



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
January 10 & 11, 2019 – 9:00 AM (Alaska Standard Time)  
IN-PERSON MEETING  
**MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Richard J. 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	Excused, Called in 1/10/18 2:00 PM

Also present: CFO Theresa Belton, COO Ken Truitt, 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.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt the agenda. No objection, so moved.

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for public comment was given. None was provided.

## **REPORTS**

### President's Report

President Richard J. Peterson provided an oral report on his recent activities. He recognized the 477 Division Director/acting Tribal Child Support Unit Manager Will Martin and the Tribal Child Support Unit staff for their achievement in collecting over one million dollars in child support. President Peterson also recognized Tribal Family and Youth Services department for convening a child welfare symposium to bring tribal partners and leaders together.

President Peterson requested to be invited to the conversations regarding Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) and appointed Cultural Heritage & Education Manager Sarah Dybdahl to represent Tlingit & Haida in those conversations. Discussion ensued

The Public Safety department hosted a meeting regarding the re-entry/transitional housing project. Businesses and community members attended

6<sup>th</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards assumed the position of co-chair of the Violence Against Women Task Force (VAWTF). President Peterson and other staff attended the VAWTF meeting in Seattle. Alaska is one of the worst ranked states, ranking 3<sup>rd</sup>, for missing and murdered indigenous women. Sitka delegate Pat Alexander, the other co-chair of the VAWTF, testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs regarding this matter. The testimony received national recognition.

The 84<sup>th</sup> Tribal Assembly keynote speaker will be Abigail Echo-Hawk. Her presentation will address missing and murdered indigenous women.

President Peterson will be travelling to Wrangell for a community visit. He will also be travelling to Arizona to attend an intertribal border summit.

### General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. The Tribe signed on to the tribal amicus brief in *Brakeen v. Zinke*. Juneau superior court may be changing their method when handling Indian Child Welfare Act cases. The Tribe has engaged Dorsey Whitney to review the Tribe's retirement plan and for-profit ventures.

### Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti summarized her written report. She attended the Seattle holiday party, and will be attending community visits in Wrangell. She announced that Tribal Assembly planning is underway. This year the Tribe will be using tablets for all documents. She also announced that Tribal Court Strategic Planning meeting will be held quarterly.

### Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

COO Ken Truitt summarized his written report. He spoke about the re-entry housing meeting and a meeting with Juneau Chief of Police Ed Mercer. He also advised that the Tribe has plans to address the need for office space. In addition, he announced that Helene Bennet has been promoted to Tribal Operations and Self Governance Manager.

Human Resources Manager Jodi Wise and Cultural Heritage and Education Director Sarah Dybdahl will be collaborating to create a curriculum for employees to engage in.

### **BREAK**

The Chair so ordered to take a ten minute break at 10:37 AM. No objection, so ordered.

### Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report and reported how the federal shutdown affects the Tribe.

### Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation (THTBC) Report

THTBC Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart provided an update on THTBC's accomplishments, contract awards, industry capabilities, certifications, backlog, opportunities and a financial overview. He also discussed how the government shutdown may affect the company.

### **BREAK**

The Chair called to take a 30 minute break at 12:00 PM. No objection, so moved.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### Tribal Assembly Theme Selection

After a selection process, the 84<sup>th</sup> Tribal Assembly theme will be "Through Unity we have Strength" submitted by Paula Peterson.

#### Tribal Assembly Host and Hostess

Jim Price, Haida will be the Tribal Assembly Host. Cheryl Dodson, Tlingit, will be the Tribal Assembly Hostess.

#### Tribal Assembly Resolutions

At the suggestion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin discussion ensued regarding potential Tribal Assembly resolutions from the Executive Council.

The Chair suspended the conversation for the Tribal Court presentation. No objection, so ordered.

### Tribal Court Update

Judge Debra O’Gara introduced the Tribal Court staff: Tribal Court Administrator Frances Andrews, Magistrate Trinidad Contreras, Healing to Wellness Technician Michaela Demmert, Clerk of the Court Amanda Smith and Administrative Clerk Connor Ulmer. Frances provided an update on the Tribal Court’s caseload, an overview of established specialty courts and current projects.

### Executive Council Guidelines

The Executive Council reviewed proposed amendments to the Executive Council Guidelines and offered guidance regarding additional revisions. Discussion ensued.

### **BREAK**

The Chair ordered to take a five minute break at 2:32 PM. No objection, so ordered.

### New Governor Appointments and Policy Agenda Update

Jordan Marshall provided an update on Governor Michael Dunleavy’s cabinet appointments and the proposed FY20 budget. Discussion ensued.

### Government Shutdown and Impacts to Tlingit & Haida Update

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata provided historical information about past federal government shutdowns and the current impacts. Discussion ensued.

### Priorities for 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata requested this discussion topic to speak about matters that may need to be refocused and possible goals for 2019 such as planning a youth summit and a meeting with the Department of Interior regarding sea otters. Discussion ensued.

The Chair added resolution EC 19-01 *Land Buy Back Prioritization* to the agenda. No objection, so ordered.

### Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall Rental and Use of Kitchen

President Peterson announced changes to the Elizabeth Peratrovich (EP) Hall rental policy. The EP Hall will no longer allow rentals of the kitchen. The change is due to the Department of Environmental Conservation, Food Safety & Sanitation requirements that Smokehouse Catering must follow to continue providing catering services.

### **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

#### Minutes

M/S 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to adopt August 30, 2018 minutes. M/C

#### Donation Request

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to donate \$500.00 to Healing Hands. M/C

### President's Awardees

President Peterson announced the recipients of the 2019 President's Awards.

- Life Achievement: Dr. Marie Olsen
- Tribal Ally: Diane Kaplan
- Culture Bearer: Vicki Soboleff
- Emerging Leader: Arias Hoyle
- Hold Each Other Up: Lyle & Kolene James
- Inspiring Educator: Jessica Chester
- Language Warrior: Gloria Wolfe
- Youth Mentor: Sonya Skan

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair ordered to enter executive session at 3:38 PM. No objection, so ordered.

Executive session concluded at 5:04 PM.

### **RECESS**

The Chair ordered to recess at 5:05 PM. No objection, so ordered.



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**DRAFT MINUTES Day 2**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Continuation of the meeting on January 11, 2019 was rescheduled due to adverse weather conditions. The meeting was rescheduled to continue on January 16, 2019 at 8:30 am.

The Chair called the meeting to order January 16, 2019 at 8:37 AM. No objection, so ordered.

**ROLL CALL**

Richard Peterson, President	Present
Yodean Armour, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
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**DISCUSSION**

Enrollment Code

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy and Program Compliance Manager Valerie Hillman reviewed the revisions to Title 15 – Enrollment proposed by the Enrollment Committee. Discussion ensued.

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to put forward all amendments of Title 15 – Enrollment for consideration by the Tribal Assembly. M/C

## **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

### Resolutions

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt EC 19-01 *Land Buy Back Prioritization*. Discussion ensued. M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin moved to table EC 19-01 *Land Buy Back Prioritization* to reconsider a redrafted resolution at the next Executive Council meeting. M/C

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to enter executive session at 9:01 AM. M/C

Executive session concluded at 10:00 AM.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Meeting with Sullivan

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata reported on her meeting with Senator Dan Sullivan regarding the government shutdown and the economic impacts. They also discussed shared areas of mutual interest, including transboundary mining, marine mammal artists, the landless and the veterans' allotments bill.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Executive Council offered comments for good of the order.

## **ADJOURN**

The Chair ordered to adjourn at 10:07 AM. No objection, so ordered.