

# Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

**Deadlines**

**Instructions**

1. Meeting Date Requested: 12 / 11 / 13

2. Nature of request

Session:  Open     Executive - justification required. See instructions for the applicable laws that define what is considered "executive" information, then choose from the list below:

[Empty box for session selection]

Agenda Header (choose one): Report

Agenda item title (see instructions):

Oneida Child Protective Board Quarterly Report

Action requested (choose one)

- Information only
- Action - please describe:

Approval of report

3. Justification

Why BC action is required (see instructions):

Required to submit quarterly report to OBC

4. Supporting Materials

**Instructions**

- Memo of explanation with required information (see instructions)
- Report     Resolution     Contract (check the box below if signature required)
- Other - please list (**Note:** multi-media presentations due to Tribal Clerk 2 days prior to meeting)

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Business Committee signature required

5. Submission Authorization

Authorized sponsor (choose one): Greg Matson, Tribal Vice Chair

Requestor (if different from above): Lois Strong, OCPB Chairwoman  
Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional signature (as needed): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Oneida Child Protective Board Quarterly Report  
For Oneida Business Committee  
Dec 11, 2013  
Period: Oct, Nov, Dec 2013

**ONEIDA CHILD PROTECTIVE BOARD**

Lois Strong, Chairwoman  
Beverly Anderson, Vice Chairwoman  
Beverly Skenandore, Secretary  
Wesley Martin, Member

Jeanette Ninham, Member  
Dale Powless, Member  
Carol Silva, Member  
Greg Matson, OBC Liaison

Andy Pyatskowitz, Attorney

Pat Garvey, Attorney

**MISSION:** To secure a stable environment that includes the physical, mental, cultural and financial well-being of Oneida children.

**PURPOSE:** In accordance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1901, etseq. , the purpose of the Board is to protect the best interest of Oneida children and to promote the stability and security of Oneida families. When placement of such children in foster or adoptive homes or facilities are necessary, these homes must reflect the unique values of Indian culture. For this purpose, the Board may intervene in federal, state, and county courts concerning the following proceedings: foster care placement, termination of parental rights, pre-adoptive placement, adoptions and out of home placements.

**MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

Oneida Child Protective Board meets weekly and by special requests from family members, counties, or community members.

**MINUTES**

Due to confidentiality nature of minors, all minutes are kept in locked fireproof file cabinet.

**FINANCIALS**

The OCPB is on schedule with meeting our financial goals.

**TRAINING**

The members will be attending training at the Radisson Dec 3-4, 2013 with the Intertribal Child Welfare Committee.

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**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- Facilitate appropriate training opportunities for OCPB members for certificate/report of completion per OCPB Bylaws.
- Develop working relationship and improve judicial relationships through meetings with tribal, state, and county personnel.
- Work in accordance with the Oneida Law Office and Tribal Social services to enforce the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

**COMMENTS**

- The counties are currently paying anywhere from \$800 to \$1,800 per child, per month for out-of-home placement. All Indian children are considered special needs by the counties so payment is much higher for those children. In addition, all families with adopted Oneida children receive a special needs stipend of about \$750 a month until the child reaches 18 years of age. What is the strategic plan for the Oneida Tribe to budget for these expenses when the tribal judicial system is implemented? This question was asked in our September 2013 report and there has been no response on a strategic plan.
- OCPB intervenes in cases when an Oneida child is removed from the home. What is being done in the area of prevention and intervention to prevent removal of a child from a home? What role does the Oneida Indian Child Welfare play in the prevention and intervention phases of maintaining children with their families? The Board would like to see an emphasis on active efforts being made in the area of prevention and intervention. We will work toward addressing this need by consulting with Indian Child Welfare staff and county social workers to learn where their ideas are in this matter.
- Currently there are eight Oneida foster homes according to the Oneida Social Services Foster Home Coordinator. We need more Oneida Foster Homes to ensure that placements of our Oneida children follow the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) mandates.
- The OCPB actively heard, discussed and recommended the best solution for cases that came before us. All OCPB decisions presented to the Courts on placement of an Oneida Child for out-of-home placement were fully accepted by the courts and were put in the final dispositional order of each case.