



**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 June 22, 2022-6:00p.m.-8:30p.m.
Also available via zoom**

Meeting Minutes

(Approved 7/6/22)

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 5:41p.m.

Regular session began at 5:41p.m.

Meeting extended to 8:30p.m.

Entered into executive session at 6:42p.m.

Exited executive session at 7:47p.m.

Entered into executive session at 7:51p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:26p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 8:29p.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.

Absent: Treasurer Marie Stone

Guests: Rebekah Salguero, Jeff Loeb

Quorum (10)

Opening Prayer

Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Commencement

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2nd by Councilman Weeden to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 5:41pm.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

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 6-22-2022 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Note: Add Waiver for Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to executive session.

Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular meeting minutes of 5-11- 2022 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all those present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting minutes of 6-2-2022 with edits.

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

All those abstained: Councilman Tobey.

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Rosalie Newcomb, Sonya Thornton, Lisa Windsor, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Johnson-Graham,

Appointments/Resignations

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the appointment of Allison Gonsalves to the Powwow Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the appointment of Jade Galvin to the Powwow Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Votes/Ratifications

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to ratify the consensus vote circulate on June 21, 2022 to accept and approve financial assistance up to \$4000 for final arrangement for Tribal Elder T-001-48.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to ratify the consensus vote circulated on June 15, 2022 to accept and approve financial assistance up to \$4000 for final arrangement for M-001-33.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to ratify the consensus vote circulated on June 8, 2022 to accept and approve financial assistance up to \$4000 for final arrangement for W-001-73.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to extend Emergency Approval of 2022-RES-027 Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Government Code Of Conduct for another 30 days. Last extension was 5-11-2022.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2022-RES-034, ratification of the Approval of Proposal with REDW for support for Audit services (2022-RES-033) (REDW engagement letter for performing the fiscal year 2020 audit preparation services).
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the reconsideration of the following vote taken on May 11, 2022.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all those present.
Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the Language Department funding request in the amount of \$275,876.32 to cover the current gap in funding through the end of 2022-2023, in the event that they get funding from ANA this money will go back to ARPA funds.
(All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant. **All those opposed:** Councilman Tobey. **Motion passed.***

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Opioid Releases

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Andrews to accept and approve 2022-RES-035 Approval Of Tribal Opioid Settlement And Release With Opioid Distributors And Janssen/Johnson & Johnson
All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Tobey, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant.
All those abstained: Councilwoman Gonsalves.
Motion passed.*

Housing Department Update

Discussed.

Meeting Dates

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to call Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community Development Corporation Shareholder Representative meeting on 7/27/22 from 530-8p at the MWTCGC in the Tribal Chambers.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Executive

*Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2nd by Secretary Jackson to enter into executive session at 6:42p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Exited Executive Session at 7:47p.m.

Jackson/ Lewis Update (indictment & recent updates/civil action/RICO)

Tabled.

Legal Update-Aboriginal Rights/Haney v. MWT

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Gonsalves 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to deny the settlement communication received from Haney in regards to Punkhorn Point.
All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.*

*All those recused: Councilman Weeden
Motion passed.*

Hazpay

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to return FEMA reimbursement monies for Hazpay.

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

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd Councilman Tiexeira to begin corrective action to repay Hazpay in the amount of 25% of the overpayment for Regular Employees and 100% reimbursement for Tribal Council officers at the time.

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

All those recused: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilman Andrews

All those abstained: Councilwoman Avant

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to extend meeting to 8:30p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by _(None)_ 2nd by _(None)_ to enter into executive session at 7:51p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Exited executive session at 8:26p.m.

Seconsett Island Update

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to allocate up to \$3600 for Andrew Tarabelli to assist with bidding and securing the property which would come from ARPA/ Housing funding.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Waiver for Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Motion to allow a waiver for Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham for contract services with peer recovery up to \$25k for the remainder of the grant life.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.

All those opposed: Vice Chairman Hendricks

All those recused: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Motion passed.

Tribal Council Issues

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Vice Chairman Hendricks to move forward with article VIII section 2b based on the grounds of malfeasance and nonfeasance for Treasurer Stone as discussed during the 6/2/2022 MWTC Emergency meeting to be scheduled for July 6, 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.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 8:29p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary