



# Oneida Business Committee

Emergency Meeting  
10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15, 2014  
BC Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes

**Present:** Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth, Secretary Lisa Summers, Council members Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster

**Not Present:** Treasurer Trish King, Brandon Stevens

**Others present:** Michele Doxtator, Danelle Wilson, C.L. Metoxen and Cathy Bachhuber

**I. Call to Order and Opening** by Chairwoman Tina Danforth at 10:00 a.m.

### II. Approve Agenda

Motion by Jenny Webster to approve the agenda, seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Lisa Summers, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster  
Not Present: Trish King, Brandon Stevens

### III. New Business

*Councilman Brandon Stevens arrives at 10:02 a.m.*

*Treasurer Trish King arrives at 10:06 a.m.*

#### 1. Schedule a Special GTC meeting to address the vacant Business Committee council member position

Available Dates Are:

- a. Sunday, October 5, 2014
- b. Monday, October 13, 2014
- c. Saturday, November 22, 2014

Motion by Jenny Webster to select the Saturday, November 15, 2014, date for a Special GTC meeting to address the vacant Business Committee council member position and to bring forward options on how to proceed with filling the vacancy to GTC and to provide GTC in the meeting packet the current Election Law, the Constitution, the resignation of Ben Vieau for acceptance, and a recommendation from the Election Board on how to proceed provided a Special Election is directed, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried with three opposed:

Ayes: Trish King, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster  
Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth, Lisa Summers, Brandon Stevens  
For the record: Melinda J. Danforth stated I would have liked to see us move forward to the October 26<sup>th</sup> date as we had indicated. I would have preferred to have the Business Committee submit a joint recommendation, a unified recommendation around a special election for the vacancy of Ben Vieau.  
For the record: Lisa Summers stated I, too, would have preferred to see the October 26<sup>th</sup> date. I do understand that we are a little crunched for time here, however we do have just over a week to get the information together. I think with the amount of research that Chief Council has done already on this matter, and hearing that we are all desiring to move forward with all of the options for General Tribal Council to consider, I think that we would have been able to do that in a way that was done comprehensively and accurately.  
For the record: Brandon Stevens stated I'm in agreement with the October 26<sup>th</sup> date. I see it being able to happen if we were to have a unified recommendation moving forward with a special election, possibly having a caucus on that date, and move

it a lot more smoother. But I do understand that logistically November 15<sup>th</sup> is a lot better since we aren't unified and didn't have that longer conversation. We only had a couple days to talk about it. But I'm in support of the motion because of where we're at I do agree that I do wish we could have that date on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Tehassi Hill to reconsider the vote on the previous action, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one opposed:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens, Tehassi Hill  
Opposed: Jenny Webster

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to select the Sunday, October 26, 2014, date for the Special GTC meeting to discuss how to fill the Business Committee vacancy, seconded by Lisa Summers. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to direct the Tribal Secretary's Office to schedule Business Committee work meetings to begin preparing the options for General Tribal Council for filling the vacant Business Committee seat, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster

#### **IV. Adjourn**

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adjourn at 11:13 a.m., seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster

Minutes prepared by Lisa Liggins, Executive Assistant

Minutes approved as presented/corrected on September 24, 2014.



Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE