Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2026

I. **Roll Call:** Dionne Brady-Howard (Yeidikook'áa), Alana Peterson (Gah Kith Tin), Martha Moses (Lxe'is), Louise Brady (X̲'asheech Tláa), 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, Annika Krafkic, Naomi Paulsen, Katie Turner, Hillary Nutting, Rachel Hartman

III. Meeting called to order at **6:32pm**

IV. **M/S RS/LB** to approve the agenda as amended. **Q. MC UVV**

V. **Government-to-Government and Agency Reports**

a. City and Borough of Sitka
b. U.S Forest Service
c. National Park Service - Zach Jones, *NPS*
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. **General Manager Report**

1. PeopleAK General Manager search ongoing

IX. **Council Reports**

1. Genealogy - Dr. Michael Livingston
    i. MM requested to bring Dr. Livingston back for education purposes
2. National Housing Conference: MM &LF
    i. BIHA and STA build better dual presence in all legislative priority efforts
3. Spruce Root: AP
    i. ICE Bystander training - Hosted by STA

X. **M/S LB/RS** to approve the Consent Agenda **Q. MC UVV**

1. Tribal Council Minutes

a) April 15, 2026
b) May 6, 2026

2. Committee Meeting Minutes
    a) Ad-Hoc Tourism (January 19, February 13, March 23, 2026)
    b) Cultural Resources Committee (March 25, 2026)
    c) Education Committee (March 25, 2026)
    d) Enrollment Committee (April 7, 2026)
    e) Finance (March 31, 2026)
    f) Finance (April 14, 2026)
    g) Kayaani Commission (March 30, 2026)
    h) Natural Resources (February 19, 2026)
    i) Natural Resources (March 19, 2026)
    j) Transportation (March 12, 2026)

XI. **Unfinished Business**

XII. **New Business**

1. **M/S RS/LB** to approve the Election Ordinance, third Reading **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **Motion Carried by RCV**

2. **M/S MM/RS** to appoint Tammy Young to the Kayaani Commission **Q. MC UVV**
(Recommended do pass by the Kayaani Commission on April 20, 2026)

3. **M/S RS/LF** Accept the Code of Conduct, second reading **Roll Call Vote**: _8_ in Favor, _1_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **Motion Carried by RCV**
4. **M/S RS/MM** to provide Dr. Raimondi a letter of support for the Herring Spawning Substrate Research **Q. MC UVV**
(Recommended do pass by the Natural Resource Committee on April 16, 2026)

5. **M/S RS/LB** Support a social science component of AWF's research **Q. MC UVV**
(Recommended do pass by the Natural Resource Committee on April 16, 2026)

6. **M/S RS/LF** Approve Enrollment Resolutions 2026-050 thru 2026-053 **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **Motion Carried by RCV**

7. **M/S RS/MM** Approve CRC's recommendation to close consultation with the Forest Service, submit a request for repatriation and use FY 26 funds **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **Motion Carried by RCV**

8. **M/S RS/DBH** Approve CRC's recommendation that STA send a letter to the U.S Forest Service requesting that they repair or replace the stairs on the K̲unáa public easement Q**. MC UVV**
(Recommended do pass by the Cultural Resources Committee on March 25, 2026)

9. **M/S RS/LB** Approve the 2026 Budget Amendment increasing the approved budget from $25,599,817 to $27,522,284, for a total increase of $1,922,467, excluding Compact and

Enterprise funding sources **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **Motion Carried by RCV**

10. **M/S LB/RS** Accept the First Quarter 2026 Financial Review as presented by the Finance Department **Q. MC UVV**
    (Recommended do pass by the Finance Committee on May 19, 2026)

XIII. Executive Session as needed

1. **M/S RS/SS** to exit Executive Session at 8:57pm **Q. MC UVV**

2. **M/S DB/RS** motion to ratify votes in Executive Session **Q. MC UVV**

XIV. **M/S DB/MM** move to adjourn at **8:58pm Q. MC UVV**

Recorded by: Katie Turner

Martha Moses, Tribal Secretary