Minutes of Meeting
90th Annual Tribal Assembly
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
Juneau, Alaska

Theme: "Honor the Past, Empowering the Future"

Lingít: Haa ítx̲ woo.aadí aa jeeyís k̲ustí
Xaad Kíl: Íitl' gyaahlangáay tl'áng yahgwdángsaang. Gin tl'áng isdáang k̲asa'áas agán tl'áng k̲'aláagaasaang

Day I1I: Friday, April 18, 2025

Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, provided Special Music.

CALL TO ORDER
6th Vice President Paulette Moreno assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. without objection.

INVOCATION
Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, provided the invocation.

WORD OF THE DAY
Michael Hoyt, Wrangell Delegate, provided the Tlingit word of the day.

Joseph Yates, Tlingit & Haida employee, provided the Haida word of the day.

Gianna Willard Flannery, Ketchikan Delegate, provided a Haida song.

Michelle Martin, Juneau Delegate, provided a Tlingit song.

ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2025
M/S Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, moved to adopt the Tribal Assembly meeting minutes of April 17, 2025. M/C.

AUDIT REPORT
Catherine Edwards, Chair, Audit Committee, provided the report.

M/S Catherine Edwards, Seattle Delegate, moved to accept the audit report. No objection, so ordered.

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET
James Jack, Sr., Chair, Finance Committee, provided the report.

M/S Helene Simpson, Ketchikan Delegate, moved to adopt the FY 2025 proposed amended

budget and FY 2026 Proposed Budget. M/C.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
President Richard J. Peterson assumed the Chair without objection.

M/S Amelia Wilson, Hoonah Delegate, moved to adopt Proposal #4 to amend Rules of Election Rule 2 and Rule 3 to, first, establish two types of Communities under Rule 2, and, second, provide for different allocation methodologies for those two types of Communities, such that:

- The number of voting age citizens required to entitle a Community to elect a Delegate would increase from 200 to 275;
- In the event the Delegate allocation resulted in a fraction of a Delegate, the allocation would be rounded down; and
- Communities within the Territory would have no less than two Delegates and no more than 20 Delegates and Communities outside the Territory would have no less than two Delegates and no more than four Delegates.

M/S Amelia Wilson, Hoonah Delegate, moved to adopt Proposal #4 and amend Rule 3(l) (A) to increase the minimum number of delegates a community inside Southeast can elect to three AND to change Rule 3 (l) (B) to lower the maximum number of delegates a community outside Southeast can elect to three.

M/S Donavin Hannon, San Francisco Delegate, moved to amend to decline the amendment. Not Carried.

Gerry Hope, Sitka Delegate, requested a 30-minute caucus, no objection. The Chair ordered a caucus from 8:59 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order 9:30 a.m.

M/S Frances Andrews, Anchorage Delegate, moved to amend to table the amendment to 4:30 p.m. today. Not Carried.

M/S Paulette Moreno, Sitka Delegate, moved to vote on the call for the question to the amendment. Not Carried.

The Chair ordered a 10-minute break.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 11:22 a.m.

Vote on Amendment. Not Carried. Vote on Main Motion. M/C.

M/S Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, moved to accept the report of the voting results. M/C.

The Chair ruled a 10-minute break from 2:09 p.m. to 2:19 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 2:24 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
M/S Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, moved to approve the proposed Technical Amendments to the Constitution. M/C.

M/S Jacqueline Pata moved to amend the Rules of Election, Rule (1) (D) and strike the language after the comma (,) (provided the Community Council's number of Delegates are greater than the number of non-Delegate members.) M/C.

M/S Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, moved to amend Article VI. Tribal Assembly, Section 1, to change the date of Tribal Assembly from Wednesday in April to Wednesday in September. Not Carried.

M/S Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, moved the Executive Council review dates to hold the 2026 Tribal Assembly that will accommodate the Finance team's reporting schedule to Tribal Assembly. M/C.

M/S Andrew Strobel, Seattle Delegate, moved to amend Constitution XIII. Adoption and Amendment and strike the language (except amendments proposed and distributed in writing to all delegates ninety days before an assembly of Tlingit & Haida may be adopted by an affirmative vote of the majority of the delegates present at that assembly, with the exception of eligibility provisions for tribal citizenship that shall remain subject to a two-thirds affirmative, super majority vote.) and replace with "(or by unanimous consent, provided that proposed amendments must be distributed to the Delegates 90-days before an assembly). M/C

Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, requested a caucus of the whole until 4:00 p.m., which the Chair ruled out of order.

M/S Candace Williams, Saxman Delegate, moved to accept the report of the voting results. No objection, so ordered.

M/S William Micklin, San Francisco Delegate, moved to adopt the amendments to the Election and Succession. M/S Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, moved to amend Article IV. Governing Body, page 96, Section (1) (B). Executive Council and change the language (and five) to (and three) Vice Presidents, … Vote on Amendment. Not Carried. Vote on Main Motion. M/C.

M/S William Micklin, San Francisco Delegate, moved the constitution convention move to regular order of business for Tribal Assembly. No objection, so ordered.

M/S Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, moved the Resolutions Committee review Resolution TA 25-20 and Resolution TA 25-21 that were removed from the consent calendar. Not Carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER
Delegates provided closing comments.

CLOSING PRAYER
Gerald Bennet, Juneau Delegate, provided the closing prayer.

RETIREMENT OF COLORS
The Southeast Alaska Native Veterans retired the colors.

ADJOURN
President Richard J. Peterson declared the 90th Annual Tribal Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m.