

Minutes of Meeting
88th Annual Tribal Assembly · Hybrid
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
Juneau, Alaska

"Sovereignty: In Land We Trust"

Day II: Thursday, April 20, 2023

Nathan Lopez, Petersburg delegate provided special music.

CALL TO ORDER

3rd Vice President Catherine Edwards assumed the Chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

WORD OF THE DAY

Shirley Kendall, Anchorage Delegate, provided the Tlingit word of the day.

Chief Justice Ka'illjuus Lang provided the Haida word of the day.

Alfie Price, Tlingit & Haida employee, provided the Tsimshian word of the day.

INVOCATION

Patricia Alexander, Sitka Delegate, offered the invocation.

Carrie Dodson, Ketchikan Delegate, requested permission for her son Andy Estrin to sit with the delegation. No objection, so ordered.

ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2023

M/S Joe Williams, Saxman Delegate moved to adopt the Tribal Assembly meeting minutes of April 19, 2023. M/C

TLINGIT & HAIDA REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Jacqueline Pata, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority provided the report.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

Charles Clement, President and Chief Executive Officer of the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) provided the report.

Rob Sanderson, Ketchikan Delegate requested privilege of the floor to allow Willard Jackson, Tribal Host to speak. No objection, so ordered. Mr. Jackson took a moment to remember a loved one that his family lost today.

SEALASKA CORPORATION

Anthony Mallott, Chief Executive Officer of Sealaska Corporation provided the report.

COMMUNITY & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Dr. Tina Woods, Sr. Director of the Community & Behavioral Services division within the Tribe provided the report.

Bob Sam, Sitka Delegate, spoke about a ceremony he will be participating in for the injustice of young children whose remains were found at the Morning Star Hospital in Oregon and requested support from the delegation he will need to complete this effort.

M/S William Martin, Juneau Delegate moved and asked unanimous consent to give total support to Bob Sam in his endeavor. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

The Chair called for a working lunch break from 11:16 a.m. – 11:56 a.m. with the delegates participating in various caucuses.

CALLED TO ORDER

4th Vice President Will Micklin assumed the Chair without objection and called the meeting back to order at 11:56 a.m.

TLINGIT HAIDA TRIBAL BUSINESS CORPORATION / KIRA REPORT

Richard Rinehart, Chief Executive Officer of Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation provided the report.

EMERGING LEADER REPORTS

Emerging Leader Jalen Ketah and Marlis Boord each reported out to the delegation on their terms of service.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Catherine Edwards, Audit Committee Chair and Theresa Belton, Chief Financial Officer, reported on the audit, which was completed by Moss Adams, LLP.

M/S Paulette Moreno, Sitka Delegate moved to accept the audit report. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGETS

FY 2023 Proposed Budget Amendments / FY 2024 Proposed Budget

James Jack, Sr., Finance Committee Chair, introduced the FY 2023 Proposed Budget Amendments and the FY 2024 Proposed Budget.

M/S Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate moved to adopt the FY 2023 Proposed Budget Amendments and FY 2024 Proposed Budget. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA LANDLESS CORPORATION

Cecilia Tavoliero, President of the Southeast Alaska Landless Corporation provided the report.

BREAK

The Chair called for a 20-minute break for the Delegates to caucus which occurred from 1:55 p.m. – 2:24 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 2:24 p.m.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

Janet Peele, Elections Committee Chair, assumed the Chair, without objection, to preside over the candidate speeches.

M/S Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate moved and asked to suspend the rules and cast a unanimous ballot for Cindy Pederson for Delegate/Citizen of the Year. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

Cindy Pederson was elected Delegate/Citizen of the Year.

The candidates provided campaign speeches and/or biographies in the following order:

Associate Justice Candidates

- Monte Mills
- Kaign Smith, Jr.
- Aurora Lehr

Emerging Leader Candidates

- Lauryn Framke
- Randy Estrin
- Mary Bernhardt
- Ashlynn Emanoff

4th Vice President Will Micklin assumed the session Chair without objection.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT

DonnaRae James, Judiciary Committee Chair, provided the report.

Tribal Court Report

Chief Justice Ka'illjuus Lang provided the report.

The Chair called for delegates to stand at ease, with no objection, which occurred from 3:28 p.m. – 3:34 p.m.

RULES OF ELECTION

Madeline Soboleff Levy, General Counsel, and Valerie Hillman, Program Compliance Manager, reviewed the 2023 proposed amendments to the Rules of Election.

M/S Walter Hotch-Hill, Anchorage Delegate moved to adopt the 2023 Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Election.

The Chair proposed to amend proposed Rule 13(A) to replace the word, “changing” to “challenging” to correct a typographical error. No objection, so ordered.

Amendment to Main Motion. M/S Andrew Strobel, Seattle Delegate moved to divide the question of the proposed amendments to the Rules of Election: **First**, to consider the question of the proposed amendments to Rules of Election in their entirety with the exception of amendments to proposed to Rule 2, Section 2(B) and Rule 3, Section 1. **Second**, to consider the proposed amendments to Rule 2, Section 2(B) and Rule 3, Section 1. M/C

M/S Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate moved and asked for unanimous consent to adopt all of the proposed amendments to the Rules of Election except for Rule 2, Section 2(B) and Rule 3 Section 1. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

M/S Jacqueline Pata moved to adopt the proposed amendments to the Rule 2, Section 2(B) and Rule 3, Section 1.

First Amendment to Main Motion M/S Veronica Dalton, Hoonah Delegate moved to amend both Rule 2, Section 2(B) and Rule 3, Section 1 to substitute 200 in place of the proposed 250.

M/S Amendment to First Amendment. Andrew Strobel, Seattle Delegate moved to strike the following phrase in Rule 3, Section 1: “..., provided that no Community Council shall be allocated less than two Delegates or more than 25 Delegates.”).

M/S Ben Coronell, Juneau Delegate moved to table the pending amendments to tomorrow morning. No objection. C/U.

During discussion and while Delegates were voting, President Richard J. Peterson asked for privilege of the floor to introduce Alaska Representatives, Alyse Galvin (Anchorage) and Rebecca Himschoot (Sitka) who were in attendance at the meeting. No objection, it is so ordered.

President Peterson also recognized Representative Dan Ortiz (Ketchikan) was in attendance.

RECESS

The meeting recessed for the day at 7:16 p.m. No objection. C/U.