



**Tribal Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 5:00 PM**  
**PIA Conference Room**

PETERSBURG INDIAN ASSOCIATION  
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**I. Call to Order/Roll Call - Called to order by President Carol Martinez at 5:15 PM**

Present Council:

Carol Martinez, President  
Nathan Lopez, Vice President - Zoom  
Jaclyn Eide, Council Member  
Adam Ware, Council Member  
Jeanette Ness, Council Member  
Brandon Ware, Council Member

Excused: Heather Conn, Treasurer

Absent: None

Quorum: [X] Yes [ ] No

Present Staff: Jalyn Pomrenke, Tribal Administrator  
Hillary MacDonald, Finance Director

**II. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Approval of November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes
  - Brandon moved to approve, Adam seconded
    - a) Motion passed 5 - 0

**III. Amendments and Approval of Agenda**

- Add Ratify Email Vote for Election Judges
  - Jaclyn moved to approve amended agenda, Brandon seconded
    - a) Motion passed 5 - 0

**IV. Persons to be heard related to the Agenda**

- Debra O’Gara: Would like to know if there will be a bid for local artists to submit for. PIA Enterprises would like to have the minutes from their meetings posted on PIA’s website. They have not scheduled a public meeting yet, and should do it soon.

**V. Persons to be heard unrelated to the Agenda**

- Tracey Welch: Mt. Edgecomb Hospital has an RFP out for electricians, work is set to start in April. Healing Hands Director, Christine Worhl, has assistance for those who need help with medical expenses. SEARHC is interested in PIA’s parking lot to possibly build a medical building.
- Debra O’Gara: We have 3 outgoing Council Members. Thank you for all you’ve done. You have done a tremendous job. Thank you Jeanette for 41 years, Heather for 10 and Nathan for two years on the Council.
- Colyn Lyons: In the past, PIA has helped with snow removal of the sidewalks, why don’t we do that anymore?



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**VI. Reports**

- A. Finance - Hillary MacDonald
- B. IGAP - Brandon Thynes
- C. Facilities - Any Edfelt
- D. Housing - Leann Johnston
- E. Roads/TTP - Susan Harai
- F. ICWA/638 - Rachele Larson
- G. OVC - Annica Tomlinson
- H. TA Assistant - Stephanie Aikins
- I. Tribal Administrator - Jalyn Pomrenke
- J. Enterprise Report - Nathan Lopez
- K. SEARHC Report - Tracy Welch

**VII. Unfinished Business**

- A. Doug Chilton - We have preliminary drawings but would like full color versions for the Christmas party for vote. We would like to add a paddle workshop possibly from Wrangell to Juneau.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Approval of Resolution 25-19 to enter into a P.L. 93-638 Contract with the Department of the Interior for Continuation of Funding
  - a. Motion to approve: Jeanette, Brandon Seconded
    - i. Motion passed 5-0
- B. Approval of PL 93-638 A26AVXXXX FY26 Budget for Oct 1 2025-Jan 30 2026
  - o Motion to approve: Jaclyn, Jeanette Seconded;
    - Motion passed 5-0
- C. Discussion and possible approval of the most recent update to the PIA Employee Handbook
  - o Would like to have a work session
- D. Ratify Email Vote for Election Judges
  - o Motion to approve: Brandon, Adam Seconded
    - Motion passed 5-0

**IX. Comments from Council Members**

- o Jeanette: I was elected in 1984 after three years of Gertrude Lyons encouraging me to. Through the years, I've seen 11 Tribal Administrators. It took five years to finally get funding. We used skills to apply for patch grants that developed into IGAP. I was the JOM Chair in 1990, promoting Tlingit culture with kids. We had a Potlatch for all JOM programs in SE AK. It was a large event that continued to Seet Ka Kwaan dancers. We had a huge Roads team and Tribal Citizens who were employed. We were proud to be working on



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projects. We were also proud of the EP Building and gaining trust in the community. A lot of good and bad Council's came and went. Always working for the betterment of the tribe. Always considering more services for elders. I would love to see a focus on housing, especially low income. The Basic Needs Program is very valuable. These need to be made a priority. It has not been easy, especially with things like the totem poles and Landless, but we keep moving forward. And I am proud to be a voice for Tribal Citizens.

**X. Next Meeting**

- January 14, 2026; 5:15 PM - Canvassing Meeting
- January 21, 2026; 5:00 PM - Regular Council Meeting

**XI. Executive Session**

**XII. Adjourn**

- Brandon moved to adjourn at 6:31 PM, Nathan Seconded
  - Motion passed 5 - 0
- Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM

Minutes Approved by *Carol Mah* Date: 1/21/26

As Presented [ ] As Amended [ ]