



# **Oneida Business Committee**

## **Regular Meeting**

**9 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2011**  
**BC Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Norbert Hill Center**

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Rick Hill, Chairman, Kathy Hughes, Vice-Chair, Tina Danforth, Treasurer, Patty Hoeft, Secretary, Melinda Danforth, Council Member Ed Delgado, Council Member, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Council Member, Brandon Stevens, Council Member

**Excused:** Trish King, Council Member

**Others Present:** Barbara Skenandore, Raeann Skenandore, Laura Manthe, Cheryl Skolaski, Noreen Smith, Vicki Cornelius, Dawn Walschinski, Debbie Danforth, Vicktoria Matson, Lisa Liggins, Lori Hill, Mary Edna Greendeer, Tonya Boucher, Geraldine Danforth, Mike Finn, Matt Denny, Jennifer Hill-Kelley, Michele Doxtator, Jeff Doxtator, Kitty Melchert, Pearl McLester, Jessica Wallenfang, Janice McLester, Paul Witek, C.L. Metoxen, Troy D. Parr, Melinda K. Danforth, Fred Muscavitch, Bob Keck, Cathy Bachhuber, Wayne Skenandore

**Call to Order and Roll Call** by Chairman Rick Hill at 9:04 a.m.

**I. Opening** by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

### **II. Approve the agenda**

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the agenda with the additions: no. 1. Optum Healthcare Solutions Inc. contract, no. 2. Memorandum of agreement with the state of Wisconsin to regulate mixed martial arts and boxing events, no. 3. Retro-approve travel for the Treasurer to Los Angeles, CA Feb. 9-11, no. 4. NIGA travel report from Treasurer, no. 4. Executive session personnel complaint from Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., no. 5. Executive session update on evaluations of executive managers excluding the CFO from Councilwoman Melinda Danforth, delete no.6 under Reports for the Gang Task Force, delete the recommendation for an appointment to the Child Protective Board, delete executive session item no. 3 Robert Yoder contract, and add a request from the veterans to travel for color guard duty to represent the Oneida Nation at the Haskell graduation ceremony May 13, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

**Ayes:** Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

**Excused:** Trish King

### **III. Minutes to be approved**

#### **1. March 23 Business Committee minutes**

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the March 23 Business Committee minutes, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **2. March 28 emergency Business Committee minutes**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the March 28 emergency Business Committee minutes, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **IV. Oath of Office**

- 1. Election Board Alternates** - Sunshine Skenandore not present, Raeann Skenandore, Henrietta J. Cornelius, Vicki Cornelius, Michele Doxtator, Lori Hill, Lisa Liggins, Susan House

## **V. Resolutions**

### **1. Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI 2012-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan**

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt resolution 04-13-11-A Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI 2012-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

### **2. Retro-approve Supporting Ernie Stevens Jr., as National Indian Gaming Association Chairman**

Sponsor: Rick Hill

Motion by Melinda Danforth to adopt resolution 04-13-11-B Retro-approve Supporting Ernie Stevens Jr., as National Indian Gaming Association Chairman, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with three abstentions:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes

Abstained: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

### **3. Retro-approve Appointment of Tribal Chairman Rick Hill as National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Delegate**

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth/Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Motion by Melinda Danforth to adopt resolution 04-13-11-C Retro-approve appointment of Tribal Chairman Rick Hill as National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Delegate, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with two opposed and one abstention:



Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes  
Opposed: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado  
Abstained: Brandon Stevens  
Excused: Trish King  
For the record: Tina Danforth said I don't believe that this is a way to govern our tribe through a resolution that's being pushed through at the last minute with a lot of conflict of interest involved and that the duly authorized process has not been followed. That's for the record.  
For the record: Brandon Stevens said I abstained only because of the perceived conflict. I am representing a resolution, not my daddy. But I just wanted to make that clear that the resolution and why we did what we did was because the code of ethics and we were not displaying public confidence in the position of the tribe by resolution, not by opinion.

Motion by Patty Hoeft to ask the Law Office to bring back to the Business Committee at our next meeting a draft rule that would prohibit all e-polls and retro-active action by the Business Committee, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens  
Excused: Trish King  
For the record: Tina Danforth said I think this is a necessary action because we just did another irregular procedure. We just adopted a delegation change. We did not follow procedure. We did not rescind the former one and we did not do it by two-thirds and that's for the record, thank you.

## **VI. Board, Committee and Commission quarterly reports**

### **1. Environmental Resource Board**

Sponsor: Laura Manthe

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the Environmental Resource Board quarterly report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens  
Excused: Trish King

### **2. Oneida Election Board**

Sponsor: Leyne Orosco

***Excerpt from March 23:*** Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the Oneida Election Board quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Oneida Election Board quarterly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**3. Oneida Gaming Commission**

Sponsor: Amelia Cornelius

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Oneida Gaming Commission quarterly report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**4. Library Board (Not submitted)**

Sponsor: Danielle White

Motion by Tina Danforth to defer the Oneida Library Board quarterly report to the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**5. Oneida Personnel Commission (Not submitted)**

Sponsor: Susan Daniels

Motion by Tina Danforth to defer the Oneida Personnel Commission quarterly report the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**6. Oneida Gang Task Force (Not submitted)**

Sponsor:

Deleted

**VII. Standing Committees**

**A. Legislative Operating Committee**

**1. March 16 LOC minutes**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the March 16 Legislative Operating Committee minutes, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **2. Per Capita Law Amendments**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the May 26 public hearing for the Per Capita Law Amendments, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **3. Child Custody, Placement and Visitation Law**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the date of May 23 for a public hearing for the amendments to the Child Custody, Placement and Visitation Law, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

Motion by Ed Delgado to adopt emergency resolution 04-13-11-D Emergency Amendments to the Child Custody, Placement and Visitation law to Address Moving and Extended Removal of a Child, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy  
Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

Excused: Trish King

## **4. Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law Amendment**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve May 26 for the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Law Amendment public hearing, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **5. Indian Preference Law**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the public hearing date of May 26 to hear the Indian Preference Law, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes

Excused: Trish King

Not present: Brandon Stevens

## **6. Guardians Ad Litem**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve a public hearing date of May 23 for amendments to address Guardians Ad Litem Appointments and Conflicts of Interest, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes  
Excused: Trish King  
Not present: Brandon Stevens

## **7. Zoning and Shoreland Protection Law**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Kathy Hughes to adopt resolution 04-13-11-E Amendments to Zoning and Shoreland Protection Law, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes  
Excused: Trish King  
Not present: Brandon Stevens

## **8. Voluntary Severance Pay Law**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve May 26 as a public hearing for the Voluntary Severance Pay Law, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes  
Excused: Trish King  
Not present: Brandon Stevens

## **9. PP&P reinstating Personal Day Accumulation**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Melinda Danforth to adopt resolution 04-13-11-F Reinstating the Personal Day Accumulation Rate under the Personnel Policies and Procedures, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy  
Hughes, Brandon Stevens  
Abstained: Tina Danforth  
Excused: Trish King



## **10. Domestic Animals Ordinance**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve a public hearing date of May 23, 2011 for the Oneida Tribal Regulation of Domestic Animals Ordinance Amendments, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **11. April 2011 LOC quarterly report**

Sponsor: Trish King

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Legislative Operating Committee quarterly report, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **B. Finance Committee**

### **1. April 8 Finance Committee minutes**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the April 8 Finance Committee minutes, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth

Excused: Trish King

## **C. Community Development Planning Committee**

### **1. March 3 CDPC minutes**

Sponsor: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to approve the March 3 Community Development Planning Committee minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **VIII. Travel**

### **A. Travel reports**

**1. M.A.S.T Impact Week, March 28-30, Washington D.C.**

Sponsor: Kathy Hughes

Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve the M.A.S.T Impact Week March 28-30, Washington D.C. travel report, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Kathy Hughes

Excused: Trish King

**B. Travel requests**

**1. Native American Bank board meeting April 20-21, Denver, CO**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Treasurer Tina Danforth to attend the Native American Bank board meeting April 19-21, Denver CO, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with three abstentions:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Kathy Hughes

Excused: Trish King

For the record: Tina Danforth said I am going to be there for an extra day of meeting on the 20th because we are going to do a strategic plan on capital raising.

