

# Oneida Nation

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Jennifer Webster, Councilmember

## **LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Business Committee Conference Room-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Norbert Hill Center  
August 5, 2015 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Brandon Stevens, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan, Fawn Billie

**EXCUSED:** Jennifer Webster

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Candice Skenandore, Krystal John, Douglass McIntyre, Taniquelle Thurner, Rae Skenandore, Jo Anne House, Rhiannon Metoxen, Danelle Wilson, Leyne Orosco, Cheryl VanDenBerg, Mitch Metoxen, Don White, Norbert Hill, Jr., Paula Rippl, Bonnie Pigman, Layatalati Hill, Brad Graham, Bill Graham

### **I. Call To Order and Approval of the Agenda**

Brandon Stevens called the August 5, 2015 Legislative Operating Committee meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Motion by Tehassi Hill to approve the agenda; seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

### **II. Minutes to be approved**

#### **1. July 15, 2015 LOC Meeting Minutes (00:53-2:05)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to approve the July 15, 2015 Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes with the noted revision; seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

### **III. Current Business**

#### **1. Tribal Hearing Bodies/Administrative Court (02:05-06:35)**

Motion by Tehassi Hill to accept the Tribal Hearing Bodies/Administrative Court Action Plan and forward it to the Oneida Business Committee for its consideration; seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Fawn Billie to direct the Oneida Child Protective Board, the Oneida Election Board, the Oneida Environmental Resource Board, the Oneida Land Commission, the Oneida

Personnel Commission, the Oneida License Commission and the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee to retrieve their financial expenses for the last three (3) years (including, but not limited to, the amount of stipends received, training costs and other expenses) and turn the information over to the Oneida Business Committee to help in evaluating which entities should retain their hearing body authority; seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Election Board Bylaws Amendments (06:35-10:49)**

Motion by Fawn Billie to defer the Election Board Bylaw Amendments to the next Legislative Operating Committee meeting to allow the sponsor to work with the Board to resolve the remaining issues; seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Oneida Flag Policy (10:49-13:14)**

Motion by Tehassi Hill to defer the Oneida Flag Policy for a legislative analysis and a fiscal impact statement and bring back in two weeks; seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. GTC Meetings Law (13:14-18:15)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to defer the GTC Meetings Law to a work meeting; seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Higher Education (18:15-51:04)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to direct the Legislative Reference office to make the noted revisions and to defer the Oneida Higher Education Scholarship (Law), as revised, for a legislative analysis and a fiscal impact statement; seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Petition: Cornelius-4 Resolutions (Investigate 7 Gens, 7 Gens Returns Money, Freedom of Press, Impose Tax on OBC) (51:04-51:49)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to accept the status update memorandum regarding the Petition: Cornelius- 4 Resolutions (Investigate 7 Gens, 7 Gens Returns Money, Freedom of Press, Impose Tax on OBC) as FYI and forward to the Oneida Business Committee; seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Petition: Constitution Amendments in regards to Membership (51:49-56:26)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to forward the status update memorandum and the research memorandum regarding Petition: Constitution Amendments in regards to Membership to the Oneida Business Committee and request that the Tribal Secretary provide a final recommendation at the September 9, 2015 OBC meeting and that the Tribal Secretary consider the attached research memorandum in making the said recommendation; also assigning Brandon Stevens as the sponsor; seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Petition: Powless-Per Capita Payments (56:26-57:48)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to accept the statement of effect pertaining to Petition: Powless-Per Capita Payments and to forward it to the Oneida Business Committee for its consideration; seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. New Submissions**

##### **1. Garnishment Ordinance Amendments (57:48-1:04:23)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to add the Garnishment Ordinance Amendments to the active files list with himself as the sponsor; seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **2. Cemetery Law Amendments (1:04:23-1:06:05)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to add the Cemetery Law Amendments to the active files list with himself as the sponsor; seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. Additions**

#### **VI. Administrative Updates**

##### **1. Krystal John Travel Request (1:06:05-1:07:25)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to accept the travel memo regarding Krystal John Travel Request as FYI noting that an Oneida Environmental Health and Safety grant will be covering the travel costs; seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **2. LRO Budget (1:07:25-1:09:34)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to ratify the changes to the Legislative Operating Committee budget; seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **3. LOC Priority List Update (1:09:34-1:11:22)**

Motion by David P. Jordan to defer the discussion of the Legislative Operating Committee Priority List Update for two weeks; seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **VII. Executive Session**

#### **VIII. Recess/Adjourn**

Motion by David P. Jordan to adjourn the August 5, 2015 Legislative Operating Committee Meeting at 10:13 a.m.; seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously.