



Oneida Business Committee

Emergency Meeting
2:30 PM Friday, May 20, 2022
Virtual Meeting - Microsoft Teams¹

Minutes

EMERGENCY MEETING

Present: Chairman Tehassi Hill, Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens, Secretary Lisa Liggins, Council members: David P. Jordan, Marie Summers;

Not Present: Treasurer Tina Danforth, Councilman Daniel Guzman King;

Arrived at: Councilwoman Jennifer Webster at 2:36 p.m., Councilman Kirby Metoxen at 2:37 p.m.;

Others present: Jo Anne House, Larry Barton, Louise Cornelius, Melinda J. Danforth, Mark W. Powless, Kaylynn Gresham, Loucinda Conway, Danelle Wilson, Rhiannon Metoxen, Kristal Hill, Amy Spears, Rae Skenandore, Justin Nishimoto, Lisa Summers, Melanie Burkhart, Jameson Wilson, Shannon Davis, Carol Silva, Aliskwet Ellis;

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tehassi Hill at 2:30 p.m.

For the record: Councilman Daniel Guzman King is on vacation. Treasurer Tina Danforth is unable to attend due to prior commitment.

II. OPENING

Opening provided by Chairman Tehassi Hill.

III. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion by Brandon Stevens to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

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

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

IV. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL

A. Cancel the special General Tribal Council meeting tentatively scheduled on May 31, 2022

Sponsor: Tehassi Hill, Chairman

Due to a Microsoft Teams connection issue², Councilwoman Jennifer Webster arrived at 1:36 p.m.

Due to a Microsoft Teams connection issue, Councilman Kirby Metoxen arrived at 1:37 p.m.

Roll call for the record:

Present: Chairman Tehassi Hill; Councilman David P. Jordan; Secretary Lisa Liggins; Councilman Kirby Metoxen; Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens; Councilwoman Marie Summers; Councilwoman Jennifer Webster;

Not Present: Treasurer Tina Danforth; Councilman Daniel Guzman King;

For the record: Councilwoman Jennifer Webster stated I'm scheduled for vacation today.

Motion by Jennifer Webster to cancel the special General Tribal Council meeting tentatively scheduled on May 31, 2022, due to the increased COVID-19 Community Levels, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Daniel Guzman King

For the record: Councilwoman Marie Summers stated Today, two memos were submitted to the Oneida Business Committee with two different recommendations. The first memo was submitted at 8:03 in the morning and after 30-minutes or so of a discussion which included the Public Health Officer regarding the memo being unclear and a discussion surrounding cancelling the May 31, 2022, GTC meeting, the Public [Health] Officer was directed to resubmit another memo, which was submitted about 9:53. In my humble opinion, I believe both memos are misleading and because of the 30-minute or so conversation, the revised memo itself was changed and the last three paragraphs on page 2 were removed or altered drastically. In addition, the Milwaukee, WI covid-19 rates being at a high level was also discussed; however, that data is not specifically noted in the memo. When I take such important considerations under review, such as whether to cancel a GTC meeting or not, I need complete clarity and today I was presented with two varying memos which left me confused. Because of this skewed information I will have to abstain from this vote. Thank you.

For the record: Secretary Lisa Liggins stated Treasurer Tina Danforth submitted her comments in writing as she is unable to be here today. Those comments will be included in the [certified] meeting packet as well as Councilwoman Marie Summers's comments.

For the record: Secretary Lisa Liggins stated the initial memorandum from the Public Health Officer was reviewed at the 8:30 a.m. BC caucus. At that meeting, the Public Health Officer provided a verbal recommendation to cancel the 5/31 GTC meeting. The updated memorandum which was issued at 9:53 a.m. puts that verbal recommendation into writing. Thank you.

² Per section 5.3 of the OBC Virtual Meeting SOP, "All OBC members shall keep his or her video camera on during the entire virtual meeting." Due to a Microsoft Teams connection issue, Councilwoman Webster and Councilman Metoxen were unable use their video cameras upon their arrival and for the duration of the meeting.

For the record: Councilwoman Jennifer Webster stated taking into consideration, working with the recommendation from the Public Health Officer, with her recommendation to not to hold a GTC, taking into the consideration the health disparities of our community, common sense tells me that we cannot put 1,500 to 1,600 in a room together when these rates are increasing. Thank you.

For the record: Councilwoman Marie Summers stated during the first meeting a memo was submitted along with a verbal recommendation and what was stated in the memo and what was verbally recommended did not match. The information provided became a conflict for me. And as far as the common sense of this whole entire thing, we're basing it on data and this is medium to low right now, it stated in the memo, but so we're basing our decision on a low to medium type. We don't know where this is going; we don't know what's going to happen in the next seven days. So I can't agree that common sense is involved here. I think we need to look at the data. Thank you.

V. ADJOURN

Motion by David P. Jordan to adjourn at 2:51 p.m., seconded by Marie Summers. Motion carried:

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

Minutes prepared by Lisa Liggins, Secretary.
Minutes approved as presented on June 8, 2022.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary

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