



Oneida Business Committee

Emergency Meeting
3:00 PM Wednesday, August 04, 2021
BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

Minutes

EMERGENCY MEETING

Present: Chairman Tehassi Hill, Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Secretary Lisa Liggins, Council members: David P. Jordan, Kirby Metoxen, Marie Summers, Jennifer Webster;

Not Present: Councilman Daniel Guzman King;

Arrived at: n/a

Others present: Jo Anne House, Larry Barton, Mark W. Powless, Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams¹), Richard Figueroa (via Microsoft Teams), Kaylynn Gresham (via Microsoft Teams), Amy Spears (via Microsoft Teams), Melinda J. Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Michelle Myers (via Microsoft Teams), Ravinder Vir (via Microsoft Teams), Nate Wisneski (via Microsoft Teams), Jameson Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Candice Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Loucinda Conway (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Santiago (via Microsoft Teams), James Petitjean (via Microsoft Teams), Geraldine Danforth (via Microsoft Teams);

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tehassi Hill at 3:00 p.m.

For the record: Councilman Daniel Guzman King is on vacation.

II. OPENING (00:00:08)

Opening provided by Councilman Kirby Metoxen.

III. ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:00:33)

Motion by David P. Jordan to adopt the agenda with one (1) addition [add a "New Business" section before the "General Tribal Council" section and item entitled "Discuss mandatory masking and mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for Oneida Nation employees"], seconded by Jennifer Webster.
Motion carried:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens, Marie Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Daniel Guzman King

Item V.A. was addressed next.

¹Microsoft Teams is software which provides a communication and collaboration platform for workplace chat, file sharing, and video meetings.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss mandatory masking and mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for Oneida Nation employees (00:45:35)

Sponsor: Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman

Secretary Lisa Liggins left at 3:46 p.m.

Secretary Lisa Liggins returned at 3:49 p.m.

Motion by Tina Danforth to support the mask mandate as discussed and described and by Public Health today and that it go into effect by Friday at noon, seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes:	Tina Danforth, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster
Opposed:	Kirby Metoxen
Abstained:	Marie Summers
Not Present:	Daniel Guzman King

Motion by Lisa Liggins to direct the Chief Financial Officer and HR Area Manager to bring preliminary information to the August 11, 2021, regular Business Committee meeting regarding possible funding for an employee incentive for front-line workers, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes:	Tina Danforth, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens, Marie Summers, Jennifer Webster
Not Present:	Daniel Guzman King

V. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL

A. Review General Tribal Council meeting assessment and determine next steps (00:02:04)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to, in the best interest of the health and safety of our Nation, cancel the tentatively scheduled August 26, 2021, General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Kirby Metoxen.

Motion carried:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens, Marie Summers, Jennifer Webster
Not Present: Daniel Guzman King

Motion by Lisa Liggins to amend the main motion to direct the Secretary to bring back new dates for August 26, 2021, special General Tribal Council meeting agenda, seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens, Marie Summers, Jennifer Webster
Not Present: Daniel Guzman King

For the record: Secretary Lisa Liggins stated we all acknowledge that we need to hold a General Tribal Council meeting, that we are accountable to that body. That being said, it's clear from the information that we've reviewed from the Public Health Officer, from Comprehensive Health, from the CDC, from Wisconsin DHS, and our own vaccination rates, that it is not safe to hold a meeting right now. We've done our due diligence regarding this [decision]; the 43 page report in the packet is evidence of this due diligence. I encourage all tribal members to review the information, contact myself or any of the BC members with any insight, input, and feedback. Thank you.

Motion by Lisa Liggins to defer the discussion regarding the September 16, 2021, and October 3, 2021, tentatively scheduled special General Tribal Council meetings to the August 11, 2021, regular Business Committee meeting, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens, Marie Summers, Jennifer Webster
Not Present: Daniel Guzman King


Item IV.A. was addressed next.

VI. ADJOURN (01:42:43)

Motion by Marie Summers to adjourn at 4:42 p.m., seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes: Tina Danforth, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Brandon Stevens, Marie Summers, Jennifer Webster
Not Present: Daniel Guzman King

Minutes prepared by Lisa Liggins, Secretary.
Minutes approved as presented on August 11, 2021.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary

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