



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
September 25, 2019 – 10:00 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:06 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 at 10:35 AM
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 4 th Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 5 th Vice President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 6 th Vice President	Present at 11:20 AM
Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Secretary to the President/ Recording Secretary Carley Jackson, Tribal Operations and Self Governance Manager Helene Bennet, Administrative Assistant Jamiann Hasselquist and Executive Assistant Cara Gilbert.

INVOCATION

4th Vice President Rob Sanderson provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None given.

REPORTS

President's Report

President Richard J. Peterson provided an oral report on his recent activities. He traveled to Anchorage with General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy for a meeting with Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney, Jennifer Lichter, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director for the Domestic Policy Council, Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Chief of Staff, representatives from the Alaska Federation of Natives, and others.

The Commissioner Jeannie Hovland, Administration for Native Americans, came to Juneau. President Peterson addressed the Commissioner. 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata then accompanied the Commissioner to the Elder's luncheon.

The President traveled to Haines for a compact community visit with the Chilkoot Indian Association ("CIA"). Staff included a more in-depth budget meeting with CIA staff.

Southeast Conference was held in Sitka, President Peterson gave opening remarks. The main topic of conversation was the ferry systems. President recommends writing a letter of strong support for the ferry system. Additional topics at the conference included the growing tourism industry, mainly cruise ships. 2nd Vice President provided a comprehensive housing report to Southeast Conference as well.

President Peterson discussed the roadless rule.

President Peterson was able to attend the San Francisco Community picnic. Over the last year there has been a significant resurgence in cultural activities, and include paddle making workshops, weaving and the formation of a dance group in that community.

The President also attended a Southeast Cultural Tourism Dialogue, held in Juneau. Tribes and corporations both attended. One outcome was the planned establishment of a Cultural Tourism Coalition.

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. Recent activity includes completion of the purchase of the Triplette property and assets.

The Judiciary Committee convened on Sept. 9th. With the consent of President Richard J. Peterson and Chief Justice Michelle Demmert, the Committee broadened the authority of the magistrate in order to conform with the best practice of "one judge, one family." The magistrate, Trinidad Contreras, is now empowered to hear divorces, dissolutions, custody cases and protective orders.

A copy of the adopted minutes from the Committee's Tribal Assembly meeting are included in Dropbox.

Judge Priscilla Owen filed a dissent to the decision in *Brackeen v. Bernhardt*. The decision concludes that three provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and regulations requiring states to maintain records violated the Tenth's amendment's prohibition against the federal government commandeering state agents.

The dissent does not affect the outcome of the case, ICWA remains constitutional. The Plaintiffs received an extension until October 1st to file their petition for rehearing.

Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti was absent from the meeting. Her written report was provided for review in Dropbox.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton summarized her written report.

Emerging Leader Report

Emerging Leader, Shawaan Jackson-Gamble summarized his recent activities. He advised the Executive Council about the ongoing work to revitalize the Youth Commission. Shawaan also attended several events, including NCAI, the Yakutat Circle Peacemaking training, a totem pole raising in Klawock, and the Journey to Homeland hosted by the Hoonah Indian Association.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

Triplette Purchase Agreement

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy provided an overview of this agreement.

Resolutions

EC 19-36 Authorization to Participate in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment

EC 19-37 Authorization to apply for FY 2020 Federal Head Start Funds

MS 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt EC 19-36 and EC 19-37 by unanimous consent. C/U

EC 19-38 CONFIDENTIAL.

The Chair called to defer Resolution 19-38 to Executive Session. No objection, so ordered.

EC19-39 Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for the Purpose of an Asset Acquisition

MS 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt EC 19-39 by unanimous consent. C/U

Minutes

March 22, 2019

April 7-8, 2019

July 18-19, 2019

August 19, 2019

MS 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt meeting minutes for March 22, 2019, April 7-8, 2019, July 18-19, 2019, and August 19, 2019. C/U

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair ordered to enter Executive Session at 11:19 AM. No objection, so ordered.
Regular session resumed at 11:56 AM.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Officers and Executive Council offered comments for good of the order.

ADJOURN

The Chair called for adjournment at 12:02 PM. No objection, so ordered.