

**Minutes of Meeting  
87<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly  
Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
April 20-22, 2022  
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall (Virtual)  
Juneau, AK**

*Theme: We Go Forward Together  
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**Day III: Friday, April 22, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard J. Peterson, called the third day of the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly of the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska to order at 8:00 a.m.

Millie Schoonover, Tribal Hostess, offered words of encouragement, wishing everyone the best on the last day of Tribal Assembly.

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Robert Edwardson, Juneau Delegate, provided the Haida word of the day.

Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, provided the Tlingit word of the day.

**ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2022**

Paulette Moreno, Sitka Delegate, moved and asked for unanimous consent to adopt the meeting minutes of April 21, 2022, of the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly. No objection. Motion carried.

**ELECTIONS**

Janet Peele, Elections Committee Chair, assumed the Chair without objection. The Chair reviewed the election process. There was a mock voting session for the delegates to practice using their electronic voting devices.

**BALLOTING FOR OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

Balloting proceeded for the Office of the President. The Election Chair reported the election of Richard J. Peterson as President of the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

M/S Paulette Moreno/James, Jack, Sr. moved to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report. Motion carried.

Delegates requested a recess to caucus, which occurred from 9:51 a.m. to 10:17 a.m.

## **BALLOTING FOR OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENTS**

### **Ballot 1: Vice President**

The Election Chair reported no nominee was elected as Vice President from Ballot 1.

M/S Joey Ketah/Douglas Chilton moved to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report for Ballot 1. Motion Carried.

The delegates requested a recess to caucus, which occurred from 10:49 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

### **Ballot 2: Vice President**

The Election Chair reported the election of Jacqueline Pata as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

M/S Paulette Moreno moved to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report for Ballot 2. Motion carried.

The delegates requested a recess to caucus, which occurred from 11:30 a.m. to 11:44 a.m.

### **Ballot 3: Vice President**

The Election Chair reported no nominee was elected as Vice President from Ballot 3.

M/S Albert Howard/Paulette Moreno moved to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report for Ballot 3. Motion carried.

The delegates requested a recess to caucus, which occurred from 12 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.

### **Ballot 4: Vice President**

The Election Chair reported Rob Sanderson, Jr. elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Catherine Edwards elected as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

M/S Albert Howard/Jessica Dominy moved to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report for Ballot 4. Motion carried.

Karen Lauth Elliott, Seattle Delegate, withdrew her name as a candidate for Vice President.

Joe Williams Jr., Saxman Delegate, withdrew his name as a candidate for Vice President.

The delegates requested a recess to caucus, which occurred from 12:39 p.m. to 12:48 p.m.

Joe Williams, Jr., Saxman Delegate, is excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

### **Ballot 5: Vice President**

The Election Chair reported Will Micklin elected as 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President and Clinton Cook, Sr. as 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President.

M/S Albert Howard/Paulette Moreno moved to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report for Ballot 5. Motion carried.

The Election Chair declared a 15-minute lunch break from 1:20 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.

Herbert Nix, Sr., Hydaburg Delegate, is excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

The Election Chair called the meeting back to order. The delegates requested a recess to caucus, which occurred from 1:38 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

### **Ballot 6: Vice President**

The Election Chair reported no nominee was elected as Vice President from Ballot 6.

Joey Ketah, Seattle Delegate, moved and asked for unanimous consent to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report for Ballot 6. No objection. Motion carried.

### **Ballot 7: Vice President**

The Election Chair reported no nominee was elected as Vice President from Ballot 7.

M/S Carolyn Heersema/Joey Ketah moved to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report for Ballot 7. Motion carried.

Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, withdrew her name as a candidate for Vice President.

Delegates requested a recess to caucus, which occurred from 2:17 p.m. to 2:21 p.m.

### **Ballot 8: Vice President**

The Election Chair reported Delbert Kadake elected as 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President.

M/S Paulette Moreno/Cher Ketah moved to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report for Ballot 8. Motion Carried.

James Jack, Sr. and Gloria Jack, Juneau Delegates, are excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

Karen Taug, Haines Delegate, is excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

Sue Folletti, Haines Delegate, is excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

### **BALLOTING FOR EMERGING LEADER**

The Election Chair reported and declared Marlis Boord elected as the Emerging Leader.

M/S Paulette Moreno/Carolyn Heersema moved to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report. Motion carried.

### **BALLOTING FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE**

#### **Ballot 1: Associate Justice**

The Election Chair reported no nominee was elected as Associate Justice from Ballot 1.

M/S Paulette Moreno/Cher Ketah moved to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report for Ballot 1. Motion carried.

Mary Marks withdrew her name as a candidate for Associate Justice.

Stephanie Masterman, Seattle Delegate, is excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

#### **Ballot 2: Associate Justice**

The Election Chair reported the election of Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks as Associate Justice.

Paulette Moreno, Sitka Delegate, moved and asked for unanimous consent to accept the tally and certification of the election committee's report for Ballot 2. No objection. Motion carried.

### **DELEGATE/CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Leona Santiago, Juneau Delegate, moved and asked for unanimous consent naming David Light as the Delegate/Citizen of the Year. No objection. Motion carried.

President Richard J. Peterson assumed the session Chair without objection and thanked Jan Peele, Election Chair, for her service chairing the election proceedings.

The Chair declared a 10-minute break, which occurred from 3:21 p.m. to 3:31 p.m.

### **OATH OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

Magistrate Trinidad Contreras administered the oath of office to President Richard J. Peterson.

### **OATH OF OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS**

Magistrate Trinidad Contreras administered the oath of office to the elected Vice Presidents:

- Jacqueline Pata                   1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Rob Sanderson, Jr.               2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Catherine Edwards               3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President
- Will Micklin                       4<sup>th</sup> Vice President
- Clinton Cook, Sr.                 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President
- Delbert Kadake                   6<sup>th</sup> Vice President

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE**

Chief Justice Lisa Lang administered the oath of office to Associate Justice Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks.

The Chair ruled a 1-minute break. No objection.

Robin Montano, San Francisco Delegate, is excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

Millie Schoonover, Tribal Hostess, is excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

Cathleen Pook, Sitka Delegate, is excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr., Resolutions Chair, assumed the Chair without objection to preside over the consideration of resolutions.

**Public Safety Committee**

Ben Coronell, Public Safety Committee Chair, reported on Resolution TA 22-02, titled: “Providing Vulnerable Tribal Citizens with Definitive Means of Protection Against Sexual & Physical Violence Across Our Communities”.

M/S Will Micklin/Jacqueline Pata moved to refer Resolution TA 22-02, as amended, to the Office of the President, in consultation with the VAWA Task Force, to develop a budget, training, and funding resources. Motion carried.

**Credentials/Enrollment Committee**

Ella Bennett, Chair, Credentials/Enrollment Committee provided the report on Resolution TA 22-05, titled: “Emerging Leader Tribal Citizen”.

M/S Paulette Moreno/LaVerne Wise moved to adopt Resolution TA 22-05. Motion carried.

### **Tribal Government Rules Committee**

Will Micklin, Tribal Government Rules Committee Chair, provided the report on Resolution TA 22-06, titled: “2023 Tribal Assembly Location Request”, with Anchorage, AK as the possible site. Because this would affect the budget that already passed, it would require a 2/3 vote to pass.

M/S Paulette Moreno/Keenan Sanderson moved to adopt Resolution TA 22-06. Motion failed.

Marry Knutsen, Yakutat Delegate, is excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

### **Governmental Affairs Committee**

Jackie Pata, Governmental Affairs Committee Chair, provided the report on Resolution TA 22-08, titled: “Tribal Teacher Certification”.

M/S Tasha Hotch/Albert Howard moved to adopt Resolution TA 22-08, as amended. Motion carried.

### **Education Committee**

Joey Ketah, Education Committee Chair, provided the report on Resolution TA 22-09, titled: “Student Education Support”.

M/S Cher Ketah/Jacqueline Pata moved to table Resolution TA 22-09. Motion carried.

### **Health & Human Services Committee**

LaVerne Wise, Health & Human Services Committee Chair, provided the report on Resolution TA 22-11, titled: “Child Care on Prince of Wales Island”.

M/S Patrick Frerich/Paulette Moreno moved to adopt Resolution TA 22-11, as amended. Motion carried.

### **Natural Resources Committee**

Keenan Sanderson, Natural Resources Committee Chair, provided the report on Resolution TA 22-16, titled: “Peaceful Protests to Protect the Stikine, Taku and Unuk Rivers”.

M/S Keena Sanderson/Will Micklin moved to refer Resolution TA 22-16 to the Executive Council. Motion carried.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

President Richard Peterson assumed the Chair without objection.

Seattle Community Council was announced as the winner of the Large Community Council of the Year award and Anchorage Community Council as the runner-up.

There were no names submitted for the Small Community Council of the Year.

President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas offered closing comments on how the Tribe was carrying on the work and moving forward working with others at the local, state, and federal level, which falls in line with the theme of Tribal Assembly. He acknowledged President Peterson and his staff for their work in hosting a virtual Tribal Assembly and provided words of encouragement to the youth and delegates who stepped forward to put forth their names to run for leadership. He concluded, congratulating President Peterson and the Executive Council on their elections.

Delegates offered closing comments.

President Richard J. Peterson provided closing comments about the future of the Tribe and the goal of meeting tribal citizens of where they are at, in addition to expressing his appreciation of the comments about the work of the staff.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, provided the closing prayer.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Richard J. Peterson declared the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly adjourned at 6:34 p.m.