Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Executive Council Meeting
March 26-27, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Juneau, Alaska

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
President Richard Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

ROLL CALL

Richard J. Peterson, President	Present
Jacqueline Pata, 1st Vice President	Present
Clinton Cook Sr., 2nd Vice President	Present
Robert Sanderson, 3rd Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 4th Vice President	Present
Delbert Kadake, 5th Vice President	Present
Paulette Moreno, 6th Vice President	Present
Jasmine Knudson, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: Charlene Roberson Chief Financial Officer, Roald Helgesen, Chief Operating Officer, Gail Dabaluz Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Heather Gatti Government Affairs Manager, Jill Weitz Government Affairs Liaison, Reanne Holmes Director of the Executive Office, Mary Marks Executive Council Coordinator

INVOCATION
3rd Vice President Robert Sanderson provided an invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S 2nd Vice President Clinton Cook moved to adopt the agenda. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT
Public comments provided.

REPORTS
President's Report
President Peterson provided a verbal overview of his written report. Discussion ensued.

Chief Financial Report
Charlene Robertson provided a verbal overview of her written report. Discussion ensued.

BREAK
The chair called for a break at 10:45 AM. Meeting called back to order at 10:55 AM

Chief Operation Officer's Report
Roald Helgesen provided a verbal overview of his written report. Discussion ensued.

Deputy Chief Operation Officer's Report
Gail Dabaluz provided a verbal overview of her written report. Discussion ensued.

BREAK
The chair called for a break at 12:31 PM. Meeting called back to order at 12:59 PM.

General Counsel's Report
Sam Ennis written report received.

Government Affairs Manager's Report
Heather Gatti and Jill Weitz provided a verbal overview of written report. Discussion ensued.

BUSINESS ITEMS
Resolutions

M/S 1st Vice President Jacqueline Pata moved to approve resolutions EC 26-34, EC 26-35, EC 26-36, EC 26-37, EC 26-38, EC 26-39, EC 26-40, EC 26-41, and EC 26-42. M/C

Ratification of Resolutions

M/S 1st Vice President Jacqueline Pata moved to ratify resolutions EC 26-32 and EC 26-33. M/C

Meeting Minutes

M/S 1st Vice President Jacqueline Pata moved to adopt February 20, 2026, minutes. M/C

RECESS
Recessed for the day at 2:20 PM.

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting back to order at 9:05 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Public comments provided.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
VAWA Taskforce Report
6th Vice President Paulette Moreno provided a verbal overview of VAWA Taskforce Report. Discussion ensued.

Letter to Alaska Congressional Delegation Requesting Co-Sponsorship NAHASDA Reauthorization Bill
Heather Gatti provided a verbal overview of the letter to Alaska Congressional Delegation Requesting Co-Sponsorship NAHASDA. Discussion ensued.

Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act
Heather Gatti provided a verbal overview of the SAVE Act. Discussion ensued.

Suicide Prevention Taskforce by SEARHC
3rd Vice President Robert Sanderson provided a verbal overview of the Suicide Prevention taskforce by SEARHC. Discussion ensued.

BREAK
The chair called for a break at 10:16 AM. Meeting called back to order at 10:30 AM

Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Tlingit & Haida and University of Alaska Southeast
President Peterson Tlingit & Haida, Chancellor Aparna Dileep-Nageswaran Palmer University of Alaska Southeast, signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Tlingit & Haida and University of Alaska Southeast.

BUSINESS ITEMS
THRHA Commissioner Extension
M/S 4th Vice President Will Micklin move to extend the term for Vice President Cook and Victoria Demmert. approve THRHA commissioner extension. M/C

EXECUTIVE SESSION
M/S 2nd Vice President Clinton Cook to move into executive session at 10:56 AM. M/C

BREAK
The chair called for a break at 12:13 PM. Meeting called back to order at 12:25 PM in executive session.

ADJOURN
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM