

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 07 / 27 / 17

2. General Information:

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

Agenda Header:

Accept as Information only

Action - please describe:

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/Submitter:

Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

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ONEIDA ELECTION BOARD QUARTERLY REPORT
April – June 2017
July 18, 2017

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Board Members: Teresa Schuman, Vice Chairperson
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Alternates: Melinda K. Danforth
 Peril Huff
 Rosa Laster
 Shannon Metoxen
 Patricia Moore

BC Liaison: Melinda J. Danforth, Vice Chairwoman
 Alternate Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Meetings:

	Regular	Special	GTC	Other
April	7	0	0	1-
May	4	0	1	1*
June	3	0	0	0

- Hearing of 4/18/17

*Primary of 5/6/17

Highlights for the quarter:

1. Election Board reviewed applications submitted for the 2017 general election ballot to deem applicants eligible or ineligible and prepared for the Primary election which includes the following:
 - Determine recusals and solicit for alternates
 - Review applications, obtain necessary back-up information (ie backgrounds, proof of meeting qualifications, schedule psychological testing for Judiciary judge applicants, etc. and send letters of eligibility or ineligibility to all applicants
 - Draft primary notice and mail out
 - Draft and order primary ballots and memory card and include draft ballot in mail out
 - Post primary notice and draft ballot in prominent locations
 - Hearing held on one (1) applicant deemed ineligible due to not being in compliance with Section 102.6-4 of Election Law: *A person who runs for a position on the Oneida Business Committee, or a position on a judicial court or commission, shall not run for more than one (1) elective office or seat per election.*
 - Mail out to applicants regarding issues/concerns with campaign signage violations
 - Travel arrangements for primary
 - Count primary ballots received from vendor
 - Conduct memory card and ballot test

- Set up polling locations and assign duties
- Primaries held on May 6, 2017 at polling locations in both Oneida and Milwaukee from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Tentative results posted in prominent locations
- Dealt with issue of a residency that was questionable.
 - Issue arose from this whereas Election Board was made aware that Tribal identification cards do not require proof of residency. Applicants who provided this with application as proof of residency were notified to submit an alternate form. Alternate, acceptable forms of proof of residency were received from all notified applicants by the deadline requested.
- Draft 2017 general election notice and ballot and mail out and post in prominent locations
- Address appeal with Attorney Michelle Gordon by applicant deemed ineligible listed above.
 - Note: Decision of the Judiciary overturned the Election Board Hearing Body's decision and Election Board was ordered to include applicant on general election ballot in the Business Committee Vice Chairperson section.
- Addressed request for Special Election for recent Judiciary vacancy.
 - This will most likely be scheduled for the fall
- Travel arrangements for general election

Goals and Objectives (Remain consistent):

- ❖ Conduct Tribal Elections in compliance with Tribal law.
- ❖ Develop, adopt, and review applicable standard operating procedures.
- ❖ Strive to serve the Oneida membership fairly while being fiscally responsible.

Meeting requirements: The Oneida Election Board is required to meet once per month with special meetings scheduled as needed. No special meetings were held for the 3rd quarter. FYI: Election Board has more regular meetings when in “election cycle mode” to prepare for and conduct elections.