



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
May 14, 2019 – 10:00 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard J. Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

ROLL CALL

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Yodean Armour, 1st Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 2nd Vice President	Present at 10:38 AM
Will Micklin, 3rd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4th Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 5th Vice President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 6th Vice President	Present
Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Emerging Leader	Present at 10:22 AM

Also present: CFO Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Tribal Operations and Self Governance Manager Helene Bennett, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, and Assistant to the General Counsel/Recording Secretary Laura May Whistler.

INVOCATION

4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided the invocation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S 3rd Vice President Will Micklin moved to approve the agenda as amended. M/C

Additions: Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority Commissioner Vacancy and Yakutat donation request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for public comment was given. None was provided.

REPORTS

Presidents Report

President Richard J. Peterson provided an oral report of his recent activities. The Tribe has been advocating and testifying on a variety of topics, including missing and murdered indigenous women and the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program.

First Alaskans convened in southeast and hosted “Being a Good Neighbor.” This convention brought southeast tribes and corporations together to discuss ways they could collaborate with one another.

President Peterson attended the VPSO Caucus, a meeting with the Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Kluane Adamek and the Northern Tribal Border Summit. The summit was convened in the United States and continued in Canada. The summit focused on indigenous citizens crossing the border. He also attended a meeting with the Juneau Police Department (JPD). The meeting focused on how JPD and the VPSO program could collaborate.

President Peterson met with Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Matt Dummermuth and Director of Special Project Eileen Garry to discuss Victims of Crime Act funding. The Tribe’s funding request was reduced and in response the Tribe advocated to restore funding to the historical amount awarded.

He also announced the Alaska Federation of Natives convention will be held in Fairbanks, Alaska this year.

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. Work on Title 06 – Tribal Court is ongoing and will include revisions to authorize a Healing to Wellness court.

She also attended the Northern Tribal Border Summit. There is a bill in front of Congress, H.R. 2496. The bill, if passed, will remove the blood quantum requirement for crossing the U.S./Canadian border when exercising Jay Treaty rights. The next step will be scheduling travel to advocate in Washington, D.C. and a meeting with Homeland Security. President Peterson has directed her to collaborate with Program Compliance to provide information to Tribal citizens regarding requirements to cross the border.

On behalf of the Violence Against Women Task Force, 6th Vice President Catherine Edwards recommended Title 06 – Tribal Courts be amended to protect citizens against stalking. Discussion ensued.

Chief Finance Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report. Discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2019 Tribal Assembly Feedback

Anchorage Delegate Tasha Hotch presented her notes from Tribal Assembly regarding her observations of the convention. Discussion ensued.

Tináa Trademark

General Counsel provided a legal analysis of Sealaska Heritage Institutes' proposal to trademark the tináa. Discussion ensued.

M/S 6th Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to bring the tináa trademark proposal to the Clan Conference for discussion. M/C

Haida Gwaii and Yukon Visits

President Peterson invited the Executive Council to attend meetings in Haida Gwaii, B.C. and Assembly of First Nations Yukon Region.

Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) Board Vacancy

President Peterson announced a vacancy on the THRHA Board. The Office of the President will solicit for candidates to fill the vacancy.

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

Resolutions

M/S 5th Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt EC 19-24 *Authorization for Title IV-B Subparts I (Child Welfare) and II (Promoting Safe and Stable Families) Grants* and 19-25 *Authorization to Apply for the Community collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families Grant*. M/C

Title 15 - Enrollment

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to strike "tribal enrollment committee" from the definitions section of Title 15 - Enrollment. M/C

DONATION REQUEST

Ho'oilina: Empowering our Traditions of Exploration

M/S 1st Vice President Yodean Armour moved to donate \$1,000 to the Juneau School District for students to attend Ho'oilina. M/C

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to donate \$1000 to Yakutat Tlingit Tribe canoe family for attendance at Ho'oilina. 1 Abstention. M/C

Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp #2

The Alaska Native Sisterhood requested a \$1000 donation for travel to the annual Grand Camp Convention. No motion.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Executive Council offered comments for good of the order.

ADJOURN

The Chair ordered to adjourn at 11:55 am. No objection, so ordered.