Minutes
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 x̲ustí
Xaad Kíl: Íitl' gyaahlangáay tl'áng yahgwdángsaang. Gin tl'áng isdáang x̲asa'áas agán tl'áng x̲'aláagaasaang

Day 1: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Special music was provided by Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate.

The colors were posted by the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans.

The Eagle Raven Dancers led the Grand Entrance of the Delegates.

CALL TO ORDER
President Richard J. Peterson called the 90th Annual Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska to order at 8:20 a.m.

INVOCATION
Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, offered the invocation.

WORD OF THE DAY
X'unei (Lance Twitchell), Juneau Delegate, offered the Tlingit word of the day.

Nang K'adangáas (Eric Hamar), Kasaan Delegate, offered the Haida word of the day.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN
Hannah Etengoff, Associate General Counsel, was appointed Parliamentarian. No objection, so ordered.

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
Jason Wilson, Sean Ahshapanek, and Zachary West were appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. No objection, so ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF TRIBAL HOST
1st Vice President Jacqueline Pata introduced Tribal Host, Israel Shotridge (Kinstaádaál), who offered words of appreciation.

INTRODUCTION OF TRIBAL HOSTESS
2nd Vice President Clinton Cook Sr. introduced Tribal Hostess, Judy Helgeson (Wáahlgahl-Jáad), who also extended words of appreciation.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
President Peterson requested and asked for suspension of the rules to allow communities to seat their youth representatives. No objection, so ordered.

The Delegates took a 5-minute break.

WELCOME ADDRESSES
The following officials welcomed the Delegates to Juneau:

- Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator
- Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator
- Nick Begich, U.S. Representative
- Nancy Dahlstrom, Lt. Governor, State of Alaska
- Christine Woll, Assembly Member, City & Borough of Juneau
- Ken Southerland, President, Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council
- Sasha Soboleff, ANB Grand President
- Sandy Churchill, ANS Grand President

CREDENTIALS REPORT
Louise Kadinger, Enrollment Committee Chair, provided the Credentials Report:

Number of Credentialed Delegates Authorized:	122
Number of On-Site Attending Delegates:	111
Number of Virtual Attending Delegates:	5
Number of Registered Delegates:	116

Number for Quorum: 59

DECLARATION OF QUORUM
President Peterson declared a quorum present.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER
The Chair requested and asked for unanimous consent to adopt the Standing Rules of Order. No objection, so ordered.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
The Chair requested to move the Memorial Service to Thursday evening. No objection, so ordered.

The Chair ordered a 10-minute break.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 10:14 a.m.

M/S Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, moved to adopt the agenda. M/C
M/S Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, moved to amend the agenda to add Tribal Assembly committee meetings to Friday after the consideration of constitution amendments are completed. No objection, so ordered.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2024
M/S Jack Strong, Klukwan Delegate, moved to adopt the minutes of April 19, 2024. No objection, so ordered.

CONSENT CALENDAR
M/S Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, moved to adopt the consent calendar.

Tasha Hotch objected to all resolutions on the Consent Calendar.

All resolutions are therefore deferred to the Executive Council at the next regular meeting of the Executive Council.

APPOINTMENT OF SESSION CHAIR
4th Vice President William Micklin was appointed and assumed the session chair without objection, so ordered.

STATE OF THE TRIBE
President Peterson provided the State of the Tribe address and answered questions from Delegates.

LUNCH
The Chair ordered a recess for lunch from 11:35 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Delegates were invited to the dedication of the Edward K. Thomas building at 410 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, Alaska.

CALL TO ORDER
3rd Vice President Robert Sanderson, Jr., was appointed and assumed the session chair and called the meeting back to order at 1:02 p.m. without objection.

Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, asked for suspension of the rules to allow an escort to be seated with Ella Bennett, Juneau Delegate. No objection, so ordered.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT
Roald Helgeson, Chief Operating Officer, provided the report.

President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas presented a $1,000 contribution to President Peterson for the Juneau Education Campus.. President Peterson then made a matching donation also to benefit the Juneau Education Campus.

The Chair ordered a 10-minute break.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 3:00 p.m.

ELECTION DECLARATIONS
Janet Peele, Elections Chair, assumed the Chair without objection.

Candidate speeches were provided by the candidates for the following offices:

Associate Justice
- Adam Crepelle
- Debra O'Gara

- Barbara Lee
- Mary Ferguson
- Roberta Wolfe

Delegate/Citizen of the Year
- Will Micklin, San Francisco Delegate, for DonnaRae James
- Selena Wadsworth-Kahklen, Seattle Delegate, for Florentino "Tiny" Barrill, Sr.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
M/S Marvin Adams moved to suspend the rules to reconsider the Consent Calendar. Not Carried.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT
Charlene Robertson, Chief Financial Officer, provided the report.

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

M/S Catherine Edwards moved to lay the Audit Report on the table until a time certain, specifically 8:15 a.m. on Friday. M/C

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGETS
James Jack, Sr., Finance Committee Chair, introduced the FY 2025 Proposed Budget Amendment report and the FY 2026 Proposed Budget.

EMERGING LEADER REPORT
Randy Estrin, Emerging Leader, provided the report.

TLINGIT HAIDA TRIBAL BUSINESS CORPORATION
Richard Rinehart, President/CEO, Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation, provided the report.

RECESS
The Chair ordered recessed for the day at 4:44 p.m. without objection.