

Minutes of Meeting
89th Annual Tribal Assembly · Hybrid
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
Juneau, Alaska

Theme: "Rooted in Tradition, Growing a Sustainable Future"

Awáahl Gagwii gin kuyáa an tl'áng únsadgaangaan, Hawáan gin 'láa tl'áng sk'at'áas kilíganggang
Haa Kusteeyí tudéi haa ksixát, Haa Shuká aa yáx kei haa nawát

Day I: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Special music was provided by Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate.

The colors were posted by the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans.

The Tlingit & Haida Elders Dance Group led the Grand Entrance of the Delegates.

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard J. Peterson called the 89th Annual Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska to order at 8:31 AM.

INVOCATION

Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, offered the invocation.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

The following Delegates asked for suspension of the rules for the following guests to sit with their delegation. No objection, so ordered.

Jessica Elope, Seattle Delegate, for Malea Aleck, Youth Ambassador and Gemini Dominy.

Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, for Lauryn Framke, Emerging Leader.

Carrie Dodson, Ketchikan Delegate, for Randy Estrin and Rebecca Estrin.

Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate, for Kellinda Kendall, Shirley Kendall's escort.

WORD OF THE DAY

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

Barbara Blake, Juneau Delegate, offered the Haida word of the day.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Madeline Soboleff Levy, General Counsel, was appointed Parliamentarian. No objection, so ordered.

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

Jason Wilson and Sean Ahshapanek, were appointed Sergeants at Arms. No objection, so ordered.

APPOINT SESSION CHAIR

1st Vice President Jacqueline Pata was appointed and assumed the Chair without objection.

INTRODUCE TRIBAL HOST

Lauryn Framke, Emerging Leader, introduced the Tribal Host, Robert Peele, who offered words of appreciation to the delegates.

INTRODUCE TRIBAL HOSTESS

Lauryn Framke, Emerging Leader, introduced and acknowledged the Tribal Hostess, Anne Johnson, who was not able to attend in-person.

WELCOME ADDRESS

The following officials welcomed the Delegates to Juneau:

- Michelle Hale, Deputy Mayor, City & Borough of Juneau
- Ken Southerland, President, Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council
- Mary Peltola, U.S. Representative
- Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator
- Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator
- Daphyne Albee, President, ANS Grand Camp

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Louise Kadinger, Enrollment Committee member, provided the Credentials report on behalf of the Chair Ella Bennett.

Number of Credentialed Delegates Authorized	122
Number of On-Site Attending Delegates	109
Number of Virtual Attending Delegate	009
Number of Registered Delegate	118
Number for Quorum	60

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

President Richard J. Peterson declared a quorum present.

SWEAR IN DELEGATES

Trinidad Contreras, Tribal Court Magistrate, swore in the delegates elected for the 2024-2026 term.

President Richard J. Peterson assumed the Chair with no objection.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER

The Standing Rules of Order were adopted by unanimous consent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2023

The minutes of April 21, 2023, were adopted by unanimous consent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S Will Micklin/Jack Strong moved to adopt the Consent Calendar with TA Resolutions 24-05, 24-08, and 24-12 pulled for committee consideration. No objection, so ordered.

Resolutions Adopted Through the Consent Calendar:

- Resolution TA 24-02, Title: *“Tlingit & Haida Cultural Ambassador”*
- Resolution TA 24-03, Title: *“Support for a Permanent Increase in the State of Alaska Base Student Allocation for Public Schools”*
- Resolution TA 24-06, Title: *“Protecting Our Cultural and Community Access to Fish”*
- Resolution TA 24-07, Title: *“Call for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Implement an Urban Confer Policy Across the Department and its Division”*
- Resolution TA 24-09, Title: *“Expanding Medicaid for Our Future”*
- Resolution TA 24-10, Title: *“Support Non-Discrimination in Student Sports”*
- Resolution TA 24-13, Title: *“Call for Indian Health Service, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or Washington State to Determine a Credentialing Process for Traditional Practitioners”*
- Resolution TA 24-15, Title: *“Support Applying for Housing Expansion and Revitalization”*
- Resolution TA 24-16, Title: *“Opposition to Outstanding Natural Resource Water Politicalization in HB 95 and SB 72”*
- Resolution TA 24-17, Title: *“Improvements to the Definition of Pelagic Gear to Prohibit Bottom Trawling by the Pollock Industry”*
- Resolution TA 24-18, Title: *“Development of the Rights of Tlingit and Haida Indigenous Rivers, Herring and Salmon”*

The Chair declared a break from 9:35 AM to 9:57 AM.

1st Vice President Jacqueline Pata resumed the Chair with no objection.

STATE OF THE TRIBE ADDRESS

President Richard J. Peterson provided the State of the Tribe Address.

President Richard J. Peterson asked for unanimous consent to name the future Tlingit & Haida gymnasium the: Senator Albert Kookesh Gymnasium. No objection, so ordered.

A special presentation by the local Juneau Presbytery Ministries group presented a \$100,000 contribution to Tlingit & Haida's Healing Center.

President Richard J. Peterson concluded his report and dedicated his report in loving memory to former Tlingit & Haida employees Janae Franklet and Billy Williams.

LUNCH

The Delegates recessed for lunch at 12:09 p.m.

Mary Marks, Juneau Delegate, requested and asked for suspension of the rules for her granddaughter, Olive Rose Marks, to sit with the Juneau delegation. No objection, so ordered.

CALL TO ORDER

2nd Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr., assumed the session chair and called the meeting back to order at 1:04 p.m.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Roald Helgesen, Chief Operating Officer, provided the report.

CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

William Ware, Chief Development Officer, provided the report.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Charlene Robertson, Chief Financial Officer, provided the report.

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGETS

James Jack, Sr., Finance Committee Chair, introduced the follow budgets:

- FY 2024 Proposed Budget Amendments
- FY 2025 Proposed Budget

M/S Helene Simpson/Mary Marks moved to accept the FY 2024 Proposed Budget Amendments and FY 2025 Proposed Budget. No objection, so ordered.

TLINGIT HAIDA TRIBAL BUSINESS CORPORATION

Richard Rinehart, Chief Executive Officer and President, provided the report.

DECLARATION AND NOMINATIONS

Janet Peele, Elections Committee Chair, assumed the Chair without objection. All candidates who filed their intent to run for office did so in accordance with the Rules of Election.

Election of President, Chief Justice, and Associate Justice

The Chair asked for unanimous consent to seat the President, Chief Justice, and Associate Justice who were un-opposed. No objection, so ordered.

Re-elected President Richard J. Peterson addressed the delegates.

Chief Justice Aurora Lehr addressed the delegates.

Associate Justice Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks addressed the delegates.

Oath of Office for President, Chief Justice, and Associate Justice

Trinidad Contreras, Magistrate, Tribal Court, administered the Oath of Office to Richard J. Peterson.

President Richard J. Peterson administered the Oath of Office to Chief Justice Aurora Lehr and Associate Justice Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

The delegates listened to following candidate speeches.

Vice Presidents

- Robert Sanderson, Jr.
- Jacqueline Pata
- Clinton E. Cook, Sr.
- Delbert Kadake, Jr.
- Catherine Edwards
- Karen Lauth Elliott
- Tasha Hotch
- William Micklin
- Paulette Moreno

Emerging Leader

- Shaelena Grace Moler
- Nina Edwards
- Randy Estrin
- Haylee Steffes
- Ashlynn Emanoff
- Jolynn Tripi

Makayla De Jesus is also a duly nominated candidate for emerging leader.

Delegate/Citizen of the Year

Laverne Wise, Seattle Delegate, nominated Jania Garcia, and spoke to the nomination.

The Sitka Delegation nominated Elizabeth Howard and Sitka Delegate Paulette Moreno spoke to the nomination.

SESSION CHAIR

2nd Vice President, Rob Sanderson Jr., resumed the session chair with no objection.

RECESS

The Delegates recessed for the day at 4:52 p.m.