

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**86<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly**  
**Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska**  
**October 1, 2021**  
**Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall**  
**Juneau, Alaska**

*"Together We Prosper"*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Richard Peterson, President, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, called the virtual 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly to order at 9:02 a.m. (AST)

**INVOCATION**

Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, provided the invocation via pre-recorded video.

**APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN**

President Peterson appointed Madeline Soboleff-Levy as the Parliamentarian via pre-recorded video.

**APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

President Peterson appointed Jason Wilson as the Sergeant-at-Arms via pre-recorded video.

**INTRODUCTION OF TRIBAL HOST**

Catherine Edwards, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, introduced James Jack, Sr., as Tribal Host via pre-recorded video. Mr. Jack expressed words of appreciation via pre-recorded video also.

**INTRODUCTION OF TRIBAL HOSTESS**

Rob Sanderson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, introduced Bertha Hamilton as Tribal Hostess via pre-recorded video. Ms. Hamilton expressed words of appreciation via pre-recorded video also.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Ella Bennett, Chair, Credentials Committee, provided the report.

Number of Delegates Authorized: **113**

Number of Delegates Attending: **95**

Number for Quorum: **57**

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

President Peterson declared a quorum present.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

M/S Jackie Pata/Joey Ketah moved to adopt the agenda. Questioned. All in favor. Motion carries.

## **ADOPT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2020**

M/S Jackie Pata moved and asked for unanimous consent to adopt the meeting minutes of October 1, 2020. No objection. Motion carries.

## **RULES OF ORDER**

M/S Paulette Moreno moved and asked for unanimous consent to adopt the Standing Rules of Order. No objection. Motion carries.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Rob Sanderson, Jr., Chair, Resolutions Committee, provided the Consent Calendar report via pre-recorded video.

M/S James Jack, Sr./Annette Ulmer moved to accept the Resolutions Committee report. No objection. Motion carries.

M/S William Micklin moved and asked for unanimous consent to adopt the eleven resolutions on the Consent Calendar. No objection. Motion carries.

## **Resolutions on Consent Calendar**

TA 21-01, *“Cemetery Restoration in Southeast Alaska”*

TA 21-02, *“Propose a Native Curriculum Themed Magnet School with Juneau School District”*

TA 21-03, *“Making Alaska Native Language Classes Mandatory for K-12 State of Alaska Public Schools”*

TA 21-04, *“Property Acquisition Plan”*

TA 21-05, *“Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Pediatric Services”*

TA 21-06, *“Support for Congressional Legislation to Extend Match to Urban Indian Organizations”*

TA 21-07, *“Support for Congressional Legislation to Improve Public Health Data Access Among Tribal Epidemiology Centers”*

TA 21-08, *“Support for Congressional Legislation to Invest in Indian Healthcare System Infrastructure”*

TA 21-09, *“Revenue Distribution Plan for Community Councils”*

TA 21-10, *“Support for the Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities”*

TA 21-11, *“Increasing Awareness and Indigenous Management as a Means of Combating Climate Change”*

Note: See document titled: **“86<sup>th</sup> Tribal Assembly Consent Calendar”** for full reading of the resolutions.

## **STATE OF THE TRIBE ADDRESS**

President Peterson provided the State of the Tribe Address via pre-recorded video.

M/S Selena Beierly/Paulette Moreno moved to accept the State of the Tribe address. A question and answer period followed. No objection. Motion carries.

### **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (COO) REPORT**

Roald Helgesen, Chief Operating Officer, provided the report via pre-recorded video.

M/S Jessica Dominy/Kevin Allen moved to accept the COO report. A question and answer period followed. No objection. Motion carries.

President Peterson acknowledged Edward K. Thomas, President Emeritus, in attendance via Zoom and past President (and Juneau delegate), William Martin.

### **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO) REPORT**

Theresa Belton, Chief Financial Officer, provided the report via pre-recorded video.

The Chair declared a 10-minute break. No objection. President Peterson called the meeting back to order at 10:50 a.m.

M/S Cher Ketah/Annette Ulmer moved to accept the CFO report. A question and answer period followed. No objection. Motion carries.

### **CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (CDO) REPORT**

William Ware, Chief Development Officer, provided the report via pre-recorded video.

M/S William Micklin/Selena Beierly moved to accept the CDO report. A question and answer period followed. No objection. Motion carries.

### **TLINGIT HAIDA TRIBAL BUSINESS CORPORATION/KIRA REPORT**

Richard Rinehart, Chief Executive Officer, T&H Tribal Business Corporation/KIRA, provided the report via pre-recorded video.

M/S Karen Taug/Luella Knapp moved to accept the THTBC/KIRA report. A question and answer period followed. No objection. Motion carries.

### **LUNCH BREAK**

The delegates recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m. During the break, a premiere of the “Gumboots Go!” video was presented courtesy of the Cultural Heritage & Education Department.

President Peterson called the meeting back to order at 12:41 p.m.

### **EMERGING LEADER REPORT**

Simon Friday, Emerging Leader, provided the report via pre-recorded video.

M/S Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to accept the Emerging Leader report. No objection. Motion carries.

### **YOUTH COMMISSION ADDRESS**

Joseph Hillaire, Jr., provided the Youth Commission Address via pre-recorded video.

M/S William Micklin/Selena Beierly moved to accept the Youth Commission Address. No objection. Motion carries.

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Deb Haaland, U.S. Secretary of Interior, provided the Keynote Address via pre-recorded video.

### **ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ella Bennett, Chair, Enrollment Committee, provided the report via pre-recorded video.

M/S Maxine Thompson/Selena Beierly moved to accept the Enrollment Committee report. A question and answer period followed. No objection. Motion carries.

### **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Donna Rae James, Chair, Judiciary Committee, provided the report via pre-recorded video.

M/S Joey Ketah/Gail Dabaluz moved to accept the Judiciary Committee report. No objection. Motion carries.

### **VAWA TASK FORCE REPORT**

Catherine Edwards and Patricia Alexander, Co-Chairs, VAWA Task Committee, provided the report via pre-recorded video.

M/S Jessica Dominy/Gail Dabaluz moved to accept the VAWA Task Force report. No objection. Motion carries.

### **TRIBAL COURT REPORT**

Lisa Lang, Chief Justice, and Frances Andrews, Tribal Court Administrator, provided the Tribal Court report via pre-recorded video.

M/S Daphyne Albee moved to accept the Tribal Court report. No objection. Motion carries.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Catherine Edwards, Chair, Audit Committee, provided the report via pre-recorded video.

M/S Jessica Dominy moved and asked for unanimous consent to accept the Audit Committee report. No objection. Motion carries.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & INTRODUCTION OF BUDGETS**

James Jack, Sr., Chair, Finance Committee, provided the Finance report via pre-recorded video.

M/S Cher Ketah moved and asked for unanimous consent to accept the Finance Committee's report. No objection. Motion carries.

### **FY 2021 Proposed Amended Budget & FY 2022 Proposed Budget**

M/S Michelle Demmert/Joey Ketah moved to adopt the FY 2021 Proposed Amended Budget and FY 2022 Proposed Budget. M/S Amendment Michelle Demmert/Janice Hotch moved to amend

the amount of the Executive Council and Justices Fee to \$2,000/month for remaining 2021 and 2022. Motion carries. Vote on Main Motion. Motion carries.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE REPORT**

William Micklin, Chair, Climate Change Committee, provided the report via pre-recorded video.

M/S Maxine Thompson/Selena Beierly moved to accept the Climate Change report. No objection. Motion carries.

Paulette Moreno, Sitka delegate, requested a report for past resolutions submitted, which will be made available to delegates.

The Chair declared a 10-minute break. No objection. The meeting was called back to order.

### **DECLARATION OF CANDIDATES**

Jan Peele, Chair, Elections Committee, assumed the Chair. The names of the candidates were reviewed for each of the offices, the number to vote for each office, and rules for voting.

#### **Candidates: Associate Justices**

Carson Cooper

Adam Crepelle

Chery Demmert-Fairbanks

Aurora Lehr

Thomas Weathers

#### **Candidates: Delegate/Citizen of the Year**

Roald Helgesen

Robin Montana

Cindy Pederson

Gilbert Stokes

#### **Candidate: Emerging Leader**

Jalen Ketah

#### **Election of Emerging Leader**

M/S William Micklin/Rob Sanderson moved for the election of Jalen Ketah as the Emerging Leader by acclamation. No objection. Motion carries.

The Election Chair declared Jalen Ketah is elected as the Emerging Leader. Jalen addressed the delegation expressing words of appreciation.

### **CANDIDATE SPEECHES**

#### **Associate Justices**

Candidates for Associate Justice provided pre-recorded speeches, which were viewed in the following order:

- Carson Cooper
- Adam Crepelle
- Cheryl Demmert-Fairbanks
- Aurora Lehr
- Thomas Weathers

Michelle Demmert asked for clarification on how voting would determine who fills the 1-year and 2-year terms for the two Associate Justices using one ballot.

M/S Daphyne Albee/Joey Ketah moved to split the election of the Associate Justices into two ballots with Ballot 1 (for a 2-year term) and Ballot 2 (a 1-year term). M/S Amendment William Micklin/Daphyne Albee moved to recess for 5 minutes to clarify the motion and to set up break-out rooms. No objection. Motion carries. Vote on Main Motion. Results of the electronic roll call vote shows: 62-yes, 24-nay. Motion carries.

M/S Janice Hotch/Tom Gamble moved to continue with the election process and then proceed to the Memorial Service on the agenda. No objection. Motion carries.

### **Ballot 1 - Associate Justice (2-Year Term)**

Electronic balloting for the Associate Justice for the 2-year term occurred.

President Peterson assumed the chair, without objection, for the remainder of the meeting to expedite the election process.

### **Election Results**

President Peterson reported and declared the election of Aurora Lehr as Associate Justice for a 2-year term.

M/S William Micklin/Cecilia Tavoliero moved to accept the results. No objection. Motion carries.

### **Ballot 2 - Associate Justice (1-Year Term)**

Electronic balloting for the Associate Justice for the 1-year term occurred.

### **Election Results**

President Peterson reported and declared the election of Cheryl Demmert-Fairbanks as Associate Justice for a 1-year term.

M/S Cecilia Tavoliero/Mary Marks moved to accept the election results. No objection. Motion carries.

### **Ballot 3 - Delegate/Citizen of the Year**

Electronic balloting for the Delegate/Tribal Citizen of the Year occurred.

## **Election Results**

President Peterson reported and declared the election of Roald Helgesen as the Delegate/Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Helgesen addressed the delegation with words of appreciation.

M/S Kevin Allen/Ben Coronell moved to accept the election results. No objection. Motion carries.

## **VIRTUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Rob Sanderson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, facilitated the virtual memorial service via pre-recorded video, which honored and remembered the loss of loved ones who departed. Jerry Bennett, Juneau delegate, ended the service with a closing prayer.

Arlene Bennett, Juneau delegate, relayed Jerry's request to have a memorial book of remembrance be made for those who departed since 2019. No objection, it is so ordered.

## **COMMUNITY COUNCILS OF THE YEAR**

President Peterson announced the community councils of the year.

### **Large Community Council of the Year**

The large community council of the year is Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council.

### **Small Community Council of the Year**

The small community council of the year is San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council.

## **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

M/S Joey Ketah/Karen Taug moved to remove the Question & Answer item from the agenda due to the late time of the day. No objection. Motion carries.

## **OTHER BUSINESS / GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Delegates commented on issues important to the communities in addition to sharing personal news and announcements.

President Peterson provided closing comments reflecting on the challenges of this past year and how resilience can be attained through working together.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Jerry Bennett, Juneau delegate, provided the closing prayer.

## **ADJOURN**

President Richard Peterson declared the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly adjourned at 7:27 p.m.