



**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 April 6, 2022 – 5:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes
(Approved 4/8/22)**

Call to Order

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 5:40p.m.

Regular session began at 5:40p.m.

Entered into executive session at 6:45p.m.

Exited executive session at 7:58p.m.

Regular Session Extended to 8:15p.m.

Entered into executive session at 7:58p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:14p.m.

Regular session extended to 8:30p.m.

Entered into executive session at 8:14

Exited executive session at 8:28p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 8:31 p.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: Paul Kelly, Rebekah Salguero, Heather Sibbison

Quorum (10)

Opening Prayer

Vice Chairman Hendricks

Commencement

Motion made by Councilman Andrews 2nd by Secretary Jackson to commence the regular meeting at 5:40p.m.

All those in favor: unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve the meeting agenda of April 6, 2022.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of 3/2/22

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve the meeting minutes of 3/2/2022 with edits.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of 3/21/22

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the meeting minutes of 3/21/2022.

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

All those abstained: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Councilwoman Avant

Motion passed.

Public Comment

Karen Siegel, Dr. Edward Avant, Nancy Rose, Danisha Tobey

Appointments / Resignations

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve the resignation of Vernon Lopez as the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Chief effective 6/6/2022.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve the resignation of Emily Rosignol from the Housing Commission.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve Marcy Hendricks to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Powwow Committee.

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

All those opposed: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant

All those abstained: Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden

Motion failed.

Motion made by Councilman Tobey 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve Angela Marcellino to the Land Use Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to remove Winona Hendricks from the Enrollment Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve Vernon Pocknett to the Enrollment Committee.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve Carla Riley to the Powwow Committee.

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

All those recused: Secretary Jackson

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve Russell Peters 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 accept and approve 2022-RES-013 Ratification of Acknowledgement of Citizen Participation in Compliance with HUD Notice Pih-2021-22.

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

All those Abstained: Councilwoman Avant

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve 2022-RES-014 Ratification of Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant from Department of Health and Human Services.

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

All those abstained: Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilwoman Avant

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve 2022-RES-015 Ratification of Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Callahan, Barraco, Inman & Bonzagi P.C.

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

All those abstained: Councilwoman Avant

Motion passed.

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve 2022-RES-016 Ratification of Approval of Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration ARPA Indigenous Communities Funding.

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

All those abstained: Councilwoman Avant.

Motion passed.

NDA Follow Up

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to lay NDA follow up on the table.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Planning Update

Discussed.

Executive Session

Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to enter into executive session at 6:45p.m.

All those in favor: unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Note: Recorders to always remain on during executive session unless otherwise stated.

Exited executive session at 7:58p.m.

Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Councilwoman Gonsalves to extend the meeting to 8:15p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Avant 2nd by Secretary Jackson to enter into executive session at 7:58p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

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Motion made by Councilman Tobey 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to extend the meeting to 8:30p.m.

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Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Tobey 2nd by Councilwoman Avant to enter into executive session at 8:14p.m.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

Exited executive session at 8:28p.m.

Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2nd by Councilman Tiexeira to send a certified letter to former MWTC Treasurer Gordon Harris requesting the password information for the Tribes donation account with PayPal. Failure to do so shall result in legal actions in tribal court.

All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.

Motion passed.

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2nd by Secretary Jackson to send a certified letter MWTC Treasurer Marie Stone requesting the intent of resignation email dated 3/30/2022 at 4:01p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Adjournment

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2nd by Secretary Jackson to adjourn the Emergency meeting at 8:31p.m.
All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.
Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie D. Jackson

MWTC Secretary