



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
February 22, 2019 – 11:00 AM (Alaska Standard Time)  
TELECONFERENCE  
**MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Richard Peterson, President	Present
Yodean Armour, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Stephanie Masterman, Emerging Leader	Present at 11:13 AM

Also present: CFO Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Administrative Assistant Serena Flores and Administrative Assistant to the General Counsel/Recording Secretary Laura May Whistler.

### **INVOCATION**

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided the invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt the agenda as amended. M/C

Additions: Drug Task Force Committee and Executive Council resolution regarding support for the Alaska Marine Highway System.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for public comment was given. None was provided.

## **REPORTS**

### President's Report

President Peterson provided an oral report on his recent activities. Tlingit & Haida engaged Sonosky Chambers to pursue two statutory fixes. In addition, the President engaged Rosewood Executive Coaching to support the Executive Team. He attended the Tribal Border Summit and plans to attend the Northern Tribal Border Summit in May. He also attended two community meetings one with Wrangell and the other with Kake. He met with Senator Dan Sullivan to discuss the sea otters, tribal programs and economic sovereignty. They also discussed advocacy for victims and the nomination of Eric Miller to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Additionally, the President will be meeting with Alaska Department of Public Safety Commissioner Amanda Price and VPSO Statewide Program Commander Captain Andrew Merrill regarding the VPSO program.

President Peterson also announced the City and Borough of Juneau has approved a conditional use permit for the Tribe for the Second Chance Housing project. The community has shown support and encouragement for this new project.

President Peterson stated the Tribe will be advocating on many fronts this year, due to Governor Mike Dunleavy's proposed budget for 2020. His proposed budget will have a large and negative impact on Head Start, TANF, the University of Alaska, the Alaska Marine Highway System and many other statewide services.

### General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy provided an oral report. The Judiciary Committee met telephonically on February 21, 2019. The Committee adopted a list of pro tem Judges and received an update on Title 06. The Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) requested Tlingit & Haida file an amicus brief in support of STA's appeal to the Supreme Court regarding the denial of STA's request for a preliminary injunction related to the Sitka Sound herring fishery. Discussion ensued.

The Chair ordered the Executive Council revisit STA's request after more information could be provided for discussion. No objection, so ordered.

### Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti summarized her written report. She reported on her attendance at meetings of the Alaska Regional Coalition, Alaska Federation of Natives Public Safety Roundtable, and a meeting with Senators Dan Sullivan and Lisa Murkowski. She also announced President Peterson will receive recognition at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Adeline Garcia Community Service Awards luncheon on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### CFO Report

Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton summarized her written report. She also provided an update on the audit and announced that the Fiscal Management Policies, Part IX - Travel has been updated.

## **DISCUSSION**

### Governor Mike Dunleavy's Proposed Budget, Projected State of Alaska Economy and Options for the Alaska Budget

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin reviewed Governor Mike Dunleavy's proposed budget and spoke about its possible effects on Alaskans. He recommends creating a portfolio of the governor's budget. The portfolio will provide an analysis and solutions for programs that may have unmet financial needs.

### Southeast Conference

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata attended the Southeast Conference. At the conference, topics that were discussed included cyber security for governments, tourism and Alaska native artists. Alaska native art and artists are the driving forces of our tourism industry. The cruise ship companies are preventing tourists from bringing items made from marine animals, fur or ivory on board. Some recommendations were to provide information through media messaging and to provide crews with up to date information on what the laws are that pertain to items made from marine animals, fur or ivory.

### Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Board Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata provided an update on her attendance at the AFN Board meeting. AFN has finalized their report from Alaska Day, the annual event AFN hosts in Washington, DC in partnership with the Alaska delegation to inform people about Alaska and its indigenous people. The report talks about some of the infrastructure in Alaska. It also speaks to the relationship between AFN and the Department of Defense. AFN President Julie Kitka presented the next steps. Some of her immediate next steps are to update the Alaska cultural training that is given to the Department of Defense employees. Another step is to update the Department of Defense consultation policies.

### Advanced Appropriations

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata sent a draft letter to President Peterson and Executive Council members. The letter supports establishing alternative and more reliable methods for funding the Indian Health Service and other tribal programs. She recommended Executive Council members share the drafted letter with their respective tribes and/or communities for their consideration.

### Housing Summit

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata announced there will be a Housing Summit March 13-14, 2019 in Juneau, Alaska. She will provide a report of her attendance after the event.

### Intellectual Property Rights and Digital Tax

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin spoke about obtaining intellectual property rights for indigenous designs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata requested 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin share any documents he may have.

### Tribal Assembly

President Peterson recommended 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata present the D.C. report.

Emerging Leader Stephanie Masterman requested to organize a youth orientation for the delegates that bring youth to Tribal Assembly.

## **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

### Resolutions

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy provided an introduction of the proposed Executive Council resolutions.

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin moved to adopt resolutions EC 19-01 *Land Buy Back Prioritization*, EC 19-02 *Authorization to Apply for Head Start Supplemental Cost of Living Adjustment Funding*, EC 19-03 *Support for the Designation of Northwest Coast Art as a Rare and Valuable Treasure*, EC 19-04 *Authorization to Apply for Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Funding*, EC 19-05 *Authorization to Submit a Fee-to-Trust Application (Block 2, Lots 2 & 4; Block 3, Lots 9, East Half of 10 and East Half of 11; Block 5, Lot 16)*, EC 19-06 *Authorization to Apply for U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women Funding*, EC 19-08 *Authorized Signers for Official Tribal Documents*, EC 19-09 *Authorized Signers for Charles Schwab and Co.*, EC 19-10 *Authorized Signers for Bank of America*, EC 19-11 *Authorized Signers for Wells Fargo Bank Account* and EC 19-12 *Authorized Wells Fargo Employee Retirement Trustees*. M/C

The Chair ordered to draft a resolution in support of the Ketchikan Ferry, to be priority polled. No objection, so ordered.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair ordered to enter executive session at 1:22 PM. No objection, so moved

Executive session concluded at 1:50 PM.

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy provided an update regarding the estimated cost of participating further in the herring litigation.

The Executive Council moved to authorize the Tribe to continue to participate in the herring litigation by filing a five page amicus brief to the Supreme Court, with notification from the law firm if the cost exceeds \$11,000.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Executive Council offered comments for good of the order.

## **ADJOURN**

The Chair ordered to adjourn at 2:00 PM. No objection, so moved.