



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval of Tribal Council Meeting Minutes)

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Secretary of the Tribal Council is responsible for keeping and maintaining minutes of all Council meetings; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article XIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the order of business requires a reading of the minutes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council Secretary requested for approval of the attached meeting minutes prepared from the Tribal Council meeting held on October 02, 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to approve the meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meeting held on October 02, 2019, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on October 02, 2019, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on DECEMBER 4, 2019 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against with ZERO abstaining by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood , Chairwoman

12/19/19  
Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

12/19/19  
Date



**White Mountain Apache Tribe**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 02, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.**  
**Hon Dah Conference Center – Whiteriver Room**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:11 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
- B. Prayer was offered by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey
- C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice-Chairman Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Alvin Declay, Ralph Thomas, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Everett Massey  
Attorneys: Kealoha Douma, Kim Cromwell
- D. Approval of Minutes: Motioned by, Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Kasey to approve minutes of July 3, 2019 as written. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.  
Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve minutes of September 12, 2019 with modifications as specified (Clarification of Council member name and correct spelling of an appointed election commission member.) Vote: 10-0-1 Motion passed.

**II. REPORTS:**

A. Attorneys Report:

Posthumous enrollment of infant: A.G. Kealoha Douma

Infant, Kai Yennik Skidmore, lived only a few days after birth. She was not yet enrolled but was eligible for tribal enrollment.

- Motioned by Vice Chairman Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve enrollment for Kai Yennik Skidmore. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passed.

1. Attorney Kealoha Douma reported on lobbying efforts with regard to the Rural Water System, the DOC Detention Center and Police Department and requests for additional funding. For the Rural Water System, the tribe asked for an extension for the date of enforceability. The extension is for two additional years. There are changes in design in the Rural Water System, and we have to make sure that we meet the deadline. The Bill is still pending in the Senate. Attorney Douma reported that SRP has been very supportive of the extension and has lobbied on behalf of the tribe and that the Chairwoman and SRP have talked with Sen. McSally about the extension. Other encouraging news received from McSally's office was regarding the tribe's detention facilities where WMAT was specifically mentioned in DOI's (Dept. of Interior) appropriations bill that was approved by the Senate Committee. Attorney Douma was hopeful this would help the DOI to prioritize the Tribe's detention facility above the requests from other tribes.

BIA Supt. Tuchawena has informed the tribe that Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Tara Sweeney will be in Albuquerque for NCAI and inviting tribes to meet with her. NCAI is October 22-24, in Albuquerque.

2. NPC Lease – Not presented. To be presented at a later date.

3. Enact 295 Education Code –

The ordinance was posted for ten days and no comments were received by the Council Secretary.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Travis Tessay to enact Ordinance 295. Vote: 10-0-1 Motion passed.

4. Enact Ordinance 297 – Probate Code

Ordinance 297 was posted for ten days and no comments were received by the Council Secretary.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha seconded by Vice Chairman Kasey to approve Probate Code. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.

5. Enact Ordinance 298 Rules of Criminal Procedure

Ordinance 298 was posted for ten days. There were no comments received by the Council Secretary.

- Motioned by Vice Chairman Kasey, seconded by Travis Tessay to approve enactment of Ordinance 298. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.

6. NCAI Renewal – 2019-2020 Approval

Vice Chairman Kasey recommended that along with renewing the Membership, to name principal tribal official Chairwoman Gwendena Lee Gatewood, and for Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey and Jerold Altaha also be named as delegates for the tribe. After much discussion, the Council voted on the following:

- Motioned by Vice Chairman Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve the NCAI Membership Renewal and Chairwoman Lee-Gatewood, Vice Chairman Kasey and Jerold Altaha as delegates. Vote: 9 – 1- 1 Motion passed.

Other: McNary Community Leadership: Gary Alchesay

The following McNary Community Board Members introduced themselves to the Council and spoke of some concerns that they face in the community.

Caroline Moody, Vickie Hinton, President, Queen C. Tortice, Secretary, Nada Celaya Treasurer

They asked for Council support and invited them to come to their monthly meetings. Some concerns were for the youth and elders, drug use by the young people and the selling of drugs in their community. The Chairwoman invited them to participate in the Four Directions Development Training to be held in October. She asked for their email address to email the applications.

B. Monthly Head Start Report – Director, Leola Larzelere

The Director was not in attendance at the meeting but submitted a detailed written report.

Vice Chairman Kasey expressed his concerns about the First Things First (FTF) Program opening up a Day Care for 3-4 year olds that he said hindered the Head Start Program. His concern was that it is an outside program and that the Head Start Program needed to be protected.

Councilman Tessay countered that by saying that FTF is for children that don't qualify for the Head Start Program. He also spoke of a program created by ABHS for preschool children for working parents but was uncertain about the specifics of the program.

A meeting will be set up to meet with First Things First. The Vice Chairman will send out information to the Council.

C: 2020 Renewal & Benefit Update Report – Jack Bender

Mr. Bender reported they will have lower insurance rates. He has received no large insurance claims. He compared \$160,000 claims received this year compared to \$1 million in past year. He hopes to get the fixed costs down also. He is not anticipating any increase to the rates or costs to the program. Cost should go down because fixed cost will go down. The contribution will stay the same as last year. Open enrollment is on Nov. 15. AFLAC program issues have been cleared up. There are tribal wide insurance products and hoped to have a quote next week to help with tribal burial costs. The chairwoman asked why pharmaceuticals are not included. Mr. Bender answered it was included in dental. The chairwoman asked that quarterly update reports be sent by email. Mr. Bender agreed to do that. A council member asked where the funding was coming from to fund the tribal-wide insurance for burial costs. Mr. Bended responded it comes from the tribe. He would present it to the Council to see how to fund it.

D. Boys / Girls Club Planning Report for Cibecue – Sundeigh Walker WMAHA  
Youth Services Group, Monalisa Gregg, Ginger Preston

There was a power point presentation and review of handouts. A schedule of meetings and activities was provided to the Council for the planning of the Boys and Girls Club in Cibecue. They hope to have the plans completed and that the first official day will be in the Spring of 2020. The Council commended the staff for their plans and efforts in making this a reality. Ms. Preston informed the council that there are plans to extend the program to McNary.

E. Outreach for Military Veterans – James Herrera, Recruitment Specialist

Mr. Herrera reported on the military veteran's difficulties transitioning back in to society after they are discharged from the military service. He stated there are very few programs that assist the veterans. The program can help with information on how to enroll in school through Yavapai College. He explained he was not a recruiter but here to give information on how the program assists the veterans who are honorably discharged and are low income and/or with disabilities. The Chairwoman offered him some information EPA Conference at Akchin Casino on Oct. 21-24, where most native tribes will be there.

~~F. Choice broadband Wireless Services – Tony Engram Conner~~  
Not presented. Presenter not in attendance.

~~G. Monthly Finance Report (Executive Session) – Deron Peaches~~

This item not presented. A special meeting will be scheduled for Financial Reports.

A. MOA Between DHP, WUSD# 20 for CHR Services – JT Nashio, Jessica Rudolfo

Ms. Nashio reported each year their staff go out and do annual screening in all elementary schools in District 20 and junior high and high school. That the screenings are usually done at beginning of year. When asked by a council member if this was approved by the school board she replied she had been working with the Superintendent's secretary. Ms. Nashio informed

the secretary they would get Council support at their next meeting and then go before the School Board for approval.

- Motioned by Alvin Declay seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve MOA with tribe and WRUD. Vote: 6-0-5 Motion passed.

B. Approving Partnership Agreement with Archeology Southwest, Desert Archeology Inc., and Archaeometry Laboratory at the Univ. of Missouri Research Reactor to Prevent, Detect and Respond to Cultural Resource Crimes- - John Welch

Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Kasey, to approve resolution authorizing the Tribal Chairwoman and in her absence the Vice Chairman to execute the Partnership and Sovereignty Protection Agreement by WMAT, Archeology Southwest, Desert Archeology, Inc. University of Missouri Reactor Laboratory in Collaboration with US BIA Western Regional Office to Prevent, Detect and Respond to Cultural Crimes Including Use of Forensic Sedimentology to Improve the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Responses to Cultural Resource Crime on WMAT Lands. Vote: 9-0-2 Motion passed.

C. Recognizing WMAT Native Software: Eric Kramer

Mr. Kramer reported the Council had supported this in past and that the resolution needs an update. They have recorded the Apache Language Dictionary and are hoping they will complete the editing and checking on the quality of the recordings within a year.

Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve resolution: Recognizing White Mountain Native Software as presented. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.

D. Approving Transition of Active Bacterial Surveillance to a Stand Alone Study Protocol to Address Invasive Diseases - Francene Larzelere

Motioned by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Travis Tessay to approve Active Bacterial Surveillance Resolution as presented. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.

E. Authorizing Publication of Certain Manuscripts by Johns Hopkins Personnel

Manuscripts: (1) Protecting Our Future Generation Study Protocol for and Randomized Controlled Trial Evaluation a Sexual Health Self-Care Intervention with Native American Youth and Young Adults. (2) Behavioral and Mental Health outcomes from an RCT of youth Entrepreneurship Intervention among Native American Adolescents.

- Motioned by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve resolution and publication of manuscripts as listed. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.

Motioned by Vice Chairman Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen for Executive Session. 2:00 P.M. Attorney Douma discussed Tribal Court issues with the Council. 2:22 P.M. end discussions.

F. Tribal Enrollment Applications / Relinquishments - Phoebe Nez.

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Travis Tessay to approve 31 applicants for tribal enrollment as presented. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.

Relinquishments:

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve relinquishment request of tribal enrollment of Christabell Aileen Altaha. Vote: 8-2-1

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve relinquishment request of tribal enrollment of Jacob O'Brian Quintero. Vote: 8-2-1 Motion passed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairwoman called for adjournment of meeting at 2:27 P.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary