



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
EMERGENCY TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649
Thursday June 2, 2022-6:00p.m.-8:30p.m.
Also available via zoom**

**Meeting Minutes
(Approved 6/22/22)**

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Emergency Tribal Council Meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:32p.m.

Emergency session began at 6:32p.m.

Entered into executive session at 7:29p.m.

Exited executive session at 7:46p.m.

Emergency session adjourned at 7:47p.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 (left at 7:32p.m.), Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant(7:01p.m.), Councilman David Weeden(6:51p.m.).

Absent: Treasurer Marie Stone

Guests: Rebekah Salguero, Jeff Loeb

Quorum (10)

Opening Prayer

Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Commencement

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to commence the Emergency Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council meeting on June 2, 2022 at 6:32p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Avant, 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 Emergency meeting agenda of June 2, 2022.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Avant, Councilman Weeden

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Talia Landry, David Pocknett, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Chairman Weeden, Councilman Tobey

NEW BUSINESS

Engagement Letter Approval-REDW

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to approve 2022-RES-033 Approval of Proposal with REDW for support for Audit services with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Avant, Councilman Weeden

Motion passed.

Article VIII Section 2B Expulsion

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Secretary Jackson for Councilman Tobey be recused from conversation in open session regarding Article VIII section 2B.

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

All those abstained: Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those not present: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Motion passed.

**Note: 2017-ORD-007 Amended and Restated Meetings of the Tribal Council-Conflict of Interest Disqualification Section (4)(n)(2)*

Stated Grounds for Removal-Malfeasance:

For the wrongful act which the actor has no legal right to do, or any wrongful conduct which affects, interrupts, or interferes with performance of official duty, or an act for which there is no authority or warranty of law or which a person ought not to do at all, or the unjust performance of some act, which party performing it has no right, or has contracted not to do.

This wrongful act and conduct being the following acts:

1. Transmittal of E-Mail Correspondence dated March 30, 2022 sent to David Greendeer, Brian Weeden, Rebekah Salguero with courtesy copy to Rita Lopez with subject "Treasurer Resignation: Weekly GL/Check Register/ARPA Report" resulting in two-week suspension without pay for conduct unbecoming a Treasurer, see Attachment 1;
2. Unauthorized use of Tribal American Express on the following dates, see Attachment 2:
 - a. 10/5/21; 10/26/21; 11/19/21; 1/14/22; 1/16/22; 2/24/22; 3/2/22; 3/5/22; 3/7/22; 3/16/22; 3/19/22; 3/23/22;
3. Communications with tax consultant, Sara Roberts of Lee & Company, in October 2021, causing them to terminate relationship with the Tribe and resulting in verbal reprimand by the Tribal Council Chairman, see Attachment 3;
4. Treatment of Tribal staff and employees, See Attachment 4:
 - a. Denise Hathaway complaint
 - b. Imani Frye complaint
 - c. Kayla Gomes complaint.
 - d. Finance Department complaint
5. Abandonment of duties

Stated Grounds for Removal-Nonfeasance:

For the nonperformance of some act which ought to be performed, omission to perform a required duty at all, or total neglect of duty

This nonperformance being:

1. Failure to submit annual reporting for The Mashpee Wampanoag Village Limited Partnership year 2019 and 2020;
2. Failure to submit tax returns for The Mashpee Wampanoag Village Limited Partnership year 2020;
3. Failure to execute payment for Tribal member TERA payments;

4. Failure to submit reporting for ARPA funding;
5. Failure to report to Tribal Council meetings without adequate prior notification and approval - 4/6/22 and 4/8/22.
6. Abandonment of duties

Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to move forward with article VIII section 2b based on the grounds of malfeasance and nonfeasance for Treasurer Stone to be scheduled for June 22, 2022 @ 5:30p.m.

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

All those recused: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilman Tobey

Motion passed.

Executive

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to enter into executive session at 7:29p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Litigation Update

Discussed.

Exited executive session at 7:46p.m.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to adjourn the meeting at 7:47p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary