

## Oneida Land Claims Commission By-Laws

### Article I. Authority

1-1. *Name.* The name of this body shall be the "Oneida Land Claims Commission" (*OLCC*). The creation document shall be cited as the by-laws of the Oneida Land Claims Commission of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

1-2. *Authority.*

a. The Oneida Land Claims Commission has evolved from the previous Litigation Committee which was established on March 21, 1977 by the Oneida Business Committee.

b. The purpose of the Oneida Land Claims Commission is to make recommendations to the Oneida Business Committee on ways to foster General Tribal Council participation in the decision making process regarding settlement of the Oneida land claim in New York State.

1-3. *Office.* The official mailing address of this entity shall be:

Oneida Land Claims Commission

P.O. Box 365

Oneida, Wisconsin 54155

1-4. *Membership.*

a. The Oneida Land Claims Commission shall be composed of seven members. The additional three members shall be filled by appointment by the Oneida Business Committee to two year terms, which shall then be elected to four year terms thereafter.

b. Members will be elected to four year staggered terms.

c. If a resignation, death or removal occurs on the four year elected term, the vacancy shall be filled as set forth on the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions. Provided that, the Oneida Land Claims Commission may make recommendations where the Oneida Business Committee appoints members to fill a vacancy.

d. A member of the Oneida Land Claims Commission shall be age 21 or over and a member of the Oneida Tribe. A member cannot serve in the capacity of consultant, contractor, staff person of the Oneida Land Claims Commission, or attorney assigned to the Oneida Land Claims Commission.

e. Any member desiring to resign from the Oneida Land Claims Commission shall submit their written resignation to the Oneida Land Claims Commission.

### Article II. Officers

2-1. Officers shall be Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.

2-2. *Chair.* The Chair shall preside at meetings, monitor all Oneida Land Claims activities, authorize travel, training and other requests requiring tribal funding.

a. Special sub-committees of the Oneida Land Claims Commission may be appointed by the Chair and approved by the Oneida Land Claims Commission. The sub-committee shall serve until the duties of the sub-committee are completed and a report is given to the Oneida Land Claims Commission.

b. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.

2-3. *Vice-Chair.* The Vice-Chair shall act in the absence of the Chair.

2-4. *Secretary/Treasurer.* The Secretary/Treasurer shall monitor land claim related expenditures from the Oneida Land Claims Commission budget, record and compile meeting minutes and submit

minutes to the Oneida Business Committee for final approval, maintain files of the Oneida Land Claims Commission and publicize meeting notices.

2-5. Officers shall be elected by the Oneida Land Claims Commission on an annual basis. Officers shall take office on the date of election and serve a one year term.

2-6. *Other Duties.* The Oneida Land Claims Commission shall serve as the public and formal discussion group that meets on a regularly scheduled basis to inform the General Tribal Council on issues pertaining to the settlement of the Oneida land claim and to seek participation of the membership.

a. As part of its advisory procedures, the Oneida Land Claims Commission will hold semi-annual public hearings at which the membership in favor of and opposed to settlement efforts may be heard.

b. The Oneida Land Claims Commission shall identify the needs and requirements of the membership regarding settlement terms and how those needs might be met by a settlement.

c. The Oneida Land Claims Commission shall review proposed settlement terms and advise the Oneida Business Committee regarding the best settlement terms that may be acceptable to the General Tribal Council.

d. At least one member of the Oneida Land Claims Commission will participate, in an advisory capacity, at all meetings and events regarding Oneida land claim issues.

e. The Oneida Land Claims Commission shall advise and assist the Oneida Business Committee in the development of communication and public relations services to the General Tribal Council to provide the membership with timely information about settlement efforts.

f. The Oneida Land Claims Commission will study other Indian land claim settlements achieved between tribal, state and federal governments and disseminate that information to the membership.

g. The Oneida Business Committee provides a budget for the Oneida Land Claims Commission and the Oneida land claim staff. The Oneida Land Claims Commission will be responsible for managing that budget.

### Article III. Meetings

3-1. The Oneida Land Claims Commission shall meet the first and third Thursday of each month. The time and place of the meeting shall be established by the Oneida Land Claims Commission.

3-2. The Chair may call a meeting at any time, provided a document three-day notice is given.

3-3. Four members of the Oneida Land Claims Commission shall constitute a quorum, one of the members shall be the Chair or Vice-Chair. If a quorum is not present within 20 minutes of the announced meeting, the meeting will be declared dismissed due to no quorum and documented in the minutes.

3-4. The order of business, so far as applicable, shall be:

a. Call to order.

b. Reading and action on the Minutes.

c. Travel reports.

d. Old Business.

e. New Business.

f. Adjournment.

3-5. Executive session shall be called as deemed necessary by the Oneida Land Claims Commission.

3-6. All interested parties shall be encouraged to attend meetings.

3-7. *Parliamentary Authority.* The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Oneida Land Claims Commission in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with the operating policy and procedures of the Oneida Land Claims Commission.

#### Article IV. Reporting

4-1. The Oneida Land Claims Commission shall report annually and semi-annually to the General Tribal Council.

4-2. The Oneida Land Claims Commission shall report to the Oneida Business Committee twice a month.

4-3. *Travel Reports.* Written reports shall be submitted by commission members to the Oneida Land Claims Commission no later than ten days from the date of activity.

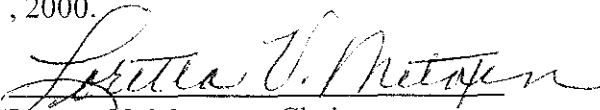
#### Article V. Amendments

5-1. The Oneida Land Claims Commission, upon written notice, may by majority vote of the members present, adopt, amend, or repeal any or all of the By-Laws, provided that the amendment or repeal has been submitted at the previous regular Oneida Land Claims Commission meeting. All such amendments approved are subject to subsequent approval by the Oneida Business Committee.

5-2. At the first regular meeting following an election of officers, a review of these By-Laws shall be conducted to determine that they are current and adequate.

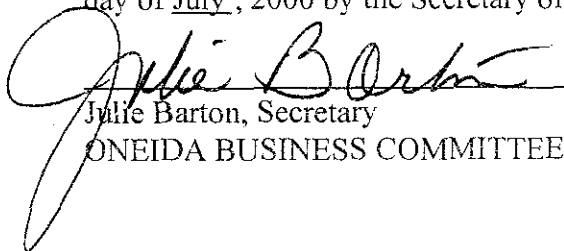
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These by-laws, as amended and revised, are hereby attested to as adopted by the Oneida Land Claims Commission at a duly called meeting by the Chairperson's signature on this 1st day of Aug, 2000.



Loretta V. Metoxen, Chair  
ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION

and by approved by the Oneida Business Committee at a duly called meeting held on this 26th day of July, 2000 by the Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee's signature.



Julie Barton, Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE