



**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 August 17, 2022-5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.
Available via zoom**

Meeting Minutes

(Approved 9/7/22)

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr. called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 5:36p.m.

Regular session began at 5:36p.m.

Meeting Extended to 8:45p.m.

Entered into executive session at 8:11p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:45p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Members in attendance:

Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham (via zoom) left at 8:35p.m., Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilman Aaron Tobey (via zoom) left at 8:45p.m., Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr. (via zoom), Councilwoman Yvonne Avant, Councilman David Weeden.

Excused Absence: Chairman Brian Weeden

Guests: Amber Tubbs, Attorney Rebekah Salguero, Beverly Cotton-I.H.S, Dr. Vickie Claymore-I.H.S, Steven Knutson-DSGW Architects, Allan Bollinger-I.H.S

Quorum (9)

Opening Prayer

Councilman David Weeden

Commencement

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting at the MWT Community and Government Center Tribal Council Chambers and via zoom on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 5:36p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve meeting agenda of August 17, 2022.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to approve Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council regular meeting minutes of July 27, 2022 with edits.

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

All those abstained: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilman Weeden to approve Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting minutes of August 10, 2022 with edits.

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

All those abstained: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Sonya Thornton, Tre Edwards, Ryan Avant, Amy Peters

Appointments

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve the re-appointment of Rita Lopez to the Land Planning & Use Committee. Received 8/2/22

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to accept and approve the re-appointment of Jim Peters to the Land Planning & Use Committee. Received 8/15/22.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to lay agenda item on the table for Chester Soliz (Received 8/2/22) and William Banks (Received 8/3/22) appointment to the Land Planning & Use Committee

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

All those Opposed: Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Tobey

Motion passed.

Announcements

- Councilman Tiexeira has resigned as Liaison to the Enrollment Committee
- Councilman Tiexeira has been appointed as Liaison to the City of Taunton

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Votes/Ratifications

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2022-RES-043 Ratification of approval of Authorization to Approve Memorandum Of Understanding with Wópanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) Regarding The Transition Of The Weetumuw School. The vote was approved during the 8/10/2022 Emergency meeting.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2022-RES-044 Ratification of Approval Of Proposal For Legal Services From Dorsey & Whitney (Tax And Indian Law Services). Vote Approve during the 8/10/22 Emergency Meeting

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2022-RES-045 Ratification Of Approval Of U.S. Department Of Treasury Coronavirus Capital Project Funds Grant Program For Mashpee Wampanoag IT Support Program. The consensus vote was circulated approved on 8/11/2022.

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

All those abstained: Councilwoman Gonsalves.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to accept and approve financial assistance for tribal member M-001-31 funeral arrangements up to \$4,000. The consensus was circulated and approved on 8/4/22.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to accept and approve financial assistance for tribal member H-003-58 funeral arrangements up to \$4,000. The consensus was circulated and approved on 8/6/22.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Meeting Dates

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve 2022-RES-046 Approving 2022 Annual General Membership Calendar and Annual Tribal Council Regular Meeting Calendar with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Note: Revise January General Membership date

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd Councilman Tiexeira to schedule a joint meeting between to Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and GayHead on Saturday 9/24/22 located at Sea Crest Hotel.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Weeden to approve joint meeting between Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and Herring Pond on September 16, 2022 @ 5:00p-8:00p.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

I.H.S Planning Update / Approval

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Avant for I.H.S to move forward with Land Planning and Use committee to confirm where the building will be situated.

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

All those recused: Councilwoman Gonsalves

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2022-RES-047 Approval of Special Diabetes Program for Indians Grant Submittal.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Budget Review

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to lay the item on the table

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Seconsett Island Update

Discussed

Child & Family Ord

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the posting of the Notice and Synopsis of Proposed Ordinance Amendment titled 2022, ORD, 001, Amended and Restated Mashpee Wampanoag Child and Family Ordinance on August 18, 2022 for Public Comment.

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

All those not present: Councilman Tobey

Motion passed.

Motion to accept and approve the posting of the Notice of Public Hearing of Proposed Ordinance Amendment titled 2022, ORD, 001, Amended and Restated Mashpee Wampanoag Child and Family Ordinance on August 18, 2022 for Public Hearing to be held on September 6, 2022 at 6:30p-7:30p and presided by Councilwoman Yvonne Avant for Public Comment.

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

All those not present: Councilman Tobey

Motion passed.

Meeting Extension

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to extend meeting to 8:45p.m.

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

All those opposed: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham

All those not present: Councilman Tobey

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Amended Contract

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to approve 2022-RES-048 Approval of Amendment to Legal Services Agreement with Callahan, Barraco, Inman & Bonzagi P.C.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Gaming Commissioner Appointment /Contract Approval

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to Accept and Approve 2022-Res-049 Approval of Appointment of Rory Dilweg of Ocotillo Law & Policy Partners as Tribal Gaming Commission Chairman.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2022-Res-050 Approval of Engagement Letter with Rory Dilweg of Ocotillo Law & Policy Partners to Serve as Tribal Gaming Commission Chairman

All those in favor: Unanimous by all those present.

Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to go into executive session at 8:11p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Exited executive at 8:45p.m.

Enrollment Committee Follow Up

Discussed.

Litigation Update

Discussed.

Tribal Council Issues

Discussed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilman Weeden to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all those present.

All those not present: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham and Councilman Tobey.

Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Jackson
MWTC Secretary