

**Minutes of Meeting
Eighty-Fifth Annual Tribal Assembly
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
October 1, 2020**

"Our People, Our Land, Our Purpose"

CALLED TO ORDER

Richard Peterson, President of the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, called the 1st virtual 85th Annual Tribal Assembly to order at: 8:01 am.

President Peterson called for a moment of silence to remember David Leask, a former Delegate, who walked into the forest.

INVOCATION

Jerry Bennett, Sr., Delegate, provided the invocation via video.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

President Richard Peterson appointed Edward K. Thomas, President Emeritus as Parliamentarian.

INTRODUCE TRIBAL HOST & HOSTESS

Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Emerging Leader, introduced William Martin as the Tribal Host followed by words of appreciation from Mr. Martin both via video.

Jacqueline Pata, 2nd Vice President, introduced Corrine Garza as the Tribal Hostess who also offered words of appreciation both via video.

APPOINT SESSION CHAIR

President Richard Peterson chaired the assembly due to the abbreviated agenda.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Ella Bennett, Chair, Credentials Committee provided the following report:

- Number of authorized Delegates is 116
- Number of Delegates in attendance is 113
- Number for quorum is 57

Delbert Kadake was excused until he can join the meeting.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

President Richard Peterson declared a quorum present.

ADOPT AGENDA

M/S Janice Hotch/Maxine Thompson moved to adopt the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2019

President Richard Peterson asked for unanimous consent to adopt the meeting minutes of April 12, 2019. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

RULES OF ORDER

President Richard Peterson reviewed the proposed amended Standing Rules of Order for this year's virtual meeting, which was amended to adjust for COVID-19 in addition to offering plurality as the voting mechanism. Next year, the rules will revert back to the regular Standing Rules of Order. There was no objection. The amended virtual Standing Rules of Order was adopted for this year's virtual Tribal Assembly.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Richard Peterson reported the Resolutions Committee's recommendation to pass the resolutions on the 85th Tribal Assembly Consent Calendar. No objection. MOTION CARRIED. The consent calendar passed. (See Consent Calendar).

Resolutions not on the consent calendar will be deferred to the Executive Council to review at their next meeting.

STATE OF THE TRIBE ADDRESS

President Richard Peterson provided the State of the Tribe Address via video.

M/S Rhonda Buter moved to accept the report. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (COO) REPORT

Roald Helgeson, COO, provided the Chief Operating Officer's report via video.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO) REPORT

Theresa Belton, CFO, provided the Chief Financial Officer's report via video.

CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (CDO) REPORT

William Ware, CDO, provided the Chief Development Officer's report via video.

TLINGIT HAIDA TRIBAL BUSINESS CORPORATION (THTBC)/KIRA REPORT

Richard Rinehart, CEO, provided the THTBC report via video.

EMERGING LEADER REPORT

Shawaan Jackson-Gamble, Emerging Leader, provided the report via video.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

JUDICIARY/VAWA TASK FORCE/TRIBAL COURT REPORT

Frances Andrews, Tribal Court Administrator, provided the reports via video.

Michelle Demmert, former Chief Justice, expressed the appreciation of her support while in that role for the Tribal Court.

AUDIT REPORT

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

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGETS

William Micklin, provided the following budget reports on behalf of Finance Committee Chair James Jack, Sr. via video.

- FY 2020 Proposed Budget Amendments
- FY 2021 Proposed Budget

M/S Paulette Moreno/Jessica Dominy moved to adopt the proposed FY 2020 budget amendments and proposed FY 2021 budget. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

The Chair declared a 10-minute break. No objection.

Delbert Kadake, Kake Delegate, joined the meeting during the break.

DECLARATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Jan Peele, Chair, Elections Committee assumed the session chair.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

The candidates who were nominated for each of the offices listed below provided campaign speeches via video.

President

Richard L. Peterson
Tasha Hotch

Vice President

Catherine Edwards
William “Yaan Yaan Eesh” Micklin
Thomas D. Gamble
Jacqueline Kus.een Pata
Rob Sanderson, Jr.
DonnaRae James
Ralph Wolfe
Joseph C. Williams, Jr.
Janice Hotch
Tasha Hotch
Delbert Kadake

Tribal Court Chief Justice

Lisa Lang

Emerging Leader

Justice Dominy
Gavin Hamley
Chloey Cavanaugh
Simon Friday
Truman Stephenson
Jazmin Taylor

Citizen of the Year (Videos provided by the nominators)

Cindy Leask
Morgan Fawcett
Gilbert Stokes (No video provided)

RECESS

The session chair declared a 3-minute break.

The chair called the meeting back to order at 12:50 p.m.

ELECTIONS BALLOT

Balloting for each of the offices commenced with the results as follows:

President

Ballot 1

Ballot 1 was declared as invalid.

Ballot 2

Ballot 2 was a test ballot of the voting system.

Ballot 3

Results from Ballot 3 showed Richard L. Peterson is re-elected as President of Tlingit & Haida.

M/S James Jack, Sr./Joey Ketah moved to accept the tally report of Ballot 3 for President. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Vice Presidents (Election of 1st / 2nd Vice President)

Ballot 4

Results from Ballot 4 showed Catherine Edwards is elected as 1st Vice President, William Micklin as 2nd Vice President, and the election of the following candidates below:

Chief Justice

Lisa Lang was elected as the Chief Justice.

Emerging Leader

Simon Friday was elected as the Emerging Leader.

Delegate/Citizen of the Year

Cindy Leask was elected as the Delegate/Citizen of the Year.

M/S Joey Ketah/Daphne Albee moved to accept the tally report for the 1st and 2nd Vice President for Ballot 3. M/S Amendment Joey Ketah moved to also include the tally report for Chief Justice, Emerging Leader, and Delegate Citizen of the Year. Vote on Amendment. MOTION CARRIED. Vote on main motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Vice Presidents (Cont'd)

Balloting continued to elect the four (4) remaining Vice Presidents.

The chair declared a 10-minute recess to caucus.

Ballot 5

The Chair declared Ballot 5 as invalid.

Ballot 6 (Election of 3rd Vice President)

Results from Ballot 6 showed Rob Sanderson is elected as 3rd Vice President.

M/S Jessica Dominy/Cher Ketah moved to accept the tally report of Ballot 6 for Vice President. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Thomas Gamble's name was removed from the Vice President ballot.

Janice Hotch withdrew her name from the Vice President ballot.

DonnaRae James withdrew her name from the Vice President ballot.

The Chair declared a 10-minute recess to caucus.

Ballot 7

Results from Ballot 7 did not meet the minimum number to elect a Vice President.

M/S Jessica Dominy moved to accept the tally results of Ballot 7 for Vice President. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Ballot 8

Results from Ballot 8 did not meet the minimum number to elect a Vice President.

M/S Doug Chilton/Andrea Cesar asked unanimous consent to accept the tally report of Ballot 8 for Vice President. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

The Parliamentarian clarified a report does not need to be accepted when no one is elected.

Ballot 9 (Election of 4th Vice President)

Results from Ballot 9 showed Tasha Hotch is elected as 4th Vice President.

M/S Jessica Dominy moved to accept the tally report of Ballot 9 for Vice President. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

Ballot 10

Results from Ballot 10 did not meet the minimum number to elect a Vice President.

The Chair declared a 10-minute recess for caucus.

Joe Williams, Jr. withdrew his name from the Vice President ballot.

Ballot 11 (Election of 5th / 6th Vice President)

Results from Ballot 11 showed Delbert Kadake is elected as 5th Vice President and Ralph Wolfe as 6th Vice President.

M/S Paulette Moreno/Janice Hotch moved and asked unanimous consent to accept the tally report for Ballot 11 for Vice President. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

OATH OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Trinidad Contreras, Magistrate, administered the oath of office to Richard Peterson, re-elected President of the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

OATH OF OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENTS

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

- Catherine Edwards, 1st Vice President
- William Micklin, 2nd Vice President
- Rob Sanderson, 3rd Vice President
- Tasha Hotch, 4th Vice President
- Delbert Kadake, 5th Vice President
- Ralph Wolfe, 6th Vice President

President Peterson announced the Executive Council will hold its re-organization meeting tomorrow.

M/S James Jack, Sr./Janice Hotch moved the newly elected Emerging Leader be allowed to serve a full year to overlap the next term. No objection. MOTION CARRIED.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SESSION

A question and answer period followed.

OTHER BUSINESS / GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Richard Peterson announced Anchorage as the Large T&H Community Council of the Year and San Francisco as the Small T&H Community Council of the Year.

ADJOURN

President Richard Peterson declared the 85th Annual Tribal Assembly adjourned at 6:59 p.m.