**IX. General Tribal Council**

**1. Schedule special GTC meeting 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29 for FY12 Budget**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

***Excerpt from March 23:** Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the special General Tribal Council meeting regarding the FY12 budget to the April 13 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Tina Danforth to have the Secretary research Monday and Saturday availability dates for the budget meeting and to bring that back at the next Business Committee meeting, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**2. Request a special BC meeting 11 a.m. April 18 to prepare agenda packet for May 23 GTC meeting**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve a special Business Committee meeting 11 a.m. April 18 to prepare the agenda packet for the May 23 General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens



Abstained: Tina Danforth

Excused: Trish King

Motion by Patty Hoeft to add to the agenda the Village of Ashwaubenon service agreement under Additions, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **X. Follow-ups/BC directives**

### **1. Placement of Enrollment office**

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

**Excerpt from Feb. 23:** Main motion by Tina Danforth to direct the General Manager to bring back a proposal in 30 days to find a new location for Enrollments so that they library can expand in their existing facility, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried with two abstentions.

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the enrollment office report including the recommendations, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

Excused: Trish King

### **2. Secretarial Election process communication**

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth

**Excerpt from Jan. 26:** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve Councilwoman Melinda Danforth and Assistant Lisa Summers to attend community meetings for the tribal constitution secretarial election process in Chicago, IL, Minneapolis, MN, Phoenix, AZ, Albuquerque, NM, Oakland, CA, San Bernardino, CA, Oneida, WI, Milwaukee, WI, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention.

**Excerpt from Jan. 26:** Amendment by Tina Danforth to ask Councilwoman Melinda Danforth to provide a plan of action with specific location and information and that any other council members be allowed to attend in the event it fits their schedule or if they are available to participate, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention.

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the secretarial election report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Melinda Danforth

Excused: Trish King

### **3. 2011 U.S. Indigenous Games report**

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

**Excerpt from March 23:** Motion by Ed Delgado to defer the 2011 U.S. Indigenous Games report to the April 13 Business Committee meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the 2011 U.S. Indigenous Games report, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **XI. New Business/Requests**

### **1. Tribal member requests video recording of GTC meetings in 2009, 2010 and 2011**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado to direct the Tribal Secretary to bring back in 30 days a recommendation on how we can best and more quickly put all General Tribal Council meetings on the General Tribal Council website so tribal members can access them, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy  
Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Not present: Melinda Danforth

Excused: Trish King

Motion by Ed Delgado that the Tribal Secretary set up an appointment with the requestor to view the tapes of judiciary meeting held Feb. 5, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy  
Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Not present: Melinda Danforth

Excused: Trish King

### **2. The Nature Conservancy and Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI sub-agreement**

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the Nature Conservancy and the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin sub-agreement with a limited waiver of sovereign immunity, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon  
Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

Not present: Melinda Danforth

Excused: Trish King

### **3. Change voluntary resignation severance pay program application deadline from April 15 to April 19**

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve to change the voluntary resignation severance pay program application deadline from April 15 to April 19, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens  
Not present: Melinda Danforth  
Excused: Trish King

**4. Approve appointment recommendations Marlene Garvey, Chris Cornelius and Al Manders to Oneida Environmental Resources Board**

Sponsor: Rick Hill

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the appointment recommendations of Marlene Garvey, Chris Cornelius and Al Manders to the Oneida Environmental Resources Board, seconded by Patty Hoeft.  
Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens  
Not present: Melinda Danforth  
Excused: Trish King

**5. Approve one appointment recommendation Lois Strong to Oneida Police Commission**

Sponsor: Rick Hill

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the appointment recommendation of Lois Strong to the Oneida Police Commission, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens  
Not present: Melinda Danforth  
Excused: Trish King

**6. Approve one appointment recommendation Lisa Summers to Oneida Child Protective Board**

Sponsor: Rick Hill

Deleted

**7. Approve Powwow Committee requests needed to prepare for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Oneida Powwow**

Sponsor: Patty Hoeft

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the extension of Wayne Silas Sr.'s term until the position is posted and filled, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens  
Excused: Trish King



Motion by Ed Delgado to rescind the Jan. 27, 2010 Business Committee motion that decreased the three-year terms of Powwow Committee members to one-year and restore the length of the terms to three-years, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried with one opposed and one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft  
Opposed: Kathy Hughes  
Abstained: Tina Danforth, Brandon Stevens  
Excused: Trish King

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the three additional meetings in June for the July Powwow, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens  
Excused: Trish King

