



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
August 19, 2019 – 10:00 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Yodean Armour, 1 st Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 2 nd Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 3 rd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4 th Vice President	Present at 10:30 AM
Ralph Wolfe, 5 th Vice President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 6 th Vice President	Present
Shawaan Jackson Gamble, Emerging Leader	Excused

Also present: Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Special Assistant Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Tribal Operations and Self Governance Manager Helene Bennet, Administrative Assistant Jamiann Hasselquist and Recording Secretary Laura May Whistler.

INVOCATION

2nd Vice President Jackie Pata provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Addition: Donation for Ellen George's family and ANB/ANS Grand Camp.

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt the agenda as amended by unanimous consent. C/U

PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity for public comment was given. No comments were provided.

REPORTS

President's Report

President Richard J. Peterson provided an oral report on his recent activities. Governor Michael Dunleavy reinstated funds for early learning, however, funding for public safety is still unclear. President Peterson attended a Peace Circle training in Yakutat hosted by our Tribal Court. He also attended the Annual Funding Agreement negotiations with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He will be attending Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority Indian Housing Program meeting, a meeting with the Department of Interior and the Northern Most Border Security meeting.

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. Regarding the *Brakeen v. Bernhardt* case, the Fifth District Court of Appeals overturned the northern Texas district court's decision on all grounds. The Court of Appeals final determination reaffirmed that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is constitutional. The Juneau courthouse will consider using the "Kenai method" when handling Child in Need of Aid cases, which include ICWA cases. This method has resulted in a higher than typical reunification rate in Kenai. A total of five tribes have signed onto Tlingit & Haida's Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant application in support of opening an office in Washington State to provide direct child welfare services. Those tribes included the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, Hoonah Indian Association, Ketchikan Indian Association, Petersburg Indian Association and the Angoon Community Association. Discussion ensued.

Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti summarized her written report. A special Native Issues Forum was held to discuss the Alaska state budget and advocacy. The forum was co-hosted with Sealaska, First Alaskans and Native Peoples Action. She attended the Census Tribal Liaison Training in Anchorage. The training provided information on census data collection, recruitment, awareness and the Tribal Liaison's role. Dr. Gail Cheney held a strategic planning session with managers. This session focused on how to measure success and improve accountability. A follow up session with managers and the Executive Council will be scheduled.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Upcoming Travel and Executive Council Attendance

Several events are scheduled in upcoming months. An email from the Office of the President will be sent to the Executive Council requesting their availability to attend those events.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Resolutions

M/S 5th Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt EC 19-35 *Seventh Modification of Wells Fargo National Association Loan*. M/C

Minutes

M/S 5th Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt the minutes from January 10-11, 2019, May 14, 2019 and June 24, 2019. M/C

BREAK

The Chair ordered to take a break at 11:13 AM for five minutes. No objection, so ordered.

Donations

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to donate \$1,000.00 for Ellen George's memorial service. M/C

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata \$1,000.00 ANB Grand Camp donation request. M/C

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Executive Council offered comments for good of the order.

ADJOURN

M/S 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata to adjourn at 11:24 AM by unanimous consent. C/U.