Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2026

I. **Roll Call:** Dionne Brady-Howard (Yeidikook'áa), Alana Peterson (Gah Kith Tin), Martha Moses (Lxe'is), Louise Brady (X̲'asheech Tláa) *(Excused)*, 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)

II. **Staff Present:** Rob Allen, Anne Davis, Katie Turner, Hillary Nutting, Daniel Kilkeary

III. Meeting called to order at **6:30pm**

IV. **M/S LF/MM** to approve the agenda as amended. **Q. MC UVV**
   1. **M/S RS/LF** to Remove #12 in New Business **MC UVV**

V. **Government-to-Government and Agency Reports**
   a. City and Borough of Sitka
   b. U.S Forest Service
      i. Moving forward with bridge replacements – Kaasda Héen Trail
      ii. Redoubt operations moving forward – Partnering with STA
   c. National Park Service
      i. Hydrology report in final draft – copy to be shared with Council
   d. Sitka School District
   e. University of AK
   f. SEARHC

VI. **Special Orders (any recognition)** – None

VII. **Tribal Citizens/Persons to be heard** – None

VIII. **Introduction of new staff**

   1. Daniel Kilkeary, Finance Clerk

IX. **General Manager Report**

1. PeopleAK General Manager search ongoing
2. Capital Projects - RFP out, Due May 6th
3. Self-Gov – 105L Sessions, Positive outlooks on potential

X. **Council Reports**

1. BIHA - 4-plex to be occupied Spring/Summer

XI. **M/S LF/MM** to approve the Consent Agenda **Q. MC UVV**

1. Tribal Council Minutes
    a) March 18, 2026
2. Committee Meeting Minutes
    a) Cultural Resources (February 25, 2026)
    b) Education (February 28, 2026)
    c) Enrollment (March 10, 2026)
    d) Finance (March 17, 2026)
    e) Health and Human Services (February 20, 2026)
    f) Kayaaní (February 23, 2026)

XII. **Unfinished Business**

1. **M/S LF/RS** Ratify the March 19, 2026, Phone Poll to appoint a Pro-Tem Judge **Q. MC UVV**
2. **M/S RS/LF** Ratify the March 26, 2026, Phone Poll to approve the letter to the GSA stating the Tribe's concerns regarding the proposed anti-DEI certification requirement for all federal funding recipients **Q. MC UVV**
3. **M/S RS/SJ** Approve the Employee Handbook **Q. MC UVV**
(Recommended do pass by the Governance Committee on April 3, 2026)

XIII. **New Business**

1. **M/S MM/RS** to recommend X̲'eis'awáa Tanoow the U.S Forrest Service for the new cabin located on Harbor Mountain **Q. MC UVV**
(Recommended do pass by the Cultural Resources Committee on February 25, 2026)
2. **M/S RS/LF** to approve the revisions to the Election Ordinance, second reading **Q. MC UVV**

(Recommended do pass by the Governance Committee on March 9, 2026)

3. M/S **MM/SJ** Approve NRC recommendation to request consultation with the Department of Interior (DOI) on the Federal Subsistence Program Review **Q. MC UVV**
   (Recommended do pass by the Natural Resources Committee on March 19, 2026)

4. M/S **LF/SJ** Approve NRC Consultation Request Regarding Commercial Leasing of Outer Continental Shelf for Minerals Extraction, **Motion rescinded LF/SJ**
   (Recommended do pass by the Natural Resources Committee on March 19, 2026)

5. M/S **LF/RS** Approve NRC comments to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lease **Q. MC UVV**
   (Recommended do pass by the Natural Resources Committee on March 19, 2026)

6. M/S **MM/RS** Approve Class Suggestion Letter to UAS with amendments **Q. MC UVV**
   (Recommended do pass by the Education Committee on March 27, 2026)

7. M/S **LF/RS** Approve Resolution 2026-047 authorizing Tribal staff to apply for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Adult Drug Court grant to fund Sitka Tribe's Healing to Wellness Court **Q. MC UVV**
   (Recommended do pass by the Finance Committee on March 31, 2026)

8. M/S **RS/LF** Approve the amended Code of Conduct, first reading **Q. MC UVV**
   (Recommended do pass by the Governance Committee on April 3, 2026)

9. M/S **RS/LF** Approve Enrollment Resolutions 2026-035 thru 2026-046 **Q. MC UVV**
   (Recommended do pass by the Enrollment Committee on April 7, 2026)

10. M/S **LF/RS** Approve Resolution 2026-048 authorizing Tribal staff apply to the FY 2026 NATIVE Act Grant **Q. MC UVV**
    (Recommended do pass by the Finance Committee on April 14, 2026)

11. M/S **RS/LF** Approve Resolution 2026-049 authorizing a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for purposes of the NAAF grant application **Q. MC UVV**
    (Recommended do pass by the Finance Committee on April 14, 2026)

XIV. Good of the Order - None

XV. FYI

XVI. Executive Session as needed - None

XVII. **M/S LF/MM** move to adjourn at **7:30pm Q. MC UVV**

Recorded by: Katie Turner

Martha Moses, Tribal Secretary