



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
August 13, 2021– 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
**MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present at 10:07 AM
Will Micklin, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Present
Tasha Hotch, 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Delbert Kadake, 5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present at 10:07 AM
Ralph Wolfe, 6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Simon Friday, Emerging Leader	Present at 10:20 AM

Also present: Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen, Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, Chief Development Officer Will Ware, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Office of the President Manager Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Executive Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer Cara Gilbert, Office of the President Communications Coordinator Raeanne Holmes, Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart, Tribal Emergency Operations Incident Commander Jason Wilson, and Recording Secretary Mabel Pittman.

### **INVOCATION**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. led the meeting in invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin, moved to adopt the agenda. U/C.

The chair requested to add a Tribal Assembly update by Raeanne Holmes to the agenda. No objection, so ordered.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was provided by Head Coach Keenan Sanderson and Assistant Coach Jesse Endert with Ketchikan High School's National Ocean Sciences Bowl.

## **REPORTS**

### President's Report

The President reported that community visits have been suspended due to a rise in COVID-19 cases. Zoom Meetings will be held for the remaining communities.

The Tribe is in Phase II of its operational plan, where staff are primarily working from home and buildings are closed to the public. Essential workers who need to work from the office must be approved by the Tribal Emergency Operations Center for in office work and must follow COVID-19 screening procedures and protocols to work in the office.

The President also attended a meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice for an updated regarding Missing & Murdered Indigenous People.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr., requests a break. M/C

### General Counsel Report

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

### Office of the President Manager Report

Office of the President Manager Heather Gatti gave a verbal summary of her written report. Questions were offered.

### Chief Operating Officer's Report

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Roald Helgesen gave a verbal summary of his written report.

Cares Act relief is nearly complete. Seven thousand payments mailed out, with 500 pending to date.

Tribal citizens were able to apply for the Rescue Relief Program on Monday, August 16, 2021. Supporting documents were not a requirement to apply. There is adequate funding to allow all 34,000 enrolled Tribal citizens to receive \$1,000 if they have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

The Tribe is establishing an phone operator system, to efficiently manage incoming telephone calls. Questions were offered.

The COO report was paused to provide the scheduled opportunity for public comment regarding the proposed amendments to Title 04 – Child & Family.

Public comments regarding the proposed amendments to Title 04 – Child & Family were provided from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

The Chair called for a brief recess. No objection, so ordered.

### Chief Operating Officer's Report

The COO resumed presentation of his written report.

The Re-entry & Recovery Program is working with local clan leaders to provide traditional names for the facilities. The Tribal Child Support Unit has garnished 187 Permanent Fund Dividends from open child support cases. Employment & Training has completed the Mask Making Project; over 10,000 masks by 3 ladies. Questions were offered.

### Chief Finance Officer's Report

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

### Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation Report

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

### Tribal Emergency Operations Center Report

Tribal Emergency Operations Center Incident Commander Jason Wilson provided a verbal report on recent activity. Questions were offered.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Southeast Indigenous Transboundary Commission – Rob Sanderson Jr.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. postponed to a later day a presentation from Fred Olsen of the Southeast Indigenous Transboundary Commission.

### Alaska Federation of Natives Priority Issues – Will Micklin

The Alaska Federation of Natives packet of federal priorities was discussed, as well as the pending Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.

### COVID-19 Vaccination Policy – General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy presented the proposed COVID-19 vaccination policy, consistent with Executive Council guidance.

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Edwards moved to approve the policy for adoption and with implementation by Tribal Administration. M/C

### Tribal Assembly Update – Raeanne Holmes

The 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly will be virtual due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The system OnBoard will be used for document sharing and pre-recorded reports will be presented. The resolution process will be the same.

## **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

### Proposed Statutory Amendments – Tile 04 – Child & Family

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Hotch to adopt the amendments to Tile 04 – Child & Family. U/C.

### Ratification of Resolutions

EC 21-40 Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for a Non-Disclosure Agreement

EC 21-41 Authorization to Apply for State Head Start Grant for FY 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards Motion moved to allow 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Tasha Hotch to change her vote on Resolution EC-21-40 from an absence to abstention. U/C

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to ratify the resolutions in a block. M/C

### Donation Requests

\$1,000 Ketchikan High School National Ocean Sciences Bowl Program

Sharing Our Knowledge Conference

The Sharing Our Knowledge Conference has been postponed until next year; no donation is necessary at this time. A donation was approved for the Ketchikan High School National Ocean Sciences Bowl Program. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. abstained from voting on the donation request.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The chair called to enter Executive Session at 3:16 PM. No objection, so moved.

### **ADJOURN**

The chair called for exiting Executive Session and adjournment at 4:00 PM. No objection, so ordered.