



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
Friday, September 28, 2021 – 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)  
IN-PERSON /VIRTUAL MEETING  
**MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard J. Peterson assumed chair and called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
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 11:30 AM
Ralph Wolfe, 6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present at 11:03 AM
Simon Friday, Emerging Leader	Present at 11:20, Departed at 2 PM

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, and Recording Secretary Mabel Pittman.

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. moved to adopt the agenda with addition of EC Resolutions 21-52 Authorization to Establish a Bank Account for Tlingit & Haida Community Council Chapters and 21-53 Authorization to Submit a Five Year P.L. 102-477 Plan. U/C

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was provided by Juneau Delegate Janice Hotch and Tribal citizens Michelle Myer and Sue Johnson.

### **REPORTS**

#### President's Report

President Richard J. Peterson reported that he attended a First Alaskans Institute meeting for Southeast tribes and other organizations to provide dialog on the Tongass National Forest.

He also attended a roundtable with U.S. Department of Commerce Deputy Secretary Don Graves held at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall and a meeting with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia Fudge.

The President was the keynote speaker at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Court Conference, hosted by Tanana Chiefs Conference. In addition, he attended a Strategic Planning meeting for Tlingit & Haida's Tribal Court. The meeting will be the first session in what is expected to be an ongoing process. The meeting also included Chief Justice Lisa Lang, Associate Justice Aurora Lehr, Associate Justice Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks and Judiciary Committee Chair DonnaRae James.

President Peterson also attended a meeting with Senator Lisa Murkowski. The meeting addressed transboundary issues, the Landless, veterans, sea otters, missing and murdered Indigenous women, and the lack of funding for broadband in Alaska.

The President expressed his continued appreciation and gratitude to the Executive Council and employees who keep perservering during this pandemic.

#### General Counsel Report

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

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to sign on to the Tribal Amicus Brief before the Supreme Court in the *Brackeen v. Haaland* case. M/C

#### Office of the President Manager Report

Office of the President Manager Heather Gatti gave a brief summary of her written report. Office of the President staff reorgantation and vacancies discussed. Questions were offered.

#### Chief Development Officer's Report

A written report was provided from Chief Development Officer Will Ware.

#### Chief Operating Officer's Report

Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen gave a verbal summary of his written report. Questions were offered.

#### **BREAK**

The chair called for a 20-mionute lunch break. No objection, so ordered.  
Regular session resumed at 12:25 PM

#### Chief Finance Officer's Report

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

#### Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation/KIRA Report

THTBC/KIRA CEO Richard Rinehart gave a brief summary of the activities of THTBC and KIRA. Questions were offered.

### Tribal Emergency Operation Center Report

Public Safety Administrator Corey Padron gave a brief summary of the written report. Questions were offered.

### Youth Commission Report

Emerging Leader Simon Friday and Juvenile Justice Coordinator Renee Culp gave a brief summary of the Youth Commission activities and Youth Summit. Questions were offered.

### Tribal Assembly Update

Raeanne Holmes gave a brief summary of the planning for of Tribal Assembly. Questions were offered.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Tongass Coalition

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. gave a brief overview of of the Tongass Coalition. Discussion ensued.

## **BREAK**

The Chair called for a 5 minute break. No objection, so ordered.

### Marine Mammal Protection Act Regulations

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin proposed for unanimous consent a letter be sent to the offices of the State of Alaska Fish & Game and Governor Dunleavy regarding the regulatory requirements for a minimum blood quantum to harvest marine mammals and for marine mammal products to be “significantly altered” in order to enter commerce. No objection, so ordered.

## **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

### Large and Small Community Selection for Tribal Assembly

The Large Community of the Year is Seattle.

The Chair called to award San Francisco, as the only candidate, for Small Community of the Year. No objection, so ordered.

### Rules of Judicial Conduct

M/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin moved to make an amendment to the recently adopted amendments to the Tribal Rules of Judicial Conduct. U/C

### Resolutions for Ratification

EC 21-42 Authorization for Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority to Apply for Grant Funds on Behalf of Tlingit & Haida

EC 21-43 Certification of Unserved Areas

EC 21-44 Statement on Tribal Consent

EC 21-45 Designation of Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority to Implement the Bureau of Indian Affairs Home Improvement–American Rescue Plan

M/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin moved to ratify polled resolutions EC 21-42 through EC 21-45. M/C

### Resolutions

EC 21-47 Authorization to Apply for Head Start Continuation Grant for FY 2022

EC 21-48 Authorization of Indirect Shortfall for Behavioral Health Aide Training Program

EC 21-49 National Congress of American Indian Membership and Representation

EC 21-50 Support for Yakutat Tlingit Tribe to Act in Protection of Historic Sites and Sacred Places

EC 21-51 Statement Regarding Tribal Status and Federal Laws

EC 21-52 Authorization to Establish a Bank Account for Tlingit & Haida Community Council Chapters

EC 21-53 Authorization to Submit a Five Year P.L. 102-477 Plan

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to adopt Resolutions EC 21-47 through EC 21-53. M/C

### Other

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. to approve the Head Start Self-Assesment, 2020-2021. M/C

Helene Bennett provided a brief summary of the Anchorage Community Council ARPA Proposal. Questions were offered.

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson Moved to approve the Anchorage Community Council ARPA Proposal. M/C

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair called to enter Executive Session at 3:09 PM. No objection, so ordered.

Regular session resumed at 5:02 PM.

### **ADJOURN**

The chair called for adjournment at 5:07 PM. No objection, so ordered.