Motion by Ed Delgado to allow Tonya Webster whose term expires May 28, 2011 to continue serving on the Powwow Committee until her seat is filled by a new appointee and has taken the oath of office, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens  
Excused: Trish King

Motion by Tina Danforth for a Powwow Committee status report in two weeks, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes  
Not present: Brandon Stevens  
Excused: Trish King

#### **8. Community Synergies, LLC**

Sponsor: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to forward the Community Synergies, LLC to the Chief Financial Officer's office and Environmental Department to review due diligence and a non-disclosure agreement with a limited waiver of sovereign immunity signed by the Chairman, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried with one opposed:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft  
Opposed: Kathy Hughes  
Abstained: Tina Danforth  
Not present: Brandon Stevens  
Excused: Trish King

#### **9. RJ Reynolds Retail Marketing Plan**

Sponsor: Debbie Thundercloud

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the RJ Reynolds Retail Marketing Plan with a limited waiver of sovereign immunity, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes

Not present: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

## **XII. Additions**

### **1. Optum Healthcare Solutions, Inc.**

Sponsor:

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Optum Healthcare with a limited waiver of sovereign immunity, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens

Not present: Rick Hill

Excused: Trish King

### **2. MOA with the State of WI Mixed Martial Arts and Boxing regulation**

Sponsor:

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the Memorandum of agreement with the State of Wisconsin for the regulation of mixed martial arts and boxing events on the Oneida Reservation, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens

Not present: Kathy Hughes

Excused: Trish King

### **3. Retro-approve travel request Transamerica Retirement Services Feb. 9-11, Los Angeles, CA**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Ed Delgado to retro-approve Treasurer Tina Danforth to attend the Transamerica Retirement Services Feb. 9-11, Los Angeles, CA, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Patty Hoeft, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Not present: Kathy Hughes

Excused: Trish King

### **4. Service Agreement between Oneida Tribe of Indians of WI and Village of Ashwaubenon**

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick

Motion by Tina Danforth to approve the service agreement between the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and the Village of Ashwaubenon, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**5. Travel report to NIGA April 3-6, Phoenix, AZ**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the National Indian Gaming Association travel report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Vote tied. Chairman voted in favor of motion. Motion carried with three for, two opposed and three abstentions:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado

Opposed: Melinda Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Abstained: Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

Tie Breaker: Rick Hill voted aye

For the record: Melinda Danforth said I am going to oppose this motion only because the report contained an accusation that somebody had physically accosted the Treasurer and I was not present nor was I in Phoenix when this happened and I think it's totally unprofessional and inappropriate to put it in a travel report. And none of the travel report contained or focuses on any activities at NIGA, especially any of the motions or any kind of information that would affect the tribe. So, I am going to oppose the motion.

Motion by Ed Delgado to file a complaint with NIGA regarding the lack of security at NIGA which caused one of our delegates to be harassed, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion failed with two for and five opposed.

Ayes: Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado

Opposed: Melinda Danforth, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes,  
Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

For the record: Brandon Stevens said there was security there and making that motion makes the assumption that the incident occurred as such. So I think there's an investigation of the incident that needs to happen first, so making a motion would be, I mean there was security there and there were other individuals that have not attested to the incident that ever occurring in the fashion that it did. So, until that happens then I think we should follow the process and then after that happens, then we should file a complaint with NIGA after an investigation has occurred. I don't think it's out of order. I think it's a good suggestion but I think it needs to follow the process to make sure that we process, you know, other things first.



**6. Travel request for veterans to attend Haskell graduation May 13 to provide color guard**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens

Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Veteran's request to refer to the Finance Department, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**XIII. Action in open session on items from Executive Session Discussion meeting of April 12, 2011**

**A. Executive Managers reports**

**1. Chief of Staff bi-monthly report**

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Chief of Staff bi-monthly report, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**a. New York Land Claims settlement/negotiations update with Oneida Land Claims Commission**

Motion by Patty Hoeft to accept the New York Land Claims settlement report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**b. Oneida Economic Development Authority**

No action

**2. Chief Counsel report**

**a. Pending litigation status report**

Motion by Ed Delgado to accept the Chief Counsel report, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes

Not present: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**b. Re-authorization of settlement authority for subrogation claims**

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the re-authorization of settlement authority for subrogation claims, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes

Not present: Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**B. Follow-ups/BC directives**

**1. Gaming General Manager report**

Sponsor: Louise Cornelius

***Excerpt from March 23:*** Motion by Trish King to accept the Gaming General Manager report and to schedule a meeting between Gaming management, Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation and Business Committee at the next executive session meeting, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously.

