



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649
Friday, April 8, 2022 – 8:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes
(Approved 4/13/2022)**

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 10:04a.m.
MWTC Regular session began at 10:04a.m.
MWTC Regular session recessed at 12:19p.m.
MWTC Regular session reconvened at 2:07p.m.
Entered into executive session at 3:43p.m.
Exited executive session at 4:25p.m.
MWTC Regular session adjourned at 4:30p.m.

Members in attendance:

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant, Councilman David Weeden.
Unexcused Absence: Treasurer Marie Stone
Guests: Rebekah Salguero
Quorum (10)

Opening Prayer

Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham

Commencement

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to commence the regular meeting at 10:04a.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and approve the meeting agenda of April 8, 2022.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of 4/6/22

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the meeting minutes of 4/6/2022 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant, Councilman Weeden

Appointments / Resignations

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the resignation of Roxanne Mills Brown from the Land Use Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve the appointment of Cori Didabo to the Land Use Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Planning Update

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2022-RES-018 Approving Tribal Organizational Chart as discussed.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Note: The comptroller to be equal to TA, finance report directly to Comptroller, the Treasurer directly communicates with Comptroller, until the Homeland Security ordinance (2016-ORD-004) is reviewed and revised, Chairman/designee will be in place of Homeland Security.

Liaisons-Committees/Commissions

Community Development Corporation

Motion made by Councilman Tobey 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept the appointment of Councilman Nelson Andrews as Shareholder Representative to the MWT CDC.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant

All those recused: Councilman Andrews

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Enrollment Committee

Motion made by Councilman Tobey 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to appoint Councilman Tiexeira as the MWT Enrollment Liaison.

All in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those recused: Councilman Tiexeira

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Elders Committee

No Change - Vice Chairman Hendricks will remain as liaison.

Elders Judiciary

No Change – Councilwoman Johnson Graham will remain as liaison

Election Committee

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Andrews to appoint Councilwoman Avant as co liaison along with Councilwoman Gonsalves to the Election Committee.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden

All those recuses: Councilwoman Avant

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Education

Motion made by Vice Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to appoint of Vice Chairman Hendricks and Councilman Andrews as co liaisons to the MWT Education Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Ethics Committee (Working Group)

No Change – Councilwoman Gonsalves will remain as liaison to the committee

Natural Resources Commission

No Change-Vice Chairman will remain as liaison to the Commission

Tribal Health

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Andrews to appoint Councilman Tiexeira as co liaison along with Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to the Tribal Health Committee.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant

All those recused: Councilman Tiexeira

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Housing Commission

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to appoint Councilman Tiexeira as co liaison to the MWT Housing Commission along with Councilman Weeden.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Andrews Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant.

All those recused: Councilman Tiexeira

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Appointment of Language Director

Motion made by Councilman Andrews 2nd by Councilman Tobey to appointment of Dr. Nitana Hicks-Greendeer as the acting Director for Language Department.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Language

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to appoint Secretary Jackson as liaison to the Language Committee.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those recused: Secretary Jackson

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Tribal Historical Preservation Commission

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to appoint Vice Chairman Hendricks as Tribal Historical Preservation Commission liaison.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Yvonne Avant

All those recused: Vice Chairman Hendricks

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Note: Includes Museum and Old Indian Meeting House

Mittark Committee

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to appoint Secretary Jackson as liaison to MWT Mittark Committee.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant

All those recused: Secretary Jackson

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Public Safety

No Change – Vice Chairman Hendricks and Councilman Tobey will remain as co liaisons.

Youth Council

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to appoint Secretary Jackson and Councilman Nelson Andrews as co liaison to MWT Youth Council.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant

All those Recused: Secretary Jackson, Councilman Andrews

All those not voting: Councilman Tobey

All those not present Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Youth Cultural Committee

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to appoint Councilman Weeden to be liaison to Youth Cultural

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Avant

All those Recused: Councilman Weeden.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Powwow Committee

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2nd Councilman Andrews to appoint Councilman Weeden to be co-liaison along with Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to Powwow Committee

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Avant

All those recused: Councilman Weeden

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Ball Committee

Motion to appoint Councilwoman Avant and Councilwoman Johnson-Graham as co-liaisons to MWT Ball Committee.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden,

All those recused: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilwoman Avant

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

TCC

To be included with Tribal Health

TERO

No Change – Councilwoman Gonsalves will remain the liaison

MWTC Recess

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to recess MWTC Regular scheduled meeting on 4/8/2022 at 12:19p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

MWTC Session Reconvened

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to Reconvene MWTC Regular meeting @ 2:07p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Housing Shelter Transition

Base motion: Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Councilman Andrews to give Housing Commissioner Robyn Tobey a waiver to do the assessment of the homeless shelter program.

Amended Motion: Motion made by Councilman Tobey 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to amend the previous motion to include a contingency stating upon the TA recommending Robyn's Resources

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Final Motion: Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Councilman Andrews to give Housing Commissioner Robyn Tobey a waiver to do the assessment of the homeless shelter program contingent upon the TA recommending Robyn's Resources.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Note: Contract Homeless worker through- Housing funding and ARPA if needed.

Selectmen's Joint Meeting Agenda – 5/16/2022

Discussed.

Membership Distributions

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham for the proposed tribal disbursement plan of \$1750 for adults and \$750.00 for ages 0-17 contingent upon what is available of ARPA funds.

All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Andrews, Councilwoman Avant, Councilwoman Gonsalves

All those abstained: Councilman Weeden

Motion passed.

Note: Follow up with Rita Lopez, Finance, Tom Friend & Rebekah Salguero

Executive Session

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to enter into executive session at 3:43p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present

Motion passed.

Exited executive session at 4:25p.m.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to approve 2022-RES-017 Approving Signatory Authority in the Absence of the Treasurer of the Tribe.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to suspend Treasurer Marie Stone without pay for two weeks upon further review for conduct unbecoming.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilwoman Avant

All those recuse: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

All those opposed: Councilman Tobey

Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to adjourn the regular meeting at 4:30p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary