



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
March 31, 2020 – 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:11AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

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: Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Chief of Project Development William Ware, Tribal Operations and Self Governance Manager Helene Bennett, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary Cara Gilbert, Special Assistant Heather Gatti, and Secretary to the President Carley Jackson.

### **INVOCATION**

4th Vice President Rob Sanderson provided the invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

M/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of a COVID-19 discussion. M/C

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for public comment was given. No comment was provided.

## **REPORTS**

### President's Report

President Richard J. Peterson provided an oral report on his recent activities. Tribal Assembly has been postponed and delegate elections have been completed. President Peterson provided an update on tribal operations. Starting March 23, 2020 the majority of staff started working from home and those in the office are practicing social distancing. President Peterson thanked managers and staff for how they were responding to the situation. In addition, he reported that Tlingit & Haida convened a meeting regarding the Federal Communications Commission Tribal Priority Window. Discussion ensued.

### General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. The Judiciary Committee continued work on Title 06 – Tribal Courts and a probate code. In other news the Alaska Legislature passed HB 142, a bill correcting the Alaska statutes to reflect Tlingit & Haida's status as a federally recognized tribe and not a state recognized non-profit.

### Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti summarized her written report. Among other things, she provided a brief update on governmental affairs and advised the Executive Council that there had been a Native Issues Forum focused on the Alaska Marine Highway System.

### Chief of Project Development Report

Chief of Project Development Will Ware provided an oral report. Southeast General Contractors (SGC) have been completing and renovating the SGC building, formerly referred to as the Triplette Construction building. Sacred Grounds, Smokehouse Catering and Sacred Shine are all temporarily shut down, with staff occupied in trainings and cleaning. Because it is considered an essential service, the courier business is maintaining operations. Discussion ensued.

### Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report. Discussion ensued.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### COVID-19

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin reviewed a draft plan to respond to the pandemic, with an emphasis on the safety of southeast Alaska communities and the epidemiological history of the area and risk factors. Discussion ensued.

M/S The chair recommended Tlingit & Haida cover the necessary internet costs for the Executive Council to have adequate connectivity to meet regularly by video conferencing. No objection, so ordered. M/C

Other recommendations included regular videos, podcasting and posts on social media to help keep our communities connected and engaged.

## **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

### Resolutions

EC 20-10 Authorization to Carry Over Head Start Fiscal Year 2019 Funds

EC 20-13 Authorization to Apply for the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration for Vocational Rehabilitation Services Grant

EC 20-14 Authorization to Apply for the U.S. Institute of Museum & Library Services Grant

M/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata moved to pass EC 20-10, EC 20-13 and EC 20-14 by unanimous consent. M/C

### Meeting Minutes

M/S 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to approve meeting minutes March 17, 2020.

M/C

## **ADJOURN**

President Peterson ordered to adjourn at 12:14 pm. No objection, so moved.