



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
EMERGENCY TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649
Saturday, December 10, 2022-11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.
Available via zoom**

**Meeting Minutes
(Approved 1/11/2023)**

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks called to order the Emergency Tribal Council Meeting on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 11:14a.m.
Emergency session began at 11:14a.m.
Entered into executive session at 11:57a.m.
Exited executive session at 12:53p.m.
Emergency session adjourned at 12:57p.m.

Members in Attendance

Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilman Nelson Andrews, Jr., Councilman Aaron Tobey, Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant(11:40a.m.), Councilman David Weeden
Guests: Attorney Rebekah Salguero
Excused Absence: Chairman Brian Weeden; Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham
Quorum (8)

Opening Prayer

Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks

Commencement

Motion made by Councilman David Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Tiexeira to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Emergency meeting at 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649 and via zoom on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 11:14a.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Base Motion: Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve the meeting agenda of December 10, 2022.

Amended Motion: Motion made by Councilman Tobey 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to amend the agenda to include legal update in open session.

All those in favor: Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Tobey

All those opposed Secretary Jackson, Councilman Weeden.

All those not present: Councilwoman Avant.

Motion passed.

Final Motion: Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilman Tobey to accept and approve the agenda of December 10, 2022 including legal update in open session.

All those in favor Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Tobey

All those opposed: Secretary Jackson, Councilman Weeden.

All those not present: Councilwoman Avant

Motion passed.

Appointments and Resignations

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilman Weeden to accept and approve resignation of Rita Gonsalves from the Election Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

All those abstained: Councilwoman Gonsalves

All those not present: Councilwoman Avant.

Motion passed.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Plimouth Pautuxet Legal update

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Andrews to put Chairman Brian Weeden on administrative leave as Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and President of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Gaming Authority delegating all duties to the Vice Chairman without pay pending the outcome of the legal matter.

All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Councilman Weeden, Councilwoman Avant

All those opposed: Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Tobey

Motion failed.

Base Motion: Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2nd by Councilman Tobey to move forward with the Article VIII Vacancies and Removal of Tribal Officials; Section 2B which concludes Tribal Council shall by affirmative vote of 7 members of the Tribal Council expel a member of the Tribal Council from office on grounds of malfeasance.

Amend motion made by Councilman Tobey 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to give Chairman Weeden the option to resign at any time.

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

All those abstained: Councilman Weeden.

Motion passed.

Amended Motion: Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2nd by Councilman Tobey to include wrongful conduct which affects, interrupts or interferes with performance with officials duties based on the current charges of breaking at night and larceny over \$1000.00.

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

All those abstained: Councilman Weeden.

Motion passed.

Amended Motion: Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to amend the motion to include issuing the hearing notice to occur on January 11, 2023 and delegating the duties set forth in Tribal constitution for the Charmian to the Vice Chairman in his role of Chairperson of the Tribe and President to the Gaming Authority.

Final Motion: Motion made by Councilwoman Gonsalves 2nd by Councilman Tobey to give Chairman Brian Weeden a chance to resign at any time, issue a hearing notice to occur on January 11, 2023 for Article VIII- Vacancies and Removal of Tribal Officials; Section 2B which concludes Tribal Council shall by affirmative vote of seven members of the Tribal Council expel a member of the Tribal Council from office on grounds of malfeasance based on the wrongful conduct which affects, interrupts or interferes with performance with official duties based on the current charges of breaking and entering at night and larceny over \$1000, and delegate duties set forth in Tribal constitution for the Charmian to the Vice Chairman in his role of Chairperson of the Tribe and President to the Gaming Authority.

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

All those abstained: Councilman Weeden

Motion passed.

Executive Session

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to enter into executive session at 11:57a.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Exited executive session ended at 12:53p.m.

Enrollment Update

Discussed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to put Chairman Weeden on Administrative leave with pay ending January 11, 2023 or earlier.

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

All those opposed: Councilman Tobey.

Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to adjourn the meeting at 12:57p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary