



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – 1:30 PM (Alaska Standard Time)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Chief of Project Development William Ware, Tribal Operations and Self Governance Manager Helene Bennett, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary Cara Gilbert, Special Assistant Heather Gatti, and Secretary to the President Carley Jackson.

INVOCATION

4th Vice President Rob Sanderson provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent. M/C

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tlingit & Haida Coronavirus Mitigation Plan

Tribal Assembly

President Richard J. Peterson opened discussion about the coronavirus pandemic. The Tribe is being careful not to overreact but to proactively respond to the situation, given all the

information available. Tlingit & Haida is doing its part to make sure that the medical and emergency systems are not overwhelmed.

President Peterson recommended that Tribal Assembly be postponed indefinitely.

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt EC 20-11 Postponement of the 85th Annual Tribal Assembly.

Amendment #1 – 3rd Vice President Will Micklin proposed to amend resolution EC 20-11 to provide that postponement will be “to a date to be later determined, in light of the evolving pandemic.” M/C

Vote on the main motion. M/C

Discussion ensued regarding the effect this postponement will have on the timelines for Executive Council elections, other offices and Tribal Assembly resolutions. Time sensitive resolutions should be sent to the Office of the President for forwarding to the Executive Council. The Office of the President will ensure the public announcement of the postponement clearly addresses the impact of the postponement, and when a new date for Assembly is selected, a new timeline of deadlines will be widely circulated.

Tlingit & Haida Operation Plan

President Peterson summarized the written report provided by the Tribe. Tlingit & Haida has announced that our offices are closing to the public. Clients, new and current, can contact the Tribe by phone.

Chief of Project Development Will Ware provided an oral report regarding the Tribe’s commercial enterprises. LEARN is closed until the end of the month and will re-evaluate at that time. Sacred Grounds has closed the inside of the café. Customers are able to order through the walk up window and staff are able to order by phone. Sacred Shine is providing service. The courier business is also still operating.

Discussion ensued.

2nd Vice President Jackie Pata advised that the Housing Authority is closed to the public. They are able to take payments over the phone. The Housing Authority Crew is continuing to work. They have a set of questions that they ask before entering homes. The crew has been provided safety equipment. The tax program has been suspended for the next two weeks but are able to provide services if clients drop off their paperwork.

3rd Vice President Will Micklin gave an update on THTBC. THTBC has a robust plan in place and continues to work, as much of what they do is considered essential governmental services.

President Richard Peterson recognized Richard Rinehart, CEO of THTBC, who shared all of THTBC protocols with the Tribe. They have been extremely useful.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Executive Council offered comments for good of the order.

ADJOURN

The Chair ordered to adjourn at 2:04 pm. No objection, so ordered.