



# Oneida Business Committee

Regular Meeting  
8:30 AM Wednesday, March 08, 2023  
BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes

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**Present:** Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens, Secretary Lisa Liggins Council members: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Kirby Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams<sup>1</sup>), Jennifer Webster;

**Not Present:** Chairman Tehassi Hill, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Councilman David P. Jordan;

**Arrived at:** n/a

**Others present:** Jo Anne House (via Microsoft Teams), Keith Doxtator, Mark W. Powless, Todd Vandenheuvel (via Microsoft Teams), Katsitsiyo Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Rhiannon Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Rae Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Lisa Summers (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Leeman, Justin Nishimoto (via Microsoft Teams), RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies (via Microsoft Teams), Tana Aguirre (via Microsoft Teams), James Bittorf (via Microsoft Teams), Bill Gollnick (via Microsoft Teams), Melanie Burkhart (via Microsoft Teams), Lori Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Lisa Rauschenbach (via Microsoft Teams), Tina Jorgensen (via Microsoft Teams), Carolyn Salutz (via Microsoft Teams), Grace Elliott (via Microsoft Teams), Paul Witek (via Microsoft Teams), Michelle Tipple (via Microsoft Teams), Scott Denny (via Microsoft Teams), Gregory Matson (via Microsoft Teams), Ivory Kelly (via Microsoft Teams), Eric Boulanger, Joel Maxam, Brandon Vandehei, Andrew Leitzke, Laura Laitinen-Warren (via Microsoft Teams), Jameson Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Patricia King (via Microsoft Teams), Debbie Melchert (via Microsoft Teams), Brooke Doxtator (via Microsoft Teams), Shannon Davis (via Microsoft Teams), Carol Silva (via Microsoft Teams), Arlinda Locklear (via Microsoft Teams), Scott Dacey (via Microsoft Teams), Kelli Lake (via Microsoft Teams), Mary Graves (via Microsoft Teams), Nancy Barton, Cathy L. Metoxen, Mike Debraska (via Microsoft Teams), Aliskwet Ellis;

## I. CALL TO ORDER

*Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens at 8:31 a.m.*

*For the record: Chairman Tehassi Hill is out on approved travel providing testimony for American Indian/Alaska Native programs in Washington, D.C. Councilman David P. Jordan is out on vacation. Treasurer Tina Danforth is out on leave.*

## II. OPENING (00:00:37)

*Opening provided by Councilman Kirby Metoxen.*

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

### III. **ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:01:06)**

Motion by Marie Cornelius to adopt the agenda with two (2) noted changes [1) under section New Business, add item entitled Accept the report on Impacts of End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency memorandum dated February 27, 2023, as information; and 2) delete item XII.C.3. Review West Mason Sportsbook staffing levels request and determine next steps], seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

### IV. **OATH OF OFFICE**

- A. Oneida Police Department - Andrew Leitzke (00:02:37)**  
Sponsor: Richard Van Boxtel, Chair/Oneida Police Commission

*Oath of office administered by Secretary Lisa Liggins. Officer Andrew Leitzke was present.*

### V. **MINUTES**

- A. Approve the February 22, 2023, regular Business Committee meeting minutes (00:04:36)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the February 22, 2023, regular Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

- B. Approve the February 27, 2023, special Business Committee meeting minutes (00:05:02)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the February 27, 2023, special Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

## VI. RESOLUTIONS

**A. Adopt resolution entitled Extension of Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency Until May 11, 2023 (00:05:27)**

Sponsor: Kaylynn Gresham, Director/Emergency Management

Motion by Jennifer Webster to adopt resolution entitled 03-08-23-A Extension of Declaration of Public Health State of Emergency Until May 11, 2023, as amended, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

Amendment to the main motion by Lisa Liggins to made two (2) noted changes [1) delete lines 44-47; and 2) at line 44, add, "WHEREAS, the federal Public Health State of Emergency Declaration is set to expire May 11th, 2023, and the Oneida Business Committee recognizes the benefit of extending the Oneida Public Health State of Emergency to match that of the federal Public Health State of Emergency;," seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**B. Adopt resolution entitled Emergency Amendments to the Election Law for the 2023 General Election (00:14:47)**

Sponsor: David P. Jordan, Councilman

*Councilwoman Marie Cornelius left at 9:19 a.m.*

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adopt resolution entitled 03-08-23-B Emergency Amendments to the Election Law for the 2023 General Election with one (1) noted change [1) delete any reference to the removal of the petition process], seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Marie Cornelius, Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**C. Adopt resolution entitled Amendments to the Emergency Management Law (00:48:25)**

Sponsor: David P. Jordan, Councilman

*Councilwoman Marie Cornelius returned at 9:22 a.m.*

Motion by Jennifer Webster to adopt resolution entitled 03-08-23-C Amendments to the Emergency Management Law with one (1) noted change [1) at line 71, add "WHEREAS, no oral or written comments were submitted during the public comment period; and"], seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**D. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the adopted BC resolution 02-23-23-A Oneida Nation Food Processing Technical Assistance Project Grant Application (00:52:34)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Marie Cornelius to enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the adopted BC resolution 02-23-23-A Oneida Nation Food Processing Technical Assistance Project Grant Application, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

*For the record: Councilman Kirby Metoxen stated I just wanted to clarify Nancy's statement, I wasn't able to find where she was talking about 500,000. I didn't see that.*

**VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**1. Accept the January 5, 2023, regular Community Development Planning Committee meeting minutes (00:56:42)**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens, Vice-Chairman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the January 5, 2023, regular Community Development Planning Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**B. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

**1. Accept the February 15, 2023, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (00:57:06)**

Sponsor: David P. Jordan, Councilman

Motion by Marie Cornelius to accept the February 15, 2023, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**C. QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE**

**1. Accept the January 19, 2023, regular Quality of Life Committee meeting minutes (00:57:33)**

Sponsor: Marie Cornelius, Councilwoman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the January 19, 2023, regular Quality of Life Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

## VIII. STANDING ITEMS

### A. ARPA FRF and Tribal Contribution Savings Submissions

#### 1. Review Tribal Member request regarding GWA Food Card Payment for FY-2024 utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings (00:58:43)

Sponsor: Nancy Barton, Tribal Member

*Councilman Daniel Guzman King left 9:50 a.m.*

*Councilwoman Marie Cornelius left at 10:03 a.m.*

*Councilwoman Marie Cornelius returned at 10:05 a.m.*

*Councilman Daniel Guzman King returned at 10:06 a.m.*

Motion by Jennifer Webster to direct the Tribal Member request regarding GWA Food Payment for FY-2024 utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings be considered with the other quarterly requests at the March 13, 2023, BC work session, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Opposed: Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

#### 2. Review Tribal Member request regarding the project status for the proposed general rental apartments (02:02:37)

Sponsor: Mary Graves