



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE  
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center  
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649  
Wednesday, March 15, 2023-6:00p.m.-8:30p.m.  
Available via zoom

**Meeting Minutes**

**(Approved 4/12/2023)**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Special Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:11p.m.

Special session began at 6:11p.m.

Special session adjourned at 8:22p.m.

**Members in Attendance**

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Treasurer Charles Foster, Councilwoman Winona Pocknett, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman David Weeden, Councilwoman Nitana Greendeer, Councilwoman Roxanne Brown

Excused Absence: Secretary Cassie Jackson

Quorum (10)

Guests in Attendance: Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Amber Tubbs

**Opening Prayer**

Councilwoman Greendeer

**Commencement**

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Special meeting at 6:11p.m.*

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

*Motion passed.*

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council meeting agenda of March 15, 2023 with edits.*

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

*Motion passed.*

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster made by to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council regular meeting minutes of February 8, 2023 with edits.*

*All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Greendeer, Treasurer Foster*

*All those abstained: Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Brown*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Gonsalves made by to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council regular meeting minutes of March 8, 2023 with edits.*

*All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown, Treasurer Foster*

*All those abstained: Councilman Weeden*  
*Motion passed.*

### **Appointments/Resignations**

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pocknett to accept the resignation of Delscena Hicks from the Enrollment Committee.*

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

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept the resignation of Vernon Pocknett from the Enrollment Committee.*

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

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Brown to appoint Karen Segal to the Enrollment Committee.*

*All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Treasurer Foster, Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown*

*All those Abstained: Councilman Tiexeira.*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilwoman Pocknett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Greendeer to appoint Donald Peters to the Enrollment Committee.*

*All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Treasurer Foster, Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown*

*All those Abstained: Councilman Tiexeira.*  
*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to appoint Charlene Clay to the Powwow Committee.*

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

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Greendeer to appoint Alissa Johnson to the Powwow Committee.*

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

*Motion made by Councilwoman Pocknett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to appoint Suzette Peters to the Housing Commission.*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Brown to appoint Evelyn Peters Fermino to the Old Indian Meeting House Committee.*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept the resignation of Secretary Jackson as the liaison to the Youth Council, Mittark Committee, Language Committee, and Co-liaison to the Broadband Committee.*

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

*Motion passed.*

### **Public Comment**

Sonya Frye- Thorton, Talia Landry, Ryan Avant, Jim Peters, Winnie Johnson-Graham, Councilman Andrews

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Emergency Votes/Ratifications

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Andrews to accept and approve 2023-RES-021 Ratification Approving the workman's compensation insurance renewal package. (This consensus was circulated on 2/17/2023).*

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

*All those Abstained: Councilwoman Gonsalves*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to accept and approve 2023-RES-022 Ratification of the emergency approval of the U.S Department of Justice Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Justice Systems infrastructure program grant submittal (This consensus was circulated on 3/10/2023).*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2023-RES-023 Ratification of the emergency approval of the 2023 NPS NAGPRA consultation and documentation grant submittal (This consensus was circulated on 3/10/2023).*

*Motion Retracted.*

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Greendeer to accept and approve 2023-RES-024 Ratification of the emergency approval of agreement with Landscape Interactions. (This consensus was circulated on 3/10/2023).*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2023-RES-025 BIA ARPA Housing Improvement Plan grant submittal.*

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

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Gonsalves to accept and approve 2023-RES-026 San Manual Cares Inspiring Our Future through Education grant submittal.*

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

*Motion passed.*

#### Meeting Dates

Discussed.

#### Executive Orders

Base Motion: *Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to rescind executive orders 2023-001 and 2023-002 for the orders are not authorized by Tribal Council and are deemed unconstitutional.*

Amendment- *Motion made by Councilwoman Pocknett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to take out “deemed unconstitutional”*

*All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Treasurer Foster, Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Weeden*

*All those opposed: Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Foster to lay on the table until after executive discussion*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Treasurer Foster*

*All those opposed: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Brown*

*Motion failed.*

Final Motion: *Motion to rescind executive orders 2023-001 and 2023-002 for the orders are not authorized by Tribal Council*

*All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown*

*All those abstained: Councilwoman Pocknett*

*All those opposed: Councilman Weeden, Treasurer Foster*

*Motion passed.*

#### Tribal Court

*Motion made by Treasurer Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Brown to transfer the OVC program under Tribal Police*

*All those in favor: unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

#### Liaison Appointments

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Weeden to amend 2011-RES-045 at the next Regular scheduled Tribal Council Meeting.*

*All those in favor: unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

#### Maushop House Approval

*Discussed.*

WLRP School Transition

*Discussed.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Certification Signatory

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Pocknett to accept and approve 2023-RES-027 approving authorization of Recording Secretary in the absence of the Tribal Council Secretary*

*All those in favor: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Pocknett, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Greendeer, Councilwoman Brown*

*All those recused: Treasurer Foster*

*Motion passed.*

**Adjournment**

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to adjourn the special meeting of March 15, 2023 at 8: 22p.m*

*All those in favor: unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cassie D. Jackson*

MWTC Secretary