Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Regular Council Meeting
February 18, 2026
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 pm

Roll Call: Dionne Brady-Howard (Yeidikook'áa), Alana Peterson (Gah Kith Tin), Martha Moses (Lxe'is), Louise Brady (Kh'asheechtlaa), Lillian Feldpausch (Jix'dul sāān), Steve Johnson (Ixt' Ik'Eesh), Gary Puletau-Lang (Naa Koo X´eil), Rhonda Stiles (Naat S'ee), Lawrence Widmark (Yaanaxhnahóo)

M/S SJ/MM to approve the agenda **Q. MC UVV**

Government-to-Government and Agency Reports – Absent: CBS, SSD, UAS, SEARHC

1. US Forrest Service, Marty Beckner and Rianna Wood – the remote admin site maintenance bids are in one of which is replacing 1st and 2nd Indian River foot bridge this summer. On February 25th there is a meeting with CRC to have interpretive signage for the new Harbor Mountain Cabin. April 27th there is the Forrest plan revision which is a community event. Also, the week of April 12th the Coast Guard, Air Force, National Guard and local Search and Rescue will be doing scenario training on North Beach again. USGS has asked for a 10-year extension for the monitor that they have on Harbor Mountain. Rebecca Peterman will be the active ranger starting Monday for the next 4 months.
2. National Park Service, Zackary Jones – Made some minor updated to its compendium to include removing some COVID language, adding language about commercial photography and prohibiting drone use. Visitor use management plan; the permits are usually available 2 years in advance but since we are going to repave the parking lot we will only be offering 1 year in advance until that is completed. Would like the community to share any historical documentation for the Russian Bishops House, specifically the use of the Chapel.

Special Orders - None

Tribal Citizens/Persons to be heard

Harvey Kitka: Thanked the staff and Tribal Council for working so hard to get the Kaagwaantaan Hats back. Also wanted to honor Jeff Feldpausch with a vest for working so hard to ensure the hats made it back home.

Lauren Bell: Inviting all to the first ever State of the Sound event that is being cohosted with RPD, it is free and would love for all to attend and see the different things that are happening in and around the waters of Southeast Alaska.

Introduction of new staff

AmyJo Sparrowgrove, Tribal Court Administrator
Quinn Barclay, Administrative Assistant II
Nathan Kramer, Tourism Manager
Jenna Littlefield, Cultural Instructor II

General Manager Report

- General Manager's search firm has been chosen, People AK, they are Anchorage based
- Council trainings, March 17th will be the Appellate code, councils and judicial duties and sovereign immunity waiver training with Dianna Bob
- SE Alaska Round Table April 15th and 16th
- $500 donation to Kake School District for the Dwayne Davies Basketball Tournament
- Switching from Google to Microsoft Office 365 in late spring, there are many trainings that are recommended for council to participate.

Council Reports

Martha Moses: Schoolboard starts out the meetings by acknowledging the achievements of the students. Cutting the legislative fly in for the students and had remember that SNEP used to have Johnson Omally funds that would take a group of students over for the legislation. Would like to know if when Officers go if a youth representative could be added with the Johnson Omally funds. March meeting with be at the Naa Kahidi. Gary will be attending the SNEP Parent Advisory Committee.
Lillian Feldpausch: City Assembly had discussions and recommendations on Lincoln Street closures and the code changes for the cruise ship docks
Rhonda Stiles: Will be attending a governance training provided by the SEARHC board, so she will be out all next week
Gary Puletau-Lang: February 28th is the first Transboundary meeting, going over the mining and water issues, vice chair and president positions to be filled and what on in the legal front of the organization and what direction the are going in with staff.

M/S SJ/RS to approve the consent agenda Q. MC UVV

1. Tribal Council Minutes
    a. January 21, 2026
    b. February 4, 2026

2. Committee Meeting Minutes
    a. Education (December 10, 2025)
    b. Enrollment (January 14, 2026)
    c. Finance (January 20, 2026, February 3, 2026)
    d. Governance January 5, 2026)
    e. Health and Human Services (November 21, 2025, December 19, 2025)
    f. Kayaani (November 24, 2025)
    g. Natural Resources (December 18, 2025)
3. Reports
    a. BIHA Monthly Report

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. **M/S LF/RS** to accept the Scholarship Ordinance on second reading, with the proposed edits **Q. Roll Call Vote: _7_ in Favor, _2_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. Motion Carried by RCV**

2. **M/S RS/LF** to approve Enrollment Resolutions 2026-016 thru 2026-026 **Q. Roll Call Vote: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. Motion Carried by RCV**

3. **M/S LF/MM** to approve the amended Administrative Priorities as presented **Q. MC UVV**

4. **M/S AP/MM** to appoint Bob Sam to the Kayaani Commission **Q. MC UVV**

5. **M/S LF/AP** to approve the Invasive Plant Management Plan **Q. MC UVV**

6. **M/S RS/SJ** to appoint Gary Puletau-Lang to the Natural Resources Committee **Q. MC UVV**

7. **M/S LF/RS** to approve 4th Quarter Financials **Q. MC UVV**

8. **M/S LF/MM** to suspend further design work for the Bus Maintenance Facility at the proposed site and initiate an evaluation of alternative sites and approaches **Q. Roll Call Vote: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. Motion Carried by RCV**

9. **M/S LF/MM** to authorize staff to expand the architectural design scope for the RPD/Healing House to include a two-building option at 429 and 458 Katlian Street **Q. Roll Call Vote: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. Motion Carried by RCV**

10. **M/S LF/MM** to authorize the use of available grant or capital funds to engage a 105(l) consultant and architectural firm to evaluate the feasibility of rehabilitating or replacing the Tribal Educational Center in coordination with the RPD capital project **Q. Roll Call Vote: _9_ in Favor, _0_ Against, _0_ Absent, _0_ Abstain. Motion Carried by RCV**

Good of the Order

Rhonda: poverty levels have changed for some programs

M/S MM/LF to suspend the rules **Q. MC UVV**

M/S MM/LF to send letters thanking the State Department of Education & Early Development, each Legislative committee that held hearings and the Legislators that came to visit for taking action to take a look into the situation at Mt. Edgecumbe and also send a letter to the next level as far as funding what is needed to help Mt. Edgecumbe **Q. MC UVV**

FYI

Meeting at a glance
Sitka Tribe of Alaska's Five-Year Strategic Plan

M/S SJ/RS to adjourn at 7:39 pm Q. MC UVV

Recorded by: Carley Snyder

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Martha Moses, Tribal Secretary