

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 3 / 9 / 16

2. General Information:

Session: ☒ Open ☐ Executive - See instructions for the applicable laws, then choose one:

Agenda Header:

☐ Accept as Information only

☒ Action - please describe:

Accept the LOC quarterly report.

3. Supporting Materials

☒ Report ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract

☐ Other:

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☐ Business Committee signature required

4. Budget Information

☐ Budgeted - Tribal Contribution

☐ Budgeted - Grant Funded

☐ Unbudgeted

5. Submission

Authorized Sponsor / Liaison:

Primary Requestor:

Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor:

Name, Title / Dept.

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6. Cover Memo:

Describe the purpose, background/history, and action requested:

Per the quarterly reporting schedule developed by the Tribal Secretary's Office, the LOC is submitting to the OBC a quarterly report for the period of October 2015 to December 2015.

1) Save a copy of this form for your records.

2) Print this form as a *.pdf *OR* print and scan this form in as *.pdf.

3) E-mail this form and all supporting materials in a **SINGLE** *.pdf file to: BC_Agenda_Requests@oneidanation.org

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Quarterly Report Legislative Operating Committee October - December 2015

1. Purpose and Mission

The purpose and mission of the Legislative Operating Committee (LOC) is to enhance the policymaking capability of the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) and the General Tribal Council (GTC) by drafting laws and policies and reviewing past and current laws, policies and regulations of the Oneida Tribe.

A legislative analysis is completed for proposed laws, policies, regulations, bylaws and amendments. Public meetings are facilitated by the LOC in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act (LPA). A Resolution and Statement of Effect are prepared for all legislation that is presented for final adoption which is submitted to the OBC and/or GTC for approval.

2. Members

The LOC is comprised of the five council members of the OBC: Brandon Stevens (Chair), Tehassi Hill (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Webster, Fawn Billie, and David P. Jordan.

3. Contact Information

The LOC office is located on the second floor in the Norbert Hill Center. For more information, please contact the Legislative Reference Office (LRO) at (920) 869-4376 or e-mail LOC@oneidanation.org.

4. Meetings

The LOC holds regular meetings on the first and third Wednesday of every month. The meetings begin at 9:00 a.m., and are held in the Norbert Hill Center - Second Floor, Business Committee Conference Room.

5. Prioritization

The LOC continuously reviews the proposals on our Active Files List (AFL). Priorities are identified based on GTC Directive, OBC Directive and by LOC agreement/consensus.

6. Summary

During this reporting period (October, November, and December 2015), the LOC:

- Added 9 legislative items to the Active Files List (AFL) and completed processing one legislative item; bringing the total number of legislative items on the AFL to 56, as of January 1, 2016.

- Added one administrative item (a GTC petition) to the Active Files List and forwarded a statement of effect for this item to the OBC; bringing the total number of legislative analyses/statements of effect prepared for GTC petitions this term to 15.
- Held five Public Meetings.

Legislative Items Added to the Active Files List

Of the 9 legislative items added to the AFL during the reporting period, five are proposals that would create new Tribal laws; three would amend existing Tribal laws, and one would amend the bylaws for a Tribal entity:

1. **New Law: Probate Law.** This proposed law would set out a process for administering the estate of a deceased person, including resolving all claims and distributing the deceased person's property. Currently, the Real Property Law contains various provisions related to probate, but this Law would comprehensively address the topic. *Added to the Active Files List on 10/7/15.*
2. **New Law: Mortgage and Foreclosure Law.** This proposed law set out a process for how the Tribe administers mortgages and foreclosures. This law is being developed because the Land Commission's hearing responsibilities are being transferred to the Judiciary. *Added to the Active Files List on 10/7/15.*
3. **New Law: Landlord-Tenant Law.** This is a proposal for a new law to establish the roles and responsibilities of the Landlord and Tenant. This law is being developed because the Land Commission's hearing authority is being transferred to the Judiciary. *Added to the Active Files List on 10/7/15.*
4. **New Law: Research Protection Act.** This is a proposal for a new law that is intended to assist Oneida with consultation and research from Tribal members. The goal is to use intellectual brain power of Oneida college graduates who are willing to serve as a Tribal resource, ensuring future Tribal growth and prosperity. *Added to the Active Files List on 10/21/15.*
5. **New Law: Severance Law.** This proposal provides a process for the Tribe's offering of severance agreements to employees when it is determined that the financial conditions of the Tribe warrant a need to reduce the workforce. *Added to the Active Files List on 10/21/15.*
6. **Amendments: Marriage Law.** Proposed amendments were requested to provide for a way to waive the standard waiting period between applying for a license and solemnizing the marriage, provide for an administrative fee for amendments to an application after it has been submitted and to provide for a process to adopt a fee schedule. *Added to the Active Files List on 11/4/15.*
7. **Amendments: Vendor Licensing Law.** Amendments were requested because the SEOTS staff ran into issues when trying to obtain a new vendor. Additional changes are also being processed to update and streamline the law. *Added to the Active Files List on 11/18/15.*
8. **Amendments: Real Property Law.** The proposed amendments would, among other things, transfer all Land Commission hearing responsibilities to the Judiciary. Various sections of the Law would also be removed and separate laws would be created to address those topics. *Added to the Active Files List on 10/7/15.*
9. **Amendments: Land Commission Bylaws.** These amendments would remove the hearing authority from the Land Commission and transfer it to the Judiciary. *Added to the Active Files List on 10/7/15.*

Legislative Items Completed

One legislative item was completed during this reporting period and removed from the Active Files List – A new **Furlough Policy** was adopted by the OBC on November 10, 2015.

Emergency Actions

There are currently no laws or policies in effect on an emergency basis.

Added/Processed Administrative Items

GTC Petitions. During this quarter, one new GTC petition was deferred to the LOC for legislative analysis - on November 4, 2015, the LOC added **Petition: Food Pantry** to the Active Files List, and on January 6, 2016, the LOC forwarded the prepared statement of effect for this item to the OBC.

Public Meetings

The LOC held five Public Meetings during the reporting period:

- 10/29/15 – Higher Education Scholarship Policy
- 10/29/15 – Community Support Fund Policy Amendments
- 10/29/15 – Removal Law Amendments
- 10/29/15 – Public Use of Tribal Land Law Amendments
- 10/1/15 – Oneida Flag Policy

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