

2022 report template

For Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs)

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ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION

Purpose:

The Oneida Land Claims Commission (OLCC) purpose is to supervise all activities involving the New York Land Claims, including post settlement; and to develop strategies, provide direction and recommendations, for litigation, negotiation and/or settlement to the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) and the Oneida General Tribal Council (GTC). The OLCC will inform and educate the membership on issues pertaining to the Oneida Nation land claims, and seek participation from the membership, and carrying out the following duties:

- (a) Report membership concerns and suggestions to the OBC.
- (b) Hold public meetings and conduct outreach to provide an opportunity for the membership to participate in recommendations for all Oneida Nation land claims and settlement efforts.
- (c) Study other Indian land claim settlements and disseminate that information to the membership and the OBC.
- (d) Manage the OLCC budget
- (e) Assist the OBC with any land claims arising out of natural resource issues/disputes as requested by the OBC.
- (f) Carry out all other duties delegated by the GTC

BCC Members

Chris J Cornelius
Chair
July 31, 2024

Donald D McLester
Vice-Chair
July 31, 2022

Dakota A Webster
Secretary
July 31, 2024

Kerry G Kennedy
Commissioner
July 31, 2025

Substantiated Complaints (if applicable)

Per § 105.12-4.(a) of the [Boards, Committees and Commissions law](#), annual and semi-annual reports shall contain information on the number of substantiated complaints against all members of the entity.

Per § 105.3-1.(q) a "Substantiated complaint" means a complaint or allegation in a complaint that was found to be valid by clear and convincing evidence.

NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS: Zero (0)

Meetings

Held every 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, via Microsoft Teams.

Emergency Meetings: None

Contact Info

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Status report of Three-Year Outcomes/Goals

Outcome/Goal # 1

Educate the Membership and the General Tribal Council on any and all Land Claims pertaining to land claims here in Wisconsin and New York State.

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Transparency - Open communication about actions taken and decisions made ensuring access to information is clear

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

The outcome of this goal supports the good governance principle; it keeps the General Tribal Council and membership aware of past and present litigations pertaining to Indian Land Claims.

Enter how the Three-year outcome/goal supports the Good Governance Principle.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The Commission was not fully staffed until the end of the 2nd Quarter. We did not meet in over a year and vacancies needed to be filled with the passing of two of our board members, Chairwoman Loretta V. Metoxen, and Commissioner Charles Wheelock. The Commissions first steps were to fill all vacancies and immediate revisit and update our by-laws. All vacancies have been filled, and the revised by-laws were submitted to LRO for review and approval. Due to Covid restrictions we were not able to organize or conduct any public presentations. Also, Covid restrictions prohibited the Commission from accessing our office, our records, our research, and all our educational materials at the Norbert Hill Center. These health restrictions hindered our efforts to work on this goal. We are seeking other alternatives to conduct outreach with our membership. Alternatives, such as social media, direct mail outs and the Kalihwisaks will be utilized to provide updates and seek membership input. This goal is on-going.

Enter the BCC's accomplishments related to the Three-year outcome/goal.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The Commission plans to conduct an educational series for the community on past and proposed land claims activity; plus submit a report of all community input and recommendation from information that was gathered from the previous Land Claims Commission, prior to the Covid organizational shut down. The membership will also be provided with OLCC recommendations regarding Oneida Land Claims

Enter what the membership can expect in the future from the BCC related to the Three-year outcome/goal.

Outcome/Goal # 2

Gather input from the Oneida membership regarding Oneida land claims

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Responsiveness - Availability to the public and timeous reaction to the needs and opinions of the public

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

The Commissions has a duty and goal to gather input from the membership. This supports

the good governance principle of responsiveness by including the membership, gathering their feedback, input, and recommendation for the Nation to move forward.

Enter how the Three-year outcome/goal supports the Good Governance Principle.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The Commission was not fully staffed until the end of the quarter. All vacancies have now been filled. The full Commission is meeting on a regular basis, we just completed our annual review of our bylaws and submitted them to LRO. Due to covid health restrictions, the Commission has not been able to organize any public presentations or access our office, documents, supplies, or materials. [please see full response from Goal 1]

Enter the BCC's accomplishments related to the Three-year outcome/goal.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The Commission plans to do more surveys and outreach on social media and paper form to gather Membership input regarding Land Claims. This will include settlement recommendations for a congressional fix.

Enter what the membership can expect in the future from the BCC related to the Three-year outcome/goal.

Outcome/Goal # 3

Compile and forward all community recommendations, and research on Oneida Land Claims to the OBC and GTC.

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Accountability - The acknowledgement and assumption of responsibility for decisions and actions as well as the applicable rules of law

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

This goal supports the good governance principle of accountability by informing the OBC and GTC of the membership's recommendations, needs, and wants. Reporting this information, on behalf of our membership, provides them with an opportunity to share open and honest, transparent dialog regarding all Oneida Land Claims.

Enter how the Three-year outcome/goal supports the Good Governance Principle.

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EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The Commission hopes to uncover new information/evidence of new Land Claims here in Wisconsin and New York State. The Commission plans to study recent outcomes from other tribal entities to see if any of our situations apply. The Commission is committed to gathering relevant information from other tribal nations, State courts cases, Federal courts cases, and from Indigenous nations around the world pertaining to Land Claims. The Commission is working to compile and report community input and recommendations from the previous OLCC prior to the Covid shut down. The Commission will continue to work on gathering more input from the community and complete an annual report with this data.

Enter what the membership can expect in the future from the BCC related to the Three-year outcome/goal.

Stipends

Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution # 08-12-20-C sets the stipend amounts.

Budget Information

FY-2022 BUDGET: \$43,360.00

FY-2022 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$2614.00

No additional information regarding budgetary use.

Requests

Respectfully the OLCC requests that the OBC permanently table their recommendation to dissolve the OLCC from the upcoming GTC meeting. This should be tabled until there is a resolve to our Land Claim, whether from the U.S. Court System, the World Court System, a Congressional fix, or other means. The OLCC is an elected body, by the membership, dedicated to work on Land Claims matters; to advocate on behalf of the membership and work with the Nation and OBC on our unresolved Land Claim.

Other

The Commission would like to acknowledge the great loss in our fight with the passing of Loretta Metoxen and Charles "Chaz" Wheelock. The Commission will do its best to pick up the torch and continue the fight our ancestors started. Loretta and Chaz were very passionate about Land Claims issues and the Commission hopes to ignite our people once more on the rights of our people to its original lands and the injustice of how our land was stolen.