

Minutes of Meeting  
89th Annual Tribal Assembly · Hybrid  
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall  
Juneau, Alaska

*Theme: "Rooted in Tradition, Growing a Sustainable Future"*

**Day III: Friday, April 19, 2024**

Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, provided Special Music.

**CALL TO ORDER**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Clinton Cook, Sr., assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. without objection.

**INVOCATION**

Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, offered the invocation.

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Ka'illjuus (Lisa Lang), Chief Justice, provided the Haida word of the day.

Shiggoap (Alfie Price), Tlingit & Haida employee, provided the Tsimshian word of the day.

X'unei (Lance Twitchell), Juneau Delegate, provided the Tlingit word of the day.

**ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2024**

M/S Jessica Elope moved to adopt the meeting minutes of April 18, 2024. No objection.

The Delegates acknowledged first-time Delegates to Tribal Assembly.

President Richard J. Peterson also acknowledged a long-time serving Delegate, Jim Price, Seattle.

**PANORAMIC PICTURE OF DELEGATES**

A panoramic picture of the delegates was taken in the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall.

The session Chair called the meeting back to order at 9:12 a.m.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

DonnaRae James, Chair, Judiciary Committee, provided the report.

**TRIBAL COURT REPORT**

Ka'illjuus (Lisa Lang), Chief Justice, provided the Tribal Court report.

M/S Mary Marks moved to accept the Judiciary and Tribal Court reports. No objection.

President Richard J. Peterson acknowledged Ka'illjuus's (Lisa Lang) service as Chief Justice to the Tribal Courts.

### **EMERGING LEADER REPORT**

Lauryn Framke, Emerging Leader, provided the report.

President Richard J. Peterson acknowledged Lauryn's service as Emerging Leader over the past year.

### **SEALASKA REPORT**

Joe Nelson, Interim President, Sealaska Corporation, provided the report.

### **THRHA REPORT**

Jacqueline Pata, President/CEO, Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority, provided the report.

### **SEARHC REPORT**

Leatha Merculieff, Vice President, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation (SEARHC), provided the report.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr., presented resolutions referred to the Delegates for consideration:

Louise Kadinger, Juneau Delegate, requested suspension of the rules to allow David Ignell, Attorney serving the community of Juneau to address the floor. No objection, so ordered.

#### **Resolution TA 24-05, Title: Expansion of Tribal Foster Care Licensing**

M/S Tasha Hotch/Mary Marks moved to adopt Resolution TA 24-05, "*Expansion of Tribal Foster Care Licensing*". M/C

#### **Resolution TA 24-12, Title: Prioritization of the Fentanyl Crisis**

M/S Clarence Peele/Christie Jamieson moved to adopt TA Resolution 24-12, "*Prioritization of the Fentanyl Crisis*", as amended. M/C

#### **Resolution TA 24-19, Title: Requesting Portland be Designated as a Community**

Valerie Hillman, Manager, Program Compliance, certified that (1) the proposed community of Portland, Oregon would have at least 200 voting age citizens if it were a Community and (2) the resolution was accompanied by at least 25 signatures from voting age citizens who meet the residency requirements, as these two requirements are articulated in the Rules of Election. For the resolution to pass, a 2/3 majority is needed, for a minimum of 80 yes votes.

M/S Will Micklin/Daphyne Albee moved to adopt Resolution TA 24-19, "*Requesting Portland be Designated as a Community*". The electronic voting results showed 83 yes votes, 23-no. M/S Daphyne Albee moved to accept the election report. M/C

**Resolution TA 24-08, Title: Reduce Consent Requirement on Individual Native Allotment Leases**

M/S Patrick Frerich/Edward Hotch moved to adopt Resolution TA 24-08, “*Reduce Consent Requirement on Individual Native Allotment Leases*”, as amended. M/C

**OTHER BUSINESS / GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jacqueline Pata assumed the Chair without objection.

The Large Community Council of the Year award goes to Ketchikan.

Delegates provided closing comments for the good of the order.

Barbara Blake, Juneau Delegate, requested suspension of the rules to allow Tom Gamble, Sitka, to address the floor. No objection, so ordered.

Will Micklin, San Francisco Delegate, requested suspension of the rules to allow Roberta Jack and Roy Deasis, guests, to address the floor. No objection, so ordered.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

The Southeast Alaska Native Veterans retired the colors.

**ADJOURN**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jacqueline Pata declared the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.