Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 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) *(Excused),* Gary Puletau-Lang (Naa Koo X´eil), Rhonda Stiles (Naat S'ee), Lawrence Widmark (Yaanaxhnahóo)

II. **Staff Present:** Anne Davis, Nadia Riley, Mary Ferguson, Meg Mielke

III. Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

IV. **M/S MM/AP** to approve the agenda as amended. **Q. MC UVV**

1. Omit: New Business Item #1 and #15
2. Add: New Business Item #17, #18, #19, and #20

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

a. City and Borough of Sitka - Reported
b. U.S Forest Service - Reported
c. National Park Service
d. Sitka School District
e. University of AK - Reported
f. SEARHC

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

VII. **Tribal Citizens/Persons to be heard**

1. Tammy Young, Recommend Council oppose the proposed Lincoln St. remodel

VIII. **Introduction of New Staff –** None

IX. **General Manager Report**

1. Discussion on federal funding and advocacy efforts and coordination with the Alliance of Sovereign Tribes of Southeast Alaska

X. **Council Reports**

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

1. Tribal Council Minutes
    a. August 19, 2026

2. Committee Meeting Minutes
    a. Ad-Hoc Tourism (June 29, 2026)
    b. Cultural Resources Committee (July 28, 2026)
    c. Education Committee (May 20, 2026)
    d. Enrollment Committee (July 7, 2026)
    e. Finance Committee (August 4, 2026)
    f. Health and Human Services (July 31, 2026)
    g. Judiciary Committee (June 13, 2025)
    h. Kayaani Commission Minutes (April 20, 2026) (June 29, 2026)
    i. Natural Resources Committee (July 16, 2026)

XII. **Unfinished Business –** None

XIII. **New Business**

1. **M/S AP/LF** to accept the Legislative Ordinance on the third reading **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

2. **M/S LB/LF** to accept the Tribal Judiciary Ordinance on the second reading **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

3. **M/S RS/LB** to approve the Division of Juvenile Justice MOU, **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

4. **M/S RS/LF** to approve Tribal Civil Diversion Agreement, **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

5. **M/S LB/LF** to approve Resolution 2026-095 Authorizing Sitka Tribe of Alaska to Enter into a Tribal Civil Diversion Agreement with the State of Alaska, **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

6. **M/S RS/LF** to designate Sheet'ka Kwaán Naa Kahidi Community House at 200 Katlian Street as one of the designated polling locations for the 2026 Tribal Council Election. **Q. MC UVV**

7. **M/S LF/MM** to approve the letter opposing the proposed rescission of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. **Q. MC UVV**

8. **M/S LF/RS** to approve Letter to Southeast Alaska Tribes and Corporations regarding Herring Egg Harvest in Sitka. **Q. MC UVV**

9. **M/S LB/MM** to recommend the Tribal appointed CBS Tourism Commissioner Oppose the proposed Lincoln St. closure. **Q. MC UVV**

10. **M/S RS/LF** to postpone recommending the Tribal appointed CBS Tourism Commissioner to (Support/Oppose) the proposed Lincoln St. remodel pending additional information **Q. MC UVV**

11. **M/S RS/MM** to extend the Ad-Hoc Tourism Committee until the end of March 2027 **Q. MC UVV**

12. **M/S MM/RS** to approve Resolution 2026-096 Authorizing Inclusion of Tribal Lands in Tlingit & Haida's Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Round 3 Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Application, **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

13. **M/S MM/AP** to approve Resolution 2026-097 - Human Services and Transportation Advisory Committee, **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

14. **M/S RS/LF** to approve Enrollment Resolutions 2026-084 thru 2026-092, **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

15. **M/S RS/AP** to approve Relinquishment Resolutions 2026-093 and 2026-094, **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

16. **M/S RS/AP** to approve Resolution 2026-099 to appoint Steven Johnson as the Primary Delegate and Bertrand Adams as the Alternate Delegate to the 2026 National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention and Marketplace, **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

17. **M/S LF/AP** to approve the following recommendations presented in the Compact Sustainability Plan Work Session:

a. Maintain a minimum $3 million unrestricted operating reserve and treat only amounts above that floor as potentially available for transition needs; and
b. Use 95% as the ordinance-based recurring allocation baseline and present the additional 5% as a separately identified Council decision each year. **Q. MC UVV**

18. **M/S LF/RS** to approve the amended 2026 Fiscal Timeline **Q. MC UVV**

19. **M/S AP/RS** to accept and authorize staff to submit the 2025 Audit to the Federal Clearing House, **Roll Call Vote**: _9_ in Favor, _0_Against, _0_Absent, _0_ Abstain. **MC RCV**

20. **M/S AP/RS** to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to update the Sitka Tribe of Alaska's authorized bank signatories, account administrators, treasury management access, corporate card administration, wealth management and trust services acquisition, and inquiry access at First National Bank of Alaska and Northrim Bank as presented to the Finance Committee as motions 1-9 in the September 15th meeting. **Q. MC UVV**

XIV. **M/S RS/AP** to enter Executive Session at 8:24pm **Q. MC UVV**

1. **M/S AP/LB** to exit Executive Session at 9:42pm **Q. MC UVV**
2. **M/S AP/LF** to ratify motions passed in Executive Session **Q. MC UVV**

XV. **M/S LF/MM** move to adjourn at 9:43pm **Q. MC UVV**

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Martha Moses, Tribal Secretary

Recorded by: Katie Turner