



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
February 17, 2021 – 10:00 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	Present
Will Micklin, 2nd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr., 3rd Vice President	Present
Tasha Hotch, 4th Vice President	Present
Delbert Kadake, 5th Vice President	Present at 11:18 AM
Ralph Wolfe, 6th Vice President	Present
Simon Friday, Emerging Leader	Present at 10:35 AM

Also present: Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen, Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, Chief Development Officer Will Ware, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff-Levy, Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Center Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart, Tribal Emergency Operation Center Commander Jason Wilson, Secretary to the President and Recording Secretary Carley Jackson.

INVOCATION

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S 3rd Vice President Rob Sanderson moved to adopt the agenda. C/U Amended to move Richard Rinehart ahead in the schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was offered by Delegate Marvin Adams of Anchorage.

REPORTS

Report from Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation (THTBC)/KIRA Global
THTBC CEO Richard Rinehart provided a verbal report on recent activity. Questions were offered.

Report from the President

President Richard Peterson provided a verbal report on recent projects in which the Tribe is involved.

Elizabeth Peratrovich Celebration last night, was co-hosted by quite a few entities and would like to commend and recognize 4th Vice President Tasha Hotch, who was a Co-Host with Liz Medicine Crow (First Alaskans) for an excellent program with all those involved in planning. T&H issues a yearly proclamation for Elizabeth Peratrovich and asking all Tribal Citizens to join in and celebrate.

President Peterson has been invited to participate with the University of Alaska system on a committee for Alaska Native success and is already on the UAS subcommittee for Alaska Native success. University President seems sincere in desire to improve and new Chancellor for UAS is extremely eager to make changes.

Also participating with Spruce Root Committee and making recommendations/suggestions to their board. Would like to commend 6th Vice President Ralph Wolfe for his leadership on the Sustainable Southeast Partnership. Collaboration with Southeast Tribes and Sealaska. The Guardians Program was many years in the making and Sustainable Resource Partnership and Sealaska have been instrumental in supporting that work to build a real economic base for work. Recruited and looking to hire positions under the Guardians Program (joint program with the U.S. Forest Service). These will be T&H employees housed at T&H Alaska Native Lands and Resources Department. 6th Vice President Ralph Wolfe is on the hiring committee and reports that they have extended an offer for the Head job in the Guardians Program. If successful, we'll see positions for other tribes in Southeast.

Would like to congratulate our former Emerging Leader Shawaan Jackson Gamble and his peers. Last week they had their kick-off meeting for newly established youth commission. Thankful to Executive Council who all showed up and gave words of encouragement: 21 youth from across our communities including outside of service area communities; transformative process for our Tribe.

Our Alaska Regional Committee continues to meet to follow legislation.

As you all know, Heather had a healthy baby boy and it out on maternity leave, so want to thank Raeanne Holmes to help staff governmental affairs.

Updates from our lobbyist, Jordan Marshall have been sent to the Executive Council on the House leader and committee assignments.

Judge in the case on the National Archives did allow the injunction. General Counsel to give update in her report.

City & Borough of Juneau has proposed an ordinance that would be severely impacting our Fireworks sales in the community. Chief of Project Development Will Ware or General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy to report more on that.

Had first Native Issues Forum (virtual) that was with the herring protectors who shared a video and reasons for protecting the herring. T&H & Sealaska have filed briefs (amicus) in support of the Sitka Tribe lawsuit.

At the Southeast Conference meeting, comments were provided considering the economic downturn due to COVID and lack of tourism and resiliency as a tribe.

At the AFN Board meeting last week, the plan is for an in-person convention this fall, but dependent on status of the Pandemic.

Desiree Duncan will be giving a report on our new Alaska Native Veterans Allotment Specialist, who has been hired, Darrell Brown.

T&H has issued a proclamation for Fred Hamilton (100th birthday), who is believed to be the oldest living Haida person and to wish him many more years.

Also participated in the Border Alliance and how the Jay Treat affects our people; working with Canadian government to either see Jay Treaty amended or new agreement.

Our AFN climate change meeting was introductory. Melanie Benke is Committee Chair.

T&H fully supports Deb Haaland to be confirmed February 23 as Secretary of Interior. At AFN level there was support from Congressman Young and Senator Murkowski, but Senator Sullivan silent, so letter has been sent out. Questions were offered.

Report from the General Counsel

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

Report from the Chief of Project Development

Chief of Project Development Will Ware provided a verbal summary of his report. Questions were offered.

Report from the Chief Operating Officer

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

BREAK

The Chair called for a 4-minute break at 11:57 AM. Regular session resumed at 12:00 PM with the Statutory Changes agenda item.

Statutory Changes – Public Testimony

Comments were provided by Associate Justice Aurora Lehr of Seattle, Associate Justice Cheryl Demmert-Fairbanks of Seattle, Delegate Carrie Dodson of Ketchikan, former Tribal Court Judge Debra O’Gara of Petersburg, Chief Justice Lisa *Kiiljuus* Lang of Hydaburg, Delegate Maxine

Thompson of Angoon, Delegate Kathryn Paddock of San Francisco, Delegate and former Chief Justice Michelle Demmert of Seattle, and written comments provided by Delegate Janice Hotch of Juneau.

BREAK

The Chair called for a 10-minute break at 1:10 AM. Regular session resumed at 1:20 PM.

Report from the Chief Finance Officer

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

Report from the Tribal Emergency Operations Center (TEOC) Incident Commander

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

M/S 3rd Rob Sanderson moved to donate \$1200.00 to the community of Angoon for the recent water issues. C/U

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ANC/Chehalis v. Mnuchin litigation

1st Vice President Catherine Edwards opened this discussion requesting input on if the Tribe will continue its neutral status on this issue or join the opposition.

2nd Vice President Will Micklin offered additional clarification on definitions and explanation on the issue presented. 6th Vice President Ralph Wolfe suggested meeting with the corporations before any steps are taken further.

Native Vote

2nd Vice President Will Micklin opened this discussion noting that numbers are low and offered suggestion on working with ANB/ANS to promote the efforts of getting citizens to vote and advocating on the local, state, and federal levels. 4th Vice President Tasha Hotch would like to see the Tribe partner more often with advocacy groups.

Climate Change

2nd Vice President Will Micklin requested this topic be deferred to the next meeting on March 17, 2021. No objection.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Statutory Changes

M/S 2nd Vice President Will Micklin moved to adopt the proposed changes to the statutes provided by the Judiciary Committee to Titles 02 and 06.

In discussion, the Executive Council began to implement the changes as recommended by the Judiciary Committee. The Chair called on Associate Justice Aurora Lehr to provide guidance and clarification during the discussion.

Roll Call Vote

Catherine Edwards, 1st Vice President	Aye
Will Micklin, 2nd Vice President	Aye
Rob Sanderson, Jr., 3rd Vice President	Aye
Tasha Hotch, 4th Vice President	Aye
Delbert Kadake, 5th Vice President	Excused
Ralph Wolfe, 6th Vice President	Aye

Resolutions

EC 21-04 Authorization to Apply for U.S. Department of Education Alaska Native Education Program Funding

EC 21-05 Authorization to Apply for U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Program Funding

EC 21-06 Authorization to Apply for State of Alaska, Recovery Housing Program Funding

M/S 2nd Vice President Will Micklin moved to adopt resolutions EC 21-04, 21-05, 21-06. C/U

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020

December 16, 2020

January 21, 2021

M/S 2nd Vice President Will Micklin moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2020, December 16, 2020, and January 21, 2021. C/U

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair called to enter Executive Session at 4:11PM. No objection, so moved. Regular session resumed at 4:21PM.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Good of the order was offered by 1st Vice President Catherine Edwards, 2nd Vice President Will Micklin, 3rd Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr., 4th Vice President Tasha Hotch, 6th Vice President Ralph Wolfe, Emerging Leader Simon Friday, CFO Theresa Belton, CDO Will Ware, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Recording Secretary Carley Jackson and President Peterson.

ADJOURN

The chair called for adjournment at 4:46PM. No objection, so ordered.