



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649
Wednesday, February 28, 2024-5:30p.m.-8:30p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes
(Approved 3/13/24)**

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council regular meeting at the Community and Government Center Tribal Council Chambers located at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:35p.m.

Regular session began at 5:35p.m.

Entered into executive session at 7:26p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:29p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Attendance:

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Treasurer Charles Foster, Chief Earl Mills, Jr., Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr. (via Zoom), Councilman David Weeden, Councilwoman Nitana Greendeer, Councilwoman Roxanne Brown, Medicine Man Earl Cash, Jr., Councilwoman Winona Pocknett
Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Amber Tubbs, Jennifer Frayer, Kayla Gomes, Marita Scott, Captain Curtis Frye, Chief Kevin Frye

Opening Prayer

Medicine Man Earl Cash, Jr.

Commencement

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:35p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden

Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting agenda of February 28, 2024 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting minutes of February 14, 2024 with edits.

All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Secretary Jackson, Chief Mills, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Medicine Man Cash, Councilwoman Pocknett

All those abstained: Treasurer Foster

Motion passed.

Appointments and Resignations

Base Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to accept and approve the appointment of Marcy Hendricks to MWT Homeless Task Force

Amended Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Greendeer to table the previous motion.

All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Secretary Jackson, Treasurer Foster, Chief Mills, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Medicine Man Cash

All those opposed: Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Brown

Motion passed.

Final Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to table the appointment of Marcy Hendricks to the Mashpee Wampanoag Homeless Task Force.

All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Secretary Jackson, Treasurer Foster, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Medicine Man Cash

All those opposed: Chief Mills, Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Andrews

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the appointment of Debora McLaughlin to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Veterans Council.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve the appointment of Nancy Rose to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Veterans Council.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the resignation of Kim Frye from the Youth Advisory Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Pocknett to accept and approve the resignation of LaVerne Floyd from the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Housing Commission.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve the resignation of Vice Chairman Hendricks as Liaison from Homeland Security.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and approve the appointment of Treasurer Charles Foster as Liaison to Homeland Security.

All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Secretary Jackson, Chief Mills, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Medicine Man Cash, Councilwoman Pocknett
All those abstained: Treasurer Foster
Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Rose, Chief Mills, Amy Peters,

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Votes/Ratifications

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Foster to ratify the consensus approval to assist the family of Tribal Member N-001-48 with funeral assistance in the amount of \$4,000.00.

All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Secretary Jackson, Treasurer Foster, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Medicine Man Cash, Councilwoman Pocknett

All those abstained: Chief Mills

Motion passed.

Meeting Dates

Motion made by Councilman Andrews 2nd by Councilman Weeden to schedule the CDC Shareholder Representative meeting on April 17, 2024 from 6:30p-7:30p.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Operations Updates

Catalyst Approval

Base Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Village Community Building floor plan as presented from Catalyst and accepted by the MWT Housing Commission.

Amended motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to table the previous motion.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Final motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to table the approval of the Mashpee Wampanoag Village Community Building floor plan as presented from Catalyst and accepted by the MWT Housing Commission.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Medicine Man Cash to accept and approve 2024-RES- 012 Approving the Submittal of the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Justice Systems Infrastructure Program application.

All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Secretary Jackson, Chief Mills, Treasurer Foster, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Medicine Man Cash, Councilwoman Pocknett

All those abstained: Councilman Weeden

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Pocknett to accept and approve 2024-RES-013 Approving the Submittal of the State Of Massachusetts Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Tribal Law Enforcement Opportunity Application.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

*Motion made by Chief Mills 2nd by Medicine Man Cash to accept and approve 2024-RES-014 Approval Of Justice Criminal Information Services (Jcis) Documentation For Tribal Access Program (TAP).
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2024-RES-015 Replacement of "Good Friday" with "Benjamin F. Hallett Day" in the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Calendar.
All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Chief Mills, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Medicine Man Cash
All those abstained: Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilwoman Gonsalves
All those opposed: Councilman Andrews, Treasurer Foster
Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve 2024-RES-016 Approval of Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

TA Job Description

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Councilwoman Brown to accept and approve the salary for the TA Job Description as presented.
All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Chief Mills, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Medicine Man Cash, Treasurer Foster
All those abstained: Councilman Andrews
Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Chief Mills to accept and approve 2024-RES-017 Approving the Submittal of the First Nations Charitable Institute Native Language Immersion Initiative Grant.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

MIT contract approval

*Base Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2024-RES-018 Approval of Agreement Between Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Amended Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2nd by Secretary Jackson to discuss item in executive session.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.
Final Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2nd by Councilman Weeden to discuss approving 2024-RES-018 Approval of Agreement Between Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in executive session.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

CBA Approval/Vineyard Offshore

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Greendeer to accept and approve 2024-RES-019 Approval of Establishment of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Offshore Wind Community Fund.

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Avangrid Update
Discussed

Tribal Leadership Academy Approval

Motion to accept and approve 2024-RES-020 Approval and Authorization Supporting Chairman Brian M. Weeden Application Submittal for the "Tribal Leadership Academy at Dartmouth College"

All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Chief Mills, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Medicine Man Cash, Treasurer Foster.

All those not voting: Councilman Weeden

Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Treasurer Foster to enter into executive session at 7:26p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Exited executive session at 8:29p.m.

Tribal Council Matters

Housing Matters

Discussed.

MIT contract approval

Discussed.

Rodney Costa Matter

Discussed

Councilwoman Rita Pocknett Update

Motion made by Medicine Man Cash 2nd by Councilwoman Greendeer to approve the leave of absence of Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Medicine Man Cash, Treasurer Foster

All those abstained: Secretary Jackson

All those recused: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

Legal Update

Discussed

Virtual Meeting Discussion

Tabled

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown 2nd by Treasurer Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassie D. Jackson
MWTC Secretary