



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

June 16, 2021 – 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)

VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard J. Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

ROLL CALL

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 1 st Vice President	Present @ 10:11 AM
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	Excused

Also present: Chief Development Officer Will Ware, Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen, Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart, Tribal Emergency Operations Center Incident Commander Jason Wilson, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, and Paralegal/Recording Secretary Martina Ruhle.

INVOCATION

M/S 3rd Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None given.

REPORTS

President's Report

President Peterson began his report with a heartfelt acknowledgement of the passing of former Senator Albert Kookesh. He passed away May 28, 2021 at age of 72, at home in Angoon, surrounded by his family. He expressed thanks to Sealaska for hosting the virtual memorial service for Alaskans to watch and support his family in time of need.

Effective May 24, 2021, staff returned to the office for work. President Peterson hosted an all staff meeting by Zoom on May 26th. The public was welcomed back to the office on June 1st. The President is meeting with all departments, ensuring that the return to office operations are proceeding smoothly.

The President then provided an update regarding the final City & Borough of Juneau ("CBJ") fireworks ordinance. The amendment to attempt to impose a tax on the Tribe's sale of fireworks failed by an 8-1 vote. The final ordinance regulates the sale of fireworks within CBJ's jurisdiction only. Due to supply chain issues, the Tribe has a smaller amount of fireworks to sell than the previous year. Without objection the business is named Smoke Signals.

President Peterson reported on the Guardians program being lead by the Tribe's Native Lands & Resources department under the leadership of Manager Desiree Duncan and with the support of Environmental Coordinator Ray Paddock III. The staff are doing a tremendous job, building a meaningful relationship with the U.S. Forest Service.

President also reported out regarding the Tribal Border Alliance. Lead by 2nd Vice President Will Micklin and 3rd Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr., it is good for Tlingit & Haida to connect with leaders and relatives on the BC and Yukon sides of the border. These invisible lines drawn over our communities create hardships, which have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

The President announced that he has increased the Enrollment Committee's authorized meetings, from two times a year to four, to keep up with increased enrollment activity due to the CARES Relief and Rescue Relief programs.

Finally, community meetings are being scheduled to visit delegates and rollout a number of important Tribal programs and initiatives. Discussion ensued.

General Counsel

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy gave a verbal summary of her written report. Questions were offered.

Special Assistant to the President

Special Assistant to the President, Heather Gatti, gave a verbal summary of her written report. Questions were offered.

Tribal Development Officer

Chief Development Officer Will Ware, gave a verbal summary of his written report. Questions were offered.

Chief Operating Officer

Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen, pre-recorded video, with a verbal summary of his written report, due to being on vacation. Questions were offered.

Lunch Break

There was a 20 minute recess for lunch, with a plan to reconvene at noon for the Moss Adams presentation and then and take questions regarding the Chief Operating Officer's report. Regular session resumed at 12:01 PM.

Moss Adams

The 2020 audit was reported with no findings. The draft audit will be provided in Dropbox and sent to the Executive Counsel when it is finalized.

Chief Finance Officer

Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton gave a verbal summary of her written report. Questions were offered.

Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation/KIRA

Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart provided a verbal report on recent activity. Questions were offered.

Tribal Emergency Operation Center

Tribal Emergency Operation Center Incident Commander Jason Wilson gave a verbal report of the Tribal Emergency Operations Committee. Questions were offered.

4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr.

Vice President Sanderson reported out that he attended a North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting. They discussed bycatch of halibut and chum. The following groups have already addressed this issue: Alaska Fishing Communities Coalition, Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, Aleut Community of St. Paul, and the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association. He shared reports of low numbers on bycatch of halibut and chum in Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea.

Legislative Update

Alaska Government Affairs Consultant Jordan Marshall gave a verbal update of recent legislative activities. The current special session is scheduled to end at midnight June 18th. At the time of the report, the budget vote had failed and negotiations were ongoing. He highlighted the renewal of the House Tribal Affairs Committee, the formation of the bipartisan coalition in the House due to the efforts of the Bush caucus, the establish of a new oversight board for the Alaska Marine Highway System, and the passage of House Bills 10, 47, 123, and 184, along with Senate Bill 81. He continues to track the Power Cost Equalization fund.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Youth Commission Update

Emerging Leader Simon Friday and former Emerging Leader Shawaan Jackson-Gamble gave a verbal update of the recent activities of the Youth Commission. Questions were offered.

2019 Resolution Status Update

3rd Vice President Tasha Hotch requested an update regarding 2019 Tribal Assembly resolutions. A report of activity was provided via Dropbox.

Rescue Funds Update

Vice President Delbert acknowledged this item was already discussed during the community visit update portions of the regular reports.

Tribal Assembly Dates

4th Vice President Tasha Hotch shared that delegates have been asking for a shift in the dates for Tribal Assembly to include a weekend day. That would assist Delegates in taking less time off regular work hours. She also noted that the Executive Council meeting was currently scheduled over the Labor Day holiday.

M/S Vice President Hotch moved to change the dates of Tribal Assembly to September 29-October 2. C/U

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Resolutions

EC 21-29 Authorization to Establish a New Class of Bank Accounts for Minor Children in Tribal Custody.

EC 21-30 Authorization to Apply for Direct Federal Funding for a Comprehensive Tribal Child Support Program.

EC 21-31 Authorization to Apply for American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Native Language Funding.

EC 21-32 Authorization to Apply for Sealaska Corporation Language Grant.

EC 21-33 Create a New Investment Account.

EC 21-34 Authorization to Create New Investment Account to Deploy Short-Term Investment Strategy.

EC 21-35 Authorization to Upgrade and Replace Existing Network Infrastructure with Cisco Meraki Equipment.

EC 21-36 Authorization to Transfer Funds from Charles Schwab & Co. to Wells Fargo Bank.

M/S 4th Vice President Rob moved to adopt resolutions in a group block. C/U

Donation Requests

No Donation Requests.

Minutes

February 17, 2021

March 17, 2021

March 26, 2021

M/S 4th Vice President Rob moved to adopt the meeting minutes in a group block. C/U

BREAK

The Chair called for a 10-minute recess at 3:07 PM before moving into Executive Session. No objection, so moved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered Executive Session at 3:17 PM. Exited Executive Session at 4:06 PM.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Comments were offered to the Executive Committee and received.

ADJOURN

The chair called for adjournment at 4:30 PM. No objection, so ordered.