No action, no report.

**2. Complimentary Items and Services Compliance Audit**

Sponsor: Louise Cornelius/Larry Barton

***Excerpt from March 23:*** Motion by Trish King to schedule a meeting with the Gaming General Manager and Chief Financial Officer at the next executive session Business Committee meeting, seconded by Ed Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

No action, no report.

**3. Cage-Vault Year End and Gaming Accounting Operational Audit**

Sponsor: Louise Cornelius

***Excerpt from March 23:*** Motion by Ed Delgado to approve the Cage-Vault Year End and Gaming Accounting Operational Audit and request a meeting on this issue with the Gaming General Manager, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

No action, no report.

**C. New Business/Requests**

**1. Job descriptions of the Legislative Aides and Executive Assistants**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Ed Delgado that we review the Legislative Assistant I, II and III job descriptions and the Officer Assistant I, II, III job descriptions within 30 days and bring it back to the Business Committee, seconded by Kathy Hughes. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**2. Attorney Arlinda Locklear contract**

Sponsor: Jo Ann House

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Arlinda Locklear attorney contract second addendum for a one year period, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**3. Attorney Robert Yoder contract**

Sponsor: Jo Ann House

Deleted

**4. Banking Services Summary**

Sponsor: Larry Barton

Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to accept the Banking Services Summary report, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**5. WI State Transportation Cooperative Agreement**

Sponsor: Bill Gollnick

Motion by Kathy Hughes to approve the Wisconsin State Transportation Cooperative Agreement, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**6. Oneida Health Center concerns**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the Oneida Health Center concerns verbal report with follow-up to occur in the budgeting process and a report on non-eligibles to be submitted, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

Motion by Ed Delgado that the General Manager identify and document all equipment associated with urology, ear, nose and throat, and allergy departments to make sure that there is an inventory and a plan of action of how the equipment is being utilized or being disposed of, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**7. Formal complaint by tribal member**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado



Motion by Kathy Hughes to defer the complaint by a tribal member to the General Manager's office for follow-up regarding the SEOTS office use of facilities for development of a policy procedure, seconded by Melinda Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

For the record: Ed Delgado said this was not from myself but from a tribal member.

**8. Attorney Rebecca Webster contract**

Sponsor: Jo Anne House

Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to approve the Attorney Rebecca Webster contract, seconded by Tina Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**9. Attorney Patricia Stevens Garvey contract**

Sponsor: Jo Anne House

Motion by Patty Hoeft to approve the Attorney Patricia Stevens Garvey contract, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**10. Presentation at conference: Treaty to Trust to Carcieri: The Economic Future of Indian Lands**

Sponsor: Jo Anne House

Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to accept the Treaty to Trust to Carcieri presentation as information, seconded by Patty Hoeft. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

Note: The presentation can be made public after April 27, 2011 when the conference is completed.

**11. Visa Credit Card**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth

Motion by Tina Danforth to defer for two weeks. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

**12. Approval of relinquishment**

Sponsor: Ed Delgado

Motion by Melinda Danforth to approve one relinquishment, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**D. Additions**

**1. Personnel complaint**

Sponsor: Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.

Motion by Kathy Hughes to accept the personnel complaint as information. Motion failed due to lack of second.

**2. Performance evaluations of executive managers excluding the COS**

Sponsor: Melinda Danforth

Motion by Melinda Danforth to accept the handout memo and that the performance evaluations will be placed on the next Business Committee agenda for discussion amongst the Business Committee, seconded by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr., Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Abstained: Tina Danforth

Excused: Trish King

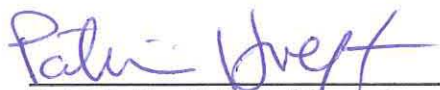
**XIV. Adjourn**

Motion by Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr. to adjourn at 12:14 p.m., seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda Danforth, Tina Danforth, Ed Delgado, Ron "Tehassi" Hill Jr.,  
Patty Hoeft, Kathy Hughes, Brandon Stevens

Excused: Trish King

**Minutes Approved as presented/corrected on April 27, 2011.**



Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE