



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
January 19-20, 2023 – 10:00 AM (Pacific Standard Time)  
HYBRID MEETING | Seattle Airport Marriott | Seattle, Washington  
**MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard J. Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM (PST).

### **ROLL CALL**

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Edward K. Thomas, President Emeritus	Present
Jacqueline Pata, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Clinton Cook, Sr., 5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Delbert Kadake, 6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Jalen Ketah, Emerging Leader	Present at 10:10 AM
Marlis Boord, Emerging Leader	Present at 10:35 AM

Also present: Chief Operating Officer Roald Helgesen, Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Director of the Office the President Sarah Dybdahl, Government Affairs Manager Heather Gatti, Executive Council Executive Assistant Connor Ulmer, Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart.

### **INVOCATION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided the invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. requested to add “Alaska 40 Under 40” under Discussion, President Peterson requested to postpone until the next meeting Tidal Network & Grant Implementation Update and Business Profit & Loss Update and to move Unity Meeting to Executive Session.

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Pata moved to adopt the agenda as a guide. M/C

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Following introductions, public Comment was provided.

## **BREAK**

Chair called for a lunch break. Called back to order at 12:32 PM.

## **REPORTS**

### President's Report

President provided a verbal report on his recent activities. There was discussion about the signing of the deed for the Tribe's trust land and the lawsuit filed by the State of Alaska against the U.S. Department of Interior regarding that trust land. Questions were offered.

### President Emeritus – Hall of Fame Presentation

President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas provided a compilation of profiles of outstanding Native leaders who contributed exemplary work on behalf of our people.

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Pata moved to publish the presentation into a book, set up a Hall of Fame website, and establish a Hall of Fame Committee to oversee the annual induction of people into the Hall, where such work would be led by President Emeritus Thomas. M/C

### Chief Financial Officer's Report

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

## **BREAK**

The Chair called for a 5-minute break at 3:07 PM. Back to order at 3:13 PM

### 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 to recess for the day and reconvene at 9 AM (PST). No objection, so ordered. The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM (PST).

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was provided.

### General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. Questions were offered.

### Government Affairs' Report

Government Affairs Manager Heather Gatti summarized her written report. Questions were offered.

## Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation's (THTBC) Report

THTBC Chief Executive Officer Richard Rinehart provided an update regarding THTBC. Questions were offered.

### **BREAK**

The Chair called for a 10-minute break at 10:15 AM. Back to order at 10:33 AM.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### Washington Resolution Log

Tlingit & Haida will work with Kara Mayer to apply for a log through Sealaska and the United States Forest Service.

#### Bedbugs in Kake

Tlingit & Haida supports the work that needs to be done for the health of our communities, including supporting an education campaign regarding bedbugs.

#### Unit 2 – Wolf Endangered Species

Tlingit & Haida will submit a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concerning the potential endangered species act designation.

#### Alaska 40 Under 40

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Clinton Cook Sr. moved to nominate Keenan Sanderson for the Alaska Top 40 under 40. M/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. abstained from voting on the nomination.

The Tribe will consider other tribal citizens for nomination.

### **BUSINESS**

#### Resolutions

EC 23-03 Authorization to Apply for a U.S. Department of Labor Youth Build Grant  
EC 23-04 Affirmation of the Existence and Operational Mission of the Public Safety Division  
EC 22-05 Authorization for the Acquisition of Real Property on Willoughby Avenue  
EC 23-06 Authorization to Apply for a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Pata moved to approve resolutions as a block. M/C

Kake ARPA Request #5 - Non-Resident Household 2.0

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Pata moved to approve Kake ARPA Request #5. M/C

#### Ratification of Resolution

EC Res. 22-73 Authorization for a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity to Enter into a License Agreement for Access to Federal Communications Commission Broadband Data  
EC 22-74 Authorization to Apply for Environmental Protection Agency State and Tribal Response Program Funding  
EC 23-01 Authorization to Apply for a Federal Communications Commission Affordability Connectivity Program Outreach Grant

EC 23-02 Urging Cessation of Logging of Kwáashk' Héeni

M/S 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President Delbert Kadake moved to ratify resolutions as a block. M/C

Minutes

February 25, 2022, Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2022, Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2022, Meeting Minutes

August 25-26, 2022, Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes

December 8-9, 2022, Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2021, Meeting Minutes

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt meeting minutes as a block. M/C

Tribal Assembly Theme

The Executive Council selected “Sovereignty: In Land We Trust” as the theme for the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly.

**BREAK**

The chair called for a 45-minute lunch break at 11:33 AM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Chair called to enter Executive Session at 12:30 PM. No objections, so moved.

Regular session resumed at 2:16 PM. No objection, so moved.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Comments were provided for the good of the order.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. closed the meeting in prayer.

**ADJOURN**

The chair called for adjournment at 2:35 PM. No objection, so moved.