANCSA of the revenue sharing proposal. M/C

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton provided a report of the December finances.

Transboundary Report

1st Vice President Rob Sanderson reported on a mining plan to utilize two fish bearing creeks for toxic mine tailings. He also reported that the Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission (SAITC) is observing the Chilkat area due to belief that the area is at a high risk to be under distress.

2nd Vice President Will Micklin discussed the pros and cons of allying with other tribes along the U.S./Canadian border to unify a voice on transboundary issues. He also reported on a letter from the U.S. State Department that will address a number of current Tlingit & Haida concerns. A specific type of analysis will be released to the Tribe soon after a bilateral meeting later in March. He stated that it is important that Tlingit & Haida continue to involve itself in these diplomatic efforts.

Opioid Crisis Update

4th Vice President Jackie Pata reported on conversations between the Addiction/Rehabilitation Committee and SEARHC regarding SEARHC's strategic plan to combat the opioid crisis. SEARHC was receptive to the Committee's interest in partnering with them regarding this issue. She also reported plans of a webinar to inform tribes of what their options are regarding policy, revenue allocations, recovery efforts and preventative efforts to combat the opioid crisis. Other tribes have declared a state of opioid crisis. She stated an interest in having the Tribe conduct a survey to evaluate the needs of its citizens. She reported that the Sault Sainte Marie Chippewa Tribe conducted such a survey and they are willing to share their methodology. Discussion ensued.

Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact, Support Services Funding Agreement (SSFA)

TFYS Manager Francine Jones reported on the SSFA negotiations. She provided an overview of the Tribal Child Welfare Compact and discussed how the Compact effects the Tribe. Discussion ensued.

Separation of Powers Committee Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy presented the Separation of Powers Committee's draft report. The draft report provides an overview and evaluation of all branches of power within Tlingit & Haida. The draft report concludes with a brief gap analysis of the implementation of a full separation of powers at the Tribe, including financial implications. Discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Engaging Tribal Citizens and Youth

President Peterson discussed the strategies Tlingit & Haida is taking to engage our tribal citizens, such as utilizing social media networks, a new position created within the Communications department, and utilizing popular tribal speakers to empower tribal youth and community youth activities. Discussion ensued.

The chair opened the floor for public comment. No objection, so moved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leona Santiago spoke towards the enjoyment she has during the Elders Program and suggested an annual Elders New Year Celebration.

Miciana Hutcherson stated that her goal as the new Communications Specialist is to bridge the gap between tribal citizens and the inner workings/happenings of what Tlingit & Haida does.

Matthew John suggested Tlingit & Haida create an app for people to download and use to stay up to date with Tlingit & Haida happenings. He also suggested a dance competition to engage tribal youth.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

CBJ Proposed Annexation of Angoon (Admiralty Island)

2nd Vice President Will Micklin spoke in opposition of the City and Borough of Juneau's proposed annexation of Admiralty Island.

President Peterson spoke in favor of supporting Angoon's opposition to the City and Borough of Juneau's proposed annexation of Admiralty Island.

M/S 5th Vice President Marvin Adams moved to adopt the proposed resolution EC 18-06 *Support for the Angoon Community Association's Efforts to Protect Admiralty Island.*

The chair called to suspend the rules to allow informal amendments to the proposed resolution. The chair suspended the rules to allow Matthew John and Maxine Thompson to engage in the discussion regarding the proposals to annex Admiralty Island. Discussion ensued. Vote on main motion: M/C

AWARE Women of Distinction Award Ceremony

President Peterson announced that AWARE will be holding a ceremony to announce the 2018 Women of Distinction Award honorees on March 3, 2018.

Adeline Garcia Community Services Awards Luncheon

President Peterson announced the Seattle Indian Health Board will be holding a luncheon on March 23, 2018 to honor Seattle community leaders. He invited the Executive Council to attend.

Seattle Indian Health Board

President Peterson brought forward whether Tlingit & Haida can be supportive of the Seattle Indian Health Board in their efforts to serve our tribal citizens that live outside of our service area. Discussion ensued.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Meeting Minutes

M/S 5th Vice President Marvin Adams moved to adopt June 8-9, 2017, November 2-3, 2017, and December 15, 2017 meeting minutes. M/C

Resolutions

M/S 5th Vice President Marvin Adams moved to adopt resolutions EC 18-02 *Authorization to Apply of the National Park Service's Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act*

Program Funding, EC 18-03 Authorization to Apply for Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Funding, EC 18-04 Support for the Sale of Alaskan Ivory and Marine Mammal Products on Etsy Marketplace, eBay and Similar Sites and EC 18-05 Opposition to Senate Joint Resolution No. 13. M/C

RECESS

The chair called to recess at 4:25 PM. No objection, so moved.



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CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

REPORTS CONTINUED

Native Lands and Resources (NLR) Department Report

Native Lands and Resources Manager Desiree Duncan and Environmental Coordinator Raymond Paddock III provided a report on the department's programs and projects including: realty, forestry, transboundary, land conservation/climate change, conservation districts, IGAP & STRP, cultural resources and subsistence. NLR is currently taking samples of the Stikine and Taku rivers as part of its transboundary work, and will be taking samples of the Alsek and Unuk rivers soon. NLR recently participated in the State of Alaska Board of Fish meeting and the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting. Discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) Board Vacancies

President Peterson announced there are two vacancies on the THRHA Board and that solicitation for candidates will be soon. Discussion ensued.

The chair so ordered to set up a joint meeting between the Executive Council and THRHA. No objection, so moved.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS CONTINUED

Tribal Assembly Theme

The Executive Council voted to select the Tribal Assembly theme, "Indigenous, Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow," submitted by Evelyn Myers.

Tribal Assembly Host and Hostess

M/S 3rd Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to appoint Fred Hamilton as the Tribal Assembly Host. M/C

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The Executive Council voted to select Bertha Karras as Tribal Assembly Hostess.

BREAK

The chair called to take a 15 minute break at 10:05 AM. No objection, so moved.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

Carlisle School

Bob Sam provided a report of his involvement with the Carlisle School Cemetery project. He has graciously volunteered his time to identify the children buried in the cemetery come from who Southeast Alaska and to identify their families and contact the known families for repatriation. Although he has made great efforts in this project, he suspects the project may require long term attention and believes a tribal entity's presence may be required. Bob Sam requested the assistance of the Tribe in his efforts of repatriating the remains located at the Carlisle School Cemetery. The Executive Council requested a proposal from Bob Sam to specify his request for assistance from the Tribe. Discussion ensued.

The chair so ordered for the Tribe to work on the Carlisle School Cemetery Project. No objection, so moved.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS CONTINUED

Tribal Assembly Agenda

The chair relaxed the rules to make informal amendments to the Tribal Assembly Agenda. The Executive Council unanimously consented to continue revisions electronically.

The chair called to relax the agenda to allow additional agenda items Audit Report and Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation Report. No objection, so moved.

REPORTS CONTINUED

Audit Report

Moss Adams Partner and National Practice Leader Tasha Repp provided an update of the areas the auditors explore and report on for the Tribe.

Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation Report

Robert Rinehart provided a report of the recent activities of THTBC.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS CONTINUED

President Trump's Proposed Budget

4th Vice President Jackie Pata provided an update and overview of President Trump's proposed FY 2018 budget. Discussion ensued.

Indian Energy

2nd Vice President Will Micklin proposed the Tribe diversify its enterprises to attract revenue. He stated this may require policy changes to allow such endeavors by the Tribe. 2nd Vice President Will Micklin announced the Department of Energy will be holding a meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico to discuss energy regulations, policy and to discuss possible strategies to broaden community energy independence.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Executive Council offered good of the order comments.

ADJOURN

The chair called to adjourn at 12:24 PM. No objection, so moved.