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## **BC Resolution #11-10-20-B**

Approving a Limited Waiver of Sovereignty for the Lazard International Strategic Equity (ACW ex-U.S.) Trust, Investment Management Subscription and Adoption Agreement with the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee

WHEREAS,	the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe
	recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, Oneida General Tribal Council Resolution 4-28-74 established the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee to receive, hold, and distribute Emigrant New York Claim settlement funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, Oneida General Tribal Council Resolution 1-8-77-C delegated administrative authority to the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee to implement areas of Trust fund investments and disbursements; and

WHEREAS, Oneida General Tribal Council Resolution 6-30-90-A and Addendum established a "Per Capita Payment Trust Fund Distribution Plan" creating a trust fund with the purpose of perpetual per capita distributions to Oneida members aged 65 and older and to meet the needs of scholarships, members with disabilities, and burial expenses; this trust fund is referred to as the "Elderly Per Capita, Education, and General Welfare Trust Fund (EEGWT); and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee has established an investment policy for the EEGWT that employs custodians, money managers, advisors and service providers; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2019, the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee updated the IPS to include dedicated international equity investments into the EEGWT allocation; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the performance and fees of the new international equity manager are competitive to its peers, the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee employed the consulting services of RVK Inc, to facilitate a request for proposals from suitable managers; and

whereas, the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee and Trust Enrollment Department reviewed five proposals, interviewed two candidates, and determined Lazard International Strategic Equity (ACW ex-U.S) Trust, would be the best fit to manage the EEGWT's long-term, international equity allocation account based on their performance history, volatility history, customer service availability, corporate social responsibility, and management fees; and

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**WHEREAS,** an investment management agreement between the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee and Lazard, has been drafted and reviewed by the Oneida Law Office; and

**WHEREAS,** it is Oneida Law Office's legal opinion that "Section 3.10" of the draft agreement contains a waiver of sovereign immunity; and

**WHEREAS,** all limited waivers of sovereign immunity shall be made in accordance with the Oneida Nation Sovereign Immunity Law, Chapter 112; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Oneida Business Committee hereby approves the limited waiver of sovereign immunity provisions set forth in the investment management Subscription and Adoption Agreement between the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee and Lazard International Strategic Equity (ACW ex-U.S.) Trust.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Oneida Business Committee

\*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."