



# Oneida Business Committee

## Regular Meeting

9 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2013  
BC Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes

**Present:** Chairman Ed Delgado, Vice Chairman Greg Matson, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Secretary Patty Hoeft, Council members Vince DelaRosa, David Jordan, Paul Ninham, Brandon Stevens; **Not present:** Melinda J. Danforth; **Others present:** Loretta V. Metoxen, Anthony W. Galbraith, R. Skenandore, Barb Dickson, Joanie Buckley, Barb Skenandore, Nate Wisneski, Marty Antone, Sandra Reveles, Teresa Schuman, Wendall McLester, Michelle Mays, Rhiannon Metoxen

**Special Recognition** – 2013 Native American Finance Officers Association Chief Financial Officer of the Year Award to Larry Barton

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** by Chairman Ed Delgado at 9:10 a.m.
- II. **Opening** by Byron Halona - Oneida Nation High School Sophomore
- III. **Approve the agenda**

Motion by David Jordan to approve the agenda with the following changes: addition to open session 1. Haskell Board of Regents meeting travel request 2. Oaths of office for Oneida Election Board Alternates; addition to executive session 1. Key performance indicators report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan,  
Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**IV. Oaths of Office administered by Secretary Patty Hoeft**

1. **Oneida Election Board Alternates** – Teresa Schuman, Raeann Skenandore, Susan House, Sunshine Wheelock

**V. Minutes to be approve**

1. **April 10, 2013 regular meeting minutes**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve April 10, 2013 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan,  
Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

2. **April 11, 2013 emergency meeting minutes – Oneida Seven Generations**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve April 11, 2013 emergency meeting minutes – Oneida Seven Generations, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan,  
Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

3. **April 11, 2013 emergency meeting minutes – Oneida Golf Board**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve April 11, 2013 emergency meeting minutes – Oneida Golf Board, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan,  
Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

4. **April 14 & 15, 2013 emergency meeting minutes – Oneida Golf Board**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve April 14 & 15, 2013 emergency meeting minutes – Oneida Golf Board, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan,  
Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

## VI. Resolutions

## VII. Reports

### 1. Emergency Management – Marty Antone

Motion by David Jordan to approve the Emergency Management report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Ed Delgado, Melinda J. Danforth

### 2. Self-Governance – Chris Johns

*Excerpt from April 10, 2013: Motion by Paul Ninham to defer the Self-Governance report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried with one opposed.*

Motion by David Jordan to approve the Self-Governance report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

Motion by Tina Danforth that Chris Johns meet with Legislative Affairs and Chairman's office to schedule a meeting for consideration for the Business Committee to review comments on behalf of the Tribe, prior to June 2, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

### 3. Internal Services Division – Joanie Buckley

Motion by David Jordan to approve the Internal Services Division report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth, Greg Matson

## VIII. Boards, Committees and Commissions

### A. Appointments

### B. Quarterly reports

#### 1. Oneida Personnel Commission – Melanie Burkhart, Chairwoman

*Excerpt from April 10, 2013: Motion by Patty Hoeft to defer Oneida Personnel Commission to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by David Jordan to approve the Oneida Personnel Commission quarterly report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth, Ed Delgado

#### 2. Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee – Loretta V. Metoxen, Chairwoman

Motion by David Jordan to accept the Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee quarterly report, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

#### 3. Oneida Powwow Committee – Lloyd Powless Jr., Chairman

Motion by David Jordan to approve the Oneida Powwow Committee quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

##### a. Approve three additional meetings in June

Motion by Greg Matson to approve the three additional meetings in June, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

##### b. Identify resources to address graffiti removal

**4. Oneida Arts Board – Kelly Skenandore-Holtz, Chairwoman**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Oneida Arts Board quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**5. South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services – Pamela Ninham, Chairwoman**

Motion by David Jordan to defer the South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**IX. Standing Committees**

**A. Legislative Operating Committee – Melinda J. Danforth, Chairwoman**

**1. April 3, 2013 LOC meeting minutes**

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve April 3, 2013 LOC meeting minutes, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**2. April LOC quarterly report**

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve April LOC quarterly report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**B. Finance Committee – Treasurer Tina Danforth, Chairwoman**

**1. April 22 Finance Committee minutes**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve April 22 Finance Committee minutes, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**C. Community Development Planning Committee – Vince DelaRosa, Chairman**

**D. Quality of Life – Paul Ninham, Chairman**

**X. General Tribal Council – Patty Hoeft**

**1. Petitioner Linda Dallas: Require Tribe to pay real estate taxes for all Tribe-owned property**

*Excerpt from March 13, 2013: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to acknowledge the receipt of petitions numbered 3-7 and direct that the appropriate analysis, which would be the legislative, the fiscal analysis, the legal review and any potential administrative analysis be completed on these documents within 45 days, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Paul Ninham to accept items 1-5 as information and forward the items to the May 8, 2013 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**2. Petitioners Kerry Danforth and Linda Dallas: Enact discretionary transfer authority in Tribal Law Chapters 78 and 79 to allow child support cases originating in Oneida courts to be transferred to a different jurisdiction**

*Excerpt from March 13, 2013: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to acknowledge the receipt of petitions numbered 3-7 and direct that the appropriate analysis, which would be the legislative, the fiscal analysis, the legal review and any potential administrative analysis be completed on these documents within 45 days, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Paul Ninham to accept items 1-5 as information and forward the items to the May 8, 2013 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**3. Petitioners Kerry Danforth and Linda Dallas: Immediately dissolve Oneida Appeals Commission**

*Excerpt from March 13, 2013: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to acknowledge the receipt of petitions numbered 3-7 and direct that the appropriate analysis, which would be the legislative, the fiscal analysis, the legal review and any potential administrative analysis be completed on these documents within 45 days, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Paul Ninham to accept items 1-5 as information and forward the items to the May 8, 2013 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**4. Petitioner Cathy L. Metoxen: All supervisory, management, entry-level jobs employed by enrolled Oneidas**

*Excerpt from March 13, 2013: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to acknowledge the receipt of petitions numbered 3-7 and direct that the appropriate analysis, which would be the legislative, the fiscal analysis, the legal review and any potential administrative analysis be completed on these documents within 45 days, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Paul Ninham to accept items 1-5 as information and forward the items to the May 8, 2013 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**5. Petitioner Kerry Danforth: Rescind, repeal Oneida child placement, visitation, support, paternity laws**

*Excerpt from March 27, 2013: Motion by David Jordan to defer Petitioner Kerry Danforth: Rescind, repeal Oneida child placement, visitation, support, paternity laws for 30 days, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Paul Ninham to accept items 1-5 as information and forward the items to the May 8, 2013 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**6. Review draft GTC July 1 semi-annual meeting agenda and report**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to forward the draft GTC July 1 semi-annual meeting agenda and report to the next Business Committee work meeting, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**XI. Unfinished Business**

**1. Plan Oneida Hall of Fame Law implementation**

**Sponsor: Vince DelaRosa**

*Excerpt from March 27, 2013: Motion by Vince DelaRosa to direct the Governmental Services Director to bring back a plan within 30 days to implement the Hall of Fame law, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to bring this item back at the next Business Committee meeting with two recommendations, a Business Committee member and a community member, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**XII. New Business/Requests**

**1. Approve M&I BMO Harris amendment to certificate of account**

**Sponsor: Larry Barton**

Motion by Vince DelaRosa to approve M&I BMO Harris amendment to certificate of account, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**2. Increase Business Committee work meeting schedule to bi-weekly**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Greg Matson to increase the scheduled Business Committee work meetings to twice a month, Tuesday mornings, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoefft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**XIII. Travel**

**A. Travel Reports**

**1. National Indian Gaming Association tradeshow and convention, March 24-27, 2013, Phoenix, AZ**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the National Indian Gaming Association tradeshow and convention travel report, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoefft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**B. Travel Requests**

**1. Retro-approve Georgianna Ignace and South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services project review with Fred Bersch, Bonnilake meetings, Oct. 30-31, 2012, Milwaukee, WI**

Sponsor: Vince DelaRosa

Motion by David Jordan to retro-approve Georgianna Ignace and South Eastern Oneida Tribal Services project review with Fred Bersch, Bonnilake meetings, Oct. 30-31, 2012, Milwaukee, WI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoefft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth, Tina Danforth

**2. Retro-approve Tribal Leaders Tax Reform meeting, April 17, 2013, Nashville, TN**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Paul Ninham to retro-approve Tribal Leaders Tax Reform meeting, April 17, 2013, Nashville, TN, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoefft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**3. Retro-approve travel to Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Inc. Red Shawl event, April 20, 2013, Milwaukee, WI**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by David Jordan to retro-approve travel to Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Inc. Red Shawl event, April 20, 2013, Milwaukee, WI, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoefft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**XIV. Additions**

**1. Haskell Board of Regents meeting, May 5-10, 2013, Lawrence, KS**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens

Motion by Paul Ninham to approve travel to Haskell Board of Regents meeting, May 5-10, 2013, Lawrence, KS, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoefft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**XV. Action in open session on items from Executive Session Discussion meeting of April 23, 2013**

**A. Reports**

**1. Chief Counsel report – Jo Anne House**

**2. Legislative Affairs/Communications monthly report – Nathan King**

Motion by David Jordan to approve Legislative Affairs/Communications monthly report, seconded by Greg Matson. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoefft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**3. Chief Financial Officer bi-monthly report – Larry Barton**

Motion by Paul Ninham to defer Chief Financial Officer bi-monthly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**4. Treasurer report – Tina Danforth**

Motion by David Jordan to approve the Treasurer report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**B. Audit Committee – Councilman Brandon Stevens, Chairman**

**C. Unfinished Business/BC directives**

**D. New Business/Requests**

**1. Approve one new enrollment**

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth

Motion by David Jordan to approve one new enrollment, seconded by Paul Ninham. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**2. Update on Bonnilake contract**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Tina Danforth to defer the Bonnilake contract item to the Chairman's office for follow up and tentatively there may be a meeting on Friday to address this item, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth, Greg Matson

For the record: Tina Danforth stated I am not available, I have a medical appointment on Friday, but this project needs to proceed.

**3. Approve Anna John Resident Centered Care Community resolution**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by David Jordan to accept Anna John Resident Centered Care Community draft resolution as FYI, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**4. Review April 10 pardon decision for Anthony Galbraith**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Patty Hoeft to rescind the resolution to deny forgiveness for Anthony Galbraith, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with two abstentions:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Abstained: Vince DelaRosa, David Jordan

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

For the record: Vince DelaRosa stated the reason I'm abstaining is I thought we were going to talk about the pursuit of the meeting, I didn't know we were going to be reversing any action. So I was a little caught off guard by that.

For the record: Brandon Stevens stated I'm kind of in the same boat of Councilman DelaRosa. I'd like the meeting but as far as process we would need to rescind the resolution first to make that action and to make that meeting happen. I was caught off a little off guard about that.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to schedule a meeting in executive session with Anthony Galbraith to ask him questions about his application for forgiveness, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

**E. Additions**

**1. Key performance indicators**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Brandon Stevens to forward the financial performance measures to the next available Business Committee work meeting, seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

Motion by David Jordan to go into executive session at 11:39 a.m., seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Greg Matson, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth

Motion by Tina Danforth to come out of executive session at 12:10 p.m., seconded by Vince DelaRosa. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth, Greg Matson

**XVI. Adjourn**

Motion by Tina Danforth to adjourn at 12:21 p.m., seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Vince DelaRosa, Patty Hoeft, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Paul Ninham

Not present: Melinda J. Danforth, Greg Matson

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on May 8, 2013**

  
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Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE