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 I1: Thursday, April 17, 2025

Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, provided Special Music.

CALL TO ORDER
1st Vice President Jacqueline Pata assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

INVOCATION8
Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, offered the invocation.

WORD OF THE DAY
The Chair provided the Tlingit word of the day.

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

ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2025
M/S Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, moved to adopt the Tribal Assembly meeting minutes of April 16, 2025. M/C

M/S Cass Pook, Sitka Delegate, requested suspension of the rules to re-open nominations for the Emerging Leader. M/C

M/S Cass Pook moved to open nominations for the Emerging Leader. M/C

SMALL & LARGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF THE YEAR
The Small Community Council of the Year award goes to Wrangell.

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

ELECTIONS
Janet Peele, Elections Chair, assumed the Chair without objection.

Nominations for Emerging Leader
Kara Peele-Mayer, Seattle Delegate, nominated Jasmine Knudson.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed.

Jasmine Knudson provided a candidate speech.

ELECTION RESULTS

Associate Justice
Ballot 1
No candidate was elected.

A 5-minute caucus was requested. No objection, so ordered.

Ballot 2
The Elections Chair declared Debra O'Gara elected as Associate Justice.

M/S Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, moved to accept the election report for Associate Justice. No objection, so ordered.

Delegate/Citizen of the Year
The Elections Chair declared Florentino "Tiny" Barrill, Sr. elected as Delegate/Citizen of the Year.

M/S Tasha Hotch moved to accept the election report for the Delegate/Citizen of the Year. No objection, so ordered.

Emerging Leader
The Elections Chair declared Jasmine Knudson elected as the Emerging Leader.

M/S Julianna Smith, Anchorage Delegate, moved to accept the election report for Emerging Leader. No objection, so ordered.

OATH OF OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE AND EMERGING LEADER
President Richard J. Peterson administered the oath of office to Debra O'Gara, Associate Justice and Jasmine Knudson, Emerging Leader.

President Peterson requested privilege of the floor recognizing the following Delegates who are 90 years and older in honor of the 90th year Tribal Assembly: Mary Lekanof, Harriet Beleal, Shirley Kendall, and Gil Stokes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1st Vice President Jacqueline Pata assumed the Chair without objection.

M/S Ken Southerland, Juneau Delegate, moved for unanimous consent to commit the Constitution Committee Report to the Committee of the Whole for the reading of the Constitution Committee Report. No objection, so ordered.

Will Micklin, Constitution Committee Chair, and Madeline Soboleff-Levy, General Counsel presented the Report for the reading.

LUNCH
The Chair ordered a recess for lunch from 12:40 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
2nd Vice President Clinton Cook assumed the session chair and called the meeting to order without objection at 1:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Will Micklin, Constitution Committee Chair, continued the presentation of the Report of the Constitution Committee for the reading.

Keenan Sanderson, Ketchikan Delegate, requested a caucus. The Chair ordered a caucus from 2:38 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 3:52 p.m. No objection, so ordered.

RECESS
The Chair ordered to recess for the day at 4:02 p.m.