



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
October 29, 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 10:05 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 1st Vice President	Excused – Present at 11:40AM
Will Micklin, 2nd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr., 3rd Vice President	Present
Tasha Hotch, 4th Vice President	Present
Delbert Kadake, 5th Vice President	Excused – Present at 2:04PM
Ralph Wolfe, 6th Vice President	Present
Jalen Ketah, Emerging Leader	Excused – Present at 10:34AM

Also present: Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen, Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Executive Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer Cara Gilbert, Communications Coordinator Raeanne Holmes, Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart, Tribal Emergency Operation Center 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**

The chair requested to add to the agenda item under discussion Alaskans for a Better Government.

M/S, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr., M/C.

President Peterson asked for flexibility in the agenda to allow Jackie Pata to call in.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was provided by Ketchikan delegate Keenan Sanderson, who was just elected to the Ketchikan School Board.

## **REPORTS**

### President's Report

The President provided a verbal summary of his recent activities. The Tribal Assembly was successful. Deadline for compliance with the Tribe's vaccine mandate has passed, and there are only a few reports of folks who chose to move on and a few exemptions for those who will work exclusively from home.

Office of the President announced a few transitions. Heather Gatti will exclusively support governmental affairs. Carley Jackson is leaving Office of the President to be Executive Assistant to the Chief Development Officer. Jamiann Hasselquist moving to the Public Safety department.

President Peterson consulted with the US. Department of Treasury consultation and participated in a UAS Indigenous Peoples' Day presentation. He also met with the AFN board and participated in an online Sealaska discussion regarding blood quantum.

Finally, the President welcomed the new Emerging Leader Jalen Ketah. Discussion ensued.

### Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) Report

THRHA President and Chief Executive Officer Jackie Pata presented her written report.

### General Counsel Report

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

### Heather Gatti's Report

Heather Gatti gave a verbal summary of her written report. Questions were offered.

### Chief Development Officer's Report

The Chief Development Officer written report is available on Onboard.

### Chief Operating Officer's Report

Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen gave a verbal summary of his written report, including that the Rescue Relief Program has received over 15,000 applications.

The Chair requested to go into Public Testimony from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. No objection.

### Public Testimony: Title 06 – Tribal Courts

Public Testimony was opened . No testimony was provided.

Chair requests to resume the Executive Council meeting. No objection.

President requested to move back town hall meeting to November 11<sup>th</sup>. No objection.

### REPORTS CONTINUED @ 1:05 PM

Chief Operating Officer's Roald Helgesen concluded his report. Questions were offered.

### Chief Finance Officer's Report

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

### TEOC Report

TEOC Incident Commander Jason Wilson provided a verbal report on recent activity. Questions were offered.

### THTBC/KIRA Report

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Holiday Contributions for Communities Outside T&H Service Area: Anchorage, Seattle, & San Francisco

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Tasha Hotch moved to support each community with the same amount as previous year, \$2,500 for each of the three communities. M/C

### Alaskans for Better Government

President Peterson introduced a ballot initiative he is personally co-sponsoring to have the State of Alaska recognize sovereign tribes. The initiative is currently soliciting contributions and gathering signature.

M/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Micklin moves to donate \$5,000 to initiative. M/C

### Redistricting

Sarah Obed, Senior Vice President for External Affairs at Doyon Ltd, and Marna Sanford provided a report on re-districting. Discussion ensued.

### National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Update

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Sanderson provided an NCAI update.

### Fisheries

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Sanderson provide a fisheries and subsistence update.

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Sanderson moved to establish a tribal fish and game regulatory board made up of Southeast tribes. M/C

## **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

### Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council ARPA Proposal

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to approve the Juneau proposal to use funds for the Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council building. M/C

### Seattle Community Council ARPA Proposal

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson moved to approve Seattle proposal to use funds for a salmon distribution. M/C

### Ratification of Resolutions

EC 21-54 Ratification of Purchase of Developed Real Property on Anka Street

EC 21-55 Authorization to Waive Sovereign Immunity on a Limited Basis for Purposes of an Acquisition

EC 21-56 Authorization for Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority to Submit for the 2021 Indian Community Development Block Grant

EC 21-57 Citizen Participation Certification for the 2021 Indian Community Block Grant

EC 21-58 Authorization to Apply for First Nations Development Institute's Native Language Immersion Initiative Funding

EC 21-59 Support for the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act and Bolstering Initiatives

EC 21-60 Authorization to Contract with the U.S. Department of Interior for Purposes of the American Rescue Plan Act Housing Improvement Program

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to ratify all resolutions. M/C

### Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2021

May 21, 2021

June 16, 2021

July 16, 2021

July 27, 2021

M/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin moved to approve all minutes. M/C

### Donation Requests

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson moved to donate \$5,000. M/C

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The chair called to enter Executive Session. No objection, so ordered. The chair called to exit Executive Session. No objection, so ordered.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Comments were provided for the good of the order.

### **ADJOURN**

The chair called for adjournment at 5:06 PM. No objection, so ordered.