



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
December 16, 2020 – 10:00 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

ROLL CALL

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 1 st Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 2 nd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr., 3 rd Vice President	Present
Tasha Hotch, 4 th Vice President	Present
Delbert Kadake, 5 th Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 6 th Vice President	Present
Simon Friday, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen, Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, Chief of Project Development Will Ware, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Chief of Tribal Operations and Compact Manager Helene Bennett, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary Rebecca Lee, THTBC CEO Richard Rinehart, TEOC Incident Commander Jason Wilson and Tribal Court Administrator Frances Andrews.

INVOCATION

3rd Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. led the meeting in invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S 3rd Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt the agenda. M/C.

1st Vice President Catherine Edwards requested to add an update on the Family Safety Code and a request to support Debra Lekanoff to the agenda as discussion items. No objection, M/C.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

REPORTS

President Report

President Peterson provided a verbal report of recent activities. The recent natural disasters in Haines and Southeast Alaska have shown the TEOC's ability to provide quick support in areas other than COVID related emergencies. The TEOC were some of the first on scene to provide goods and services support to the residents of Haines and are working to meet needs and facilitate that transfer of supplies and goods. There have been recent discussions with the new Biden administration transition team to share concerns and priorities for the next four years. Questions and comments were offered in response to the report.

Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti provided a verbal summary of her written report.

Chief Development Officer (CDO) Report

CDO Will Ware provided a verbal summary of his written report.

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

COO Roald Helgesen provided a verbal summary of his written report.

Chief Finance Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton gave a verbal summary of her written report.

Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation (THTBC) Report

Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart provided a verbal summary of his written report.

Break

Chair called for a five minute break at 12:40 PM.

Tribal Emergency Operations Center (TEOC) Report

TEOC Incident Commander/Public Safety Manager Jason Wilson provided a verbal report of TEOC's recent activities over the last month. COVID numbers are lower, but the testing has changed so the accuracy of reported numbers is in question. Two vaccines have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Jason is currently participating in a local committee regarding the priorities for administering the vaccines. In other news, recent rainfall has prompted an emergency declaration in Haines due to mudslides. The TEOC's response was immediate and we were able to support the community with items of necessity as well as serve in an advisory capacity for Haines' TEOC. The increased rainfall also damaged properties in Juneau.

Tribal Court Report

Tribal Court Administrator Frances Andrews provided a verbal summary of her written report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Youth Commission Update

President Richard Peterson provided an update on the status of recruitment for positions on the Youth Commission. Letters have been sent to those who have been selected for the Youth Commission.

40 Under 40 Nominations

The Executive Council discussed nominations for the National Council for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) 40 Under 40 awards. It was concluded that tribal nominations should be for both the Alaska list and the national level.

National Archives Litigation

Previously, the Alaska Archives closed and was moved to Seattle and California. The Seattle Archives is now scheduled to be sold and there is discussion on where the items would be moved. A recommendation was made to sign on as co-litigants with Washington. M/S 1st Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to sign on as co-litigant to oppose moving the archives. M/C.

Family Safety Code

In December 2019, the Violence Against Women Task Force proposed revisions to the Family Safety Code. 1st Vice President Catherine Edwards requested a status update and President Peterson committed to providing one.

Request to Support Debra Lekanoff

Debra has been put forward as a potential Chair for Region 10 of the Environmental Protection Agency. M/S 3rd Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to send a letter of support for Debra Lekanoff's appointment to the Region 10 Chair. M/C.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented for consideration:

EC 20-83 Authorization to Apply for EPA State and Tribal Response Program Funding

EC 20-84 Approval of a Limited Waiver of Immunity from Suit in Connection with the Tribal Title IV-E Administration and Training Program

M/S 3rd Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt EC 20-83. M/C.

M/S 2nd Vice President Will Micklin moved to adopt EC 20-84. M/C.

Donation Requests

President Richard Peterson requested to add a donation request to the agenda with no objection.

Mary Brown Family

Mary Brown recently passed away due to complications from COVID. M/S 3rd Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. to donate \$1,000 to the family of Mary Brown. M/C.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S 5th Vice President Delbert Kadake moved to enter into Executive Session. Entered Executive Session at 1:48 PM. Executive Session concluded at 2:58 PM.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Members of the Executive Council offered comments for the good of the order.

ADJOURN

The chair called for adjournment at 3:37 PM. No objection, so ordered.