

2023 1st Quarter report (Oct '22 to Dec '22)

For Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs)

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ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION

Purpose:

The Oneida Gaming Commission and its departments collectively promote and ensure the integrity, security, honesty and fairness of the regulation and administration of all Gaming activities within the jurisdiction of the Oneida Nation.

BCC Members

Mark A. Powless, Sr.
Commission Chairman
August 2023

Reynold (Tommy) Danforth
Vice Chairman
August 2025

Michelle M. Braaten
Secretary
August 2027

Jonas Hill
Commissioner
August 2024

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: 0

Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

Emergency Meetings: No emergency meetings

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Status report of Three-Year Outcomes/Goals

Outcome/Goal # 1

Updated/Created regulations that include: Oneida Gaming Minimum Internal Control Standards (all sections), Employee Licensing, License Hearings, Administration/Staffing, Raffles, and Enforcement by September 30, 2023.

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

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Rule of Law - Ensuring the rules are known and applied equally to all with clear appeal (if needed) and are enforced by an impartial regulatory body, for the full protection of Oneida Nation stakeholders

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Regulations set forth standard expectations and minimum requirements to accommodate the creation of consistent and repeatable processes. Documented and up-to-date regulations are crucial to clear the path for Gaming Operations, as well as the OGC, to be transparent and fair, which benefits and protects the Nation and its stakeholders. Current regulations also allow for effective compliance audits, accountability, and efficiencies.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The majority of the OGMICS chapter sections have been completed, with three remaining chapters in the final stages of review: General, Revenue Audit, and Definitions. There are also Sportsbook regulation revisions discussed with Gaming Management to help us all move toward comprehensive and up-to-date regulations. OGC-Compliance continues to work on these revisions.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Once the remaining OGMICS sections are completed, Employee Licensing, License Hearings, Administrative/Staffing, Raffles, and Enforcement regulations will be prioritized, reviewed and revised so they are brought up to date, and submitted for approval.

Stipends

Stipends are only utilized by our Pro-tems.

Budget Information

FY-2023 BUDGET: 5,320,127.00

FY-2023 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: 1,291,973.00

There are currently six (6) staffed positions and two (2) approved/posted positions that were inadvertently left out of the budget. As such, there will be labor/payroll variances in each department of the OGC apparent throughout the year. We are working on ascertaining the total of these labor expenses and impacts that may need further explanation.

Requests

There are no requests for the Oneida Business Committee at this time. Please note however, it was requested of Gaming Management to continue to keep the OGC abreast of Sportsbook project communications, as well as to include OGC-Compliance in the early stages of the revision process of procedures so review and approval can be streamlined.

Other

- The OGC brought back the previous Executive Director in mid-December on a limited-term contract.
- The OGC, Gaming Management, and the State Office of Indian Gaming and Regulatory Compliance are scheduled to meet (informally) February 15 to discuss Sportsbook regulatory changes and operational status.
- OGC representatives are participating in the Illegal Gambling Strategic Planning Development Team coordinated by Intergovernmental Affairs.
- Relocation of OGC office is put on hold by the Development Division for re-evaluation of costs. In turn, the OGC is also re-reviewing the operational impacts.