



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving May 23, 2022 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes)

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**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 approval of the attached meeting minutes prepared from the Tribal Council meetings held on May 23, 2022, 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 meetings held on May 23, 2022, 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 briefs with supporting meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on May 23, 2022, 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 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 Chairman, or in his 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 JULY 6, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and ZERO abstentions 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).

Kasey B. Velasquez 7/8/22  
Kasey Velasquez, Tribal Chairman Date

Vaneysa Johnson 7/8/22  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Special Council Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

HonDah Conference Room

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M. by Chairman Velasquez
- B. Prayer was offered by Jerold Altaha
- C. Roll Call: Chairman Kasey Velasquez, Vice Chairman – Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Aubrey Aday, Annette Tenijieth, Gary Alchesay, Mariddie Craig, Verna Westover. Excused: Travis Tessay. Attorney's: KeAloha Douma, Kim Cromwell

### II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

~~A. Discussion – Organizational Chart~~

~~B. Discussion – Tribal Administrator Position~~

Chairman Velasquez requested that this be discussed next month and that the Tribal Council review the Organizational Chart and the Tribal Administrator Position.

### III. NEW BUSNISS

A. Introduction – KENEW, LLC

Councilman Gary Alchesay presented Project Manager from KENEW, LLC Construction Management. Bob Terry and Chad Hafstrom introduced themselves. Mr. Terry stated that he sits on the Executive Board for Construction in Indian Country and teach classes. Also on the Executive Board for American Indian Chamber of Commerce, he said they pride themselves because they give back to the community with their work. Mr. Terry said that Indian Country is attached with Arizona State University and has worked with them for the last couple of years. They have worked with San Carlos Housing Projects, Head Start facilities and the Game & Fish Department. Also with Navajo, Chinle, and Tuba City.

Chad Hafstrom moved from Minnesota to Ganado, Arizona in 1993. Mr. Hafstrom stated that just in Navajo alone he has worked with 150 million dollars. Also stated that he assisted in the Emergency Operations Center Building, Housing remodeling and together the two have 30 plus years in experience working with tribes in the United States. They also worked on the McNary School.

Milford Cosen informed the Tribal Council that a 12 million dollar grant for a new Daycare has just been sitting there; going into the 3rd year with nothing being done about it. He stated that the Federal Grant gives up to 3 years to do something with the money. Now that KENEW are here they are going to be working on it. Mr. Cosen said that the Federal Government can take the money back, if nothing is being done about it. Milford said another project is the Head Start and that it's layout is similar to the Daycare.



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Mr. Cosen said that Head Start does have conceptual drawings and cost estimates, there is a grant that they want to get and apply for next week. He stated that the tribe could save some money if KENEW help with the value engineering on the estimates before they apply for the grant. Chairman Velasquez requested that Milford take the information on the 12 million dollar grant to Attorney General's Office for review. Mr. Cosen requested that they get on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Westover said the DOC building is over looked and is so unsafe in her opinion; she suggested that they bring this concern up to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Councilman Altaha stated that we have to continue to push BIA because resolutions were passed and still nothing has been done. Councilman Beach said the DOC building is shifting and all these things should have been considered when it was being constructed. He suggested that a new building be built somewhere else, this can be brought up again and there is no can't, this can be done. Councilwoman Craig said a lawsuit is needed for this issue and we can't sit back.

- Councilwoman Mariddie Craig motioned to direct the Attorney General's Office for options to take legal action against the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency. Seconded by Councilman Jerold Altaha with a comment to add that other tribe's file litigation to up hold the sovereign laws of the Tribe.

Vote: 9-0-1. Motion passed.

- B. Division of Health – Jessica Rudolfo presented a resolution for approval. Authorizing the Division of Health Programs to Regulate Outpatient Behavioral Health Service Contracts on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

- Motion by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey

Vote: 9-0-1. Motion passed.

- C. Appointing Board Members, Committees and Commissioners

- Appointing Apache Behavioral Health Services (ABHS) Board

Judy Dehose

Jeralyn Brewer

Amy George

Elva Cosay

Vernon Palmer

Alternate: Theresa Larzelare

Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha.

Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.



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- Appointing Arizona Indian Gaming Association Board  
Kasey Velasquez  
Jerome Kasey III  
Arnold Beach  
Jerold Altaha  
Gary Alchesay  
Motion by Renaldo Dazen, seconded by Gary Alchesay.  
Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.
- Appointing Budget Committee Members  
Deron Peaches  
Lorene Billy  
Sandy Thompson  
Motion by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Renaldo Dazen.  
Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.
- Appointing Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board Members  
Robert Lacapa  
Cheryl Ethelbah  
Brenda Pusher  
Gloria Baha  
Redina Skidmore  
Motion by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey.  
Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.
- Appointing Cultural Advisory Board Members.  
Abner Tessay  
Ramon Riley  
Bernie Santamaria  
Victor Edwards  
Lincoln Sanchez  
Redina Skidmore  
Marian Patterson  
Ann Skidmore  
Bernice Caddo  
Rowena Cooya  
Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen.  
Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.



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- Appointing Fair & Rodeo Commissioners  
Shyanne Early-Duane  
Gary Hill  
Joel Hernandez  
Monte George  
Dallas Baha  
Darlea Maya  
Ricardo Velaquez  
Rose Kasey  
Marcia Antonio  
Renell Williams  
Motion by Renaldo Dazen, seconded by Aubrey Aday.  
Vote: 8-0-2. Motion passed.
- Appointing Gaming Commission  
Ronnie Peaches  
Cheyenne Burnette  
Berlinda Bones  
Mary Jo Phyle  
Colleen Faden  
Vino Burnette, Sr.  
Motion by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey.  
Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.
- Appointing Housing Board Members  
Joni Shipp  
Minda Nachu  
Roger Zospah  
Theodore Declay, Sr.  
William Hawkins  
Jacqueline Lupe  
Dewey Lupe  
Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen.  
Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.
- Appointing KNNB Board Members  
John Andreas  
Vaneysa Johnson  
Tylo Fall  
Jr. Early



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Elliot Kindelay

Motion by Annette Tenjieth, seconded by Verna Westover.

Vote: 7-0-3. Motion passed.

- Appointing Land Board Members

Adam Henry

Ricardo Velasquez

Elva (Lomayaktewa) Cosay

Dell White

Harry Stover

Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Gary Alchesay.

Vote: 9-0-0. Motion passed.

- Appointing Land Restoration Board Members

Judy Dehose

Marian Patterson

Randell Massey, Jr.

Kristy (Antonio) Gregg

Raymus Albert

Beverly Nastivar

Ida Rose Cosay

Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha.

Vote: 9-0-0. Motion passed.

- Appointing TERO Board Members

Ora Henry

Harpert Sanchez

Milford Cosen

Amy George

Vino Burnette, Sr.

Motion by Verna Westover, seconded by Renaldo Dazen.

Vote: 9-0-0. Motion passed.

- Appointing Scholarship Review Committee

Vangie Warwick

Crystal Declay

Herrisen Declay

Motion by Renaldo Dazen, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey.

Vote: 9-0-0. Motion passed.



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- Appointing School Board Members  
Riverside – Renaldo Dazen  
Sherman – Verna Westover  
Chemawa – Mariddie Craig  
Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen  
Vote: 9-0-0. Motion passed.
- Appointing Theodore Roosevelt School Board Members  
Crystal Declay  
Lorene Billy  
Amy George  
Cheyenne Burnette  
Alyandra Aday  
Regina Yazzie  
Alvena Bush  
Motion by Gary Alchesay, seconded by Renaldo Dazen.  
Vote: 6-0-3. Motion passed.
- Appointing Sunrise Board of Directors  
This resolution was just to replace Kirk Massey with Gary Moore.  
Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Gary Alchesay.  
Vote: 9-0-0. Motion passed.
- Appointing Annette Tenijieth as the Tribal Council Liaison to Sunrise Board of Directors  
Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen.  
Vote: 8-0-1. Motion passed.

#### D. Discussion on Tribal Work Hours

Tribal Chairman Velasquez requests that all Tribal Departments go back to 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday to Friday. Attorney General Douma pointed out that the Personnel Policy and Procedures states that 8 A.M. to 5 P.M Monday through Friday, unless otherwise decided by the Tribal Chairman. Chairman Velasquez also stated that everyone has to go through his office to be approved for any charges at HonDah Casino.

IV.ADJOURNMENT - Chairman Velasquez adjourn meeting at 2:36 P.M.