

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska October 2, 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 10:01 AM.

# **ROLL CALL**

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Catherine Edwards, 1st Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 2nd Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr., 3rd Vice President	Present
Tasha Hotch. 4th Vice President	Present
Delbert Kadake, 5th Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 6th Vice President	Present
Simon Friday, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: Chief Financial Officer Theresa Belton, Chief Development OfficerWill Ware, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, Tribal Operations and Compact Manager Helene Bennett, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Secretary to the President Carley Jackson, Executive Assistant Cara Gilbert, and Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary Rebecca Lee.

# **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

President Richard Peterson summarized the intent of the reorganization meeting following Tribal Assembly.

### REPORTS

President's Report

President Peterson introduced himself and provided background information to the Executive Council and his history as a delegate and with the Tribe.

### Chief Operating Officer

COO Roald Helgesen provided a brief overview of his role at Tlingit & Haida and his professional background.

#### General Counsel Report

Madeline Soboleff Levy introduced herself and provided her background information and role with the Executive Council and at Tlingit & Haida.

#### Special Assistant's Report

Special Assistant Heather Gatti provided a brief background of her role with the Executive Council.

#### <u>Chief of Project Development Report</u> Will Ware provided a brief introduction and insight to his role at Tlingit & Haida.

#### Chief Finance Officer's Report

CFO Theresa Belton gave a brief introduction to her history with Tlingit & Haida and her role with Executive Council.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### AK Roadless Rule

Tlingit & Haida is currently a cooperating agent with the Forest Service, but as other tribes start to pull out off the agreement it was recommended that the Tribe also pull out of the agreement. There was no objection to pull out of the agreement with the Forest Service regarding the Alaska Roadless Rule.

#### Alaska Federation of Natives October 15 & 16

President Peterson notified the council of AFN and inquired about who would like to be registered.

#### Compensation for Executive Council Members

It was requested that the Executive Council research compensation at tribes or non-profit organizations similar to the size of Tlingit & Haida to ensure adequate compensation for level of work being done by the members.

#### Organizational Structure

COO Roald Helgesen presented the structural outline of Tlingit & Haida's departments. Will Ware also provided some insight to the Business and Economic Development departmental structures.

### **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

#### **Board Representation**

Members of the Executive Council reviewed the Executive Council Board/Committee representation list and discussed who would be assigned primary and alternate roles for various boards and committees. It was also mentioned the value of having a list of boards that members are appointed to for better understanding of roles.

It was discussed the importance of climate change and the council agreed that it would be a new committee.

### Executive Council Guidelines and Code of Ethics

Maddie provided presentations for the Guidelines of Executive Council and Code of Ethics. Copies of these presentations and documents will be provided at request. The governing documents can also be found on the website. Members of the Executive Council will need to sign the last page of the Code of Ethics. Questions by Vice Presidents were answered and clarification was given.

### **Finance Orientation**

CFO Theresa Belton provided a brief orientation to finance documents needed and deadlines for check requests.

# IT Orientation

IT orientation will be scheduled for any interested members of Executive Council.

# Tribal Secretary

It was briefly discussed the duties of the Tribal Secretary. The Tribal Secretary is responsible for signing of the resolutions. It was suggested that Ralph Wolfe could continue to be the Tribal Secretary.

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Delbert Kadake to make Ralph Wolfe the Tribal Secretary. No objection, M/C.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

# GOOD OF THE ORDER

### ADJOURN

The chair called for adjournment at 12:36 PM. No objection, so ordered.