



*Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
December 12-13, 2019 – 9 AM (Alaska Standard Time)  
IN PERSON MEETING  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard J. Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

**ROLL CALL**

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| Richard J. Peterson, President                    | Present |
| Yodean Armour, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President     | Present |
| Jackie Pata, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President       | Present |
| Will Micklin, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President      | Present |
| Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President | Present |
| Ralph Wolfe, 5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President       | Present |
| Catherine Edwards, 6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President | Present |
| Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Emerging Leader           | Present |

Also present: President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas, Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Tribal Operations & Self Governance Manager Helene Bennett, Executive Assistant to Tribal Operations & Self Governance/Recording Secretary Cara Gilbert, Chief of Project Development Will Ware and Court Administrator Frances Andrews.

**INVOCATION**

4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson provided the invocation.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Additions: Presentation by KTOO and Introduction and report from newly created position Chief of Project Development.

M/S Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt the agenda. M/C

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matt Carle, Director of Community Outreach at Sealaska, originally from Hydaburg, introduced himself. His position focuses on being the liaison and connection point to various partners and communities.

Mary Marks thanked the Executive Council. Mary advocated for education from Head Start to university programs. She supports forward funding for education and encouraged the implementation of our language in the new childcare center. Ms. Marks also would like to see Village Public Safety Officers have the right to carry weapons.

## **REPORTS**

### KTOO

Jennifer Canfield, Board Chair for KTOO and several KTOO board and staff members presented. KTOO wanted to reach out to both connect with the Tribe and highlight some of the work that KTOO is doing in the community. For example, KTOO is partnering with the University of Alaska Southeast on a language project with Lance Twitchell. They are also working with the Hoonah School District to help them use their radio station and broadcasting from First Nations Experience. Discussion ensued.

### Introduction and Report from Chief of Project Development

President Peterson introduced the new position that Will Ware will be filling at the Tribe, Chief of Project Development. Will Ware provided an update on the programs under him. Discussion ensued.

### President's Report

President Peterson provided an oral report on his recent activities. He recognized and thanked 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. for attending the Tribal Unity Conference.

President Peterson also attended the Alaska Federation of Natives board meeting in Anchorage. Senator Dan Sullivan also attended.

President Peterson met with Alaska's congressional delegation. Topics included the roadless rule, for which Southeast tribes have asked for extension on the comment period. The request has been denied. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan thanked Tlingit & Haida for its advocacy regarding the Violence Against Women Act.

President Peterson also reported that there is ongoing discussion to propose moving the Village Public Safety Officer program out of the Department of Public Safety.

### General Counsel

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her activities from the past few weeks. She also introduced and welcomed newly hired Tribal Child Support Unit Attorney Brent Mulvaney.

Special Assistant's Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti summarized her written report covering activities for the month of November.

Chief Finance Officer's Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report covering finances for the months of October and November.

Emerging Leader Report

Emerging Leader Shawaan Jackson-Gamble summarized his verbal report.

Shawaan traveled with the Executive Council to meet with the San Francisco Chapter.

He attended the Elders and Youth Conference. He was able to sit in on the resolution training that was held.

Shawaan attended the Violence Against Women Act summit held in Klawock and helped facilitate some talking circles.

The Youth Planning Commission held its first meeting. The Youth Planning Commission members include Kevin Allen, Michaela Demmert, James Hart, Miciansia Hutcherson, Keenan Sanderson, Marina Anderson and Shawaan Jackson-Gamble.

THTBC

THTBC CEO Richard Rinehart summarized his written report for Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation. He submitted written report for Executive Session.

**BREAK**

The chair so ordered to take a ten minute break at 11:24 am. No objection, so ordered.

Agenda Addition: Special Guests – Richard and Janice Jackson.

Presentation by Richard and Janice Jackson

Richard and Janice Jackson from Ketchikan from the Tongass Tlingit Language Institute presented a drum to President Peterson. They thanked the Executive Council for their support.

**BREAK**

The chair so ordered to take a one hour lunch break at 12:31 pm. No objection, so ordered.

President Peterson presented Bentwood Ornament Boxes made by John Garcia to the Executive Council.

Agenda Addition: President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas.

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President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas acknowledged how much the Tribe has flourished under President Peterson's leadership. He also acknowledged 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson and General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Tribal D Roll Out Update

Helene Bennett provided an update on the Tribal D roll out, the hiring of a Systems Coordinator, Ricardo Morales, and that Gail Cheney is helping with the mapping process. Discussion ensued.

Strategic Planning & Leadership Development Update

Gail Cheney provided an update on the organizational change for managers, the Personnel Policy Revision Project and a review of the Visioning Day with the staff.

2020 Policy Priorities

President Richard Peterson requested guidance on what the Executive Council should be focusing for the year 2020. Discussion ensued.

**BREAK**

The chair so ordered to take a ten minute break at 2:19 pm. No objection, so ordered.

President Peterson presented Jackie Pata with a shawl for her long service at the National Congress of American Indians.

President Peterson also recognized that Emerging Leader Schawaan Jackson-Gamble made the Dean's list.

Tribal Border Alliance

President Peterson reported that the Tribe was moving forward with its involvement in the Tribal Border Alliance.

Alaska Roadless Rule

Discussion ensued on the Alaska Roadless Rule.

Tribal Lending Entity Online Short-Term Installment Lending

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin provided historical and current information regarding online short-term installment tribal lending. Discussion ensued.

**BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

Tribal Unity

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin presented regarding issues that came up during the Tribal Unity meeting, including the public safety and law enforcement emergency in Alaskan villages and proposals to amend the Village Public Safety Officer program. Discussion ensued.

Agenda Deletion: A report from Michelle Demmert about Alaska Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”) and National VAWA Task Force, MMIW task force, and ATU meeting proposed

**Executive Session**

The chair called to enter to Executive Session at 3:23 pm. No objection, so moved.

Executive Session concluded at 4:04pm and the Executive Council recessed. No objection, so moved.



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**DRAFT MINUTES Day 2**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard J. Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Addition to Agenda: Presentation on the Tribal Court by Frances Andrews and a presentation by Fred Olsen regarding the Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission.

Tribal Court

Court Administrator Frances Andrews provided an update on the Tribal Court. Discussion ensued.

SEITC

Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission (“SEITC”) Outreach Coordinator Fred Olsen, Jr. provided a presentation on its recent activities. Discussion ensued.

**Public Comment:**

Delbert Kadake thanked the Executive Council for their donation to Kake and for sending a Village Public Safety Officer to Kake. He also expressed concern about electronic voting.

Alaska Youth Homeless Efforts

Housing and Homeless Service Coordinator, Jesse Perry and Zach Gordon Youth Center Manager, Jordan Nigro presented information about youth, homelessness and the resources that are available. Discussion ensued.

Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Plan

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin presented. He proposed recommendations to the Tribe’s Climate Adaptation and Resiliency plan and the assertion of tribal jurisdiction to Southeast Alaska region. Discussion ensued.

Tabled until the next in person Executive Council meeting.

2.5 GHz EBS / 3.5 GHz CBRS Spectrum FC Order; Tribal Priority Window

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin presented on the opportunity for tribes to apply for broadband. Discussion ensued.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President recommended that President Peterson reach out to tribes and discuss a consortium that leverages a single network that is deployed regionally.

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Yodean Armour moved to approve the directive for President Peterson to begin forming a consortium of tribes to put forward a proposal application for broadband. M/C

EC Measures

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin presented having evaluations for the Executive Council. Discussion ensued.

Resolutions

EC 19-46 Authorization to Apply for Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Intervention Funding

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt. M/C

Donations

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin requested clarification regarding the donation to Sealaska in November. Discussion ensued.

Craig High School Graduation

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to contribute \$1000.00 M/C

Ketchikan Community Homeless and Christmas Backpack Event

M/S 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President Catherine Edwards moved to contribute \$1,000. M/C

**BREAK**

The chair so ordered to take a lunch break at 12:44 pm. No objection, so ordered.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Council went into executive session at 1:34 PM.

Executive session concluded at 2:07 PM.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Executive Council offered comments for good of the order.

**LEARN CHILDCARE CENTER**

The Executive Council will depart for a field trip to the new childcare facility, the Little Eagles and Ravens Nest (“LEARN”) childcare center after the meeting adjourns.

**ADJOURN**

The Chair ordered to adjourn at 2:22 PM. No objection, so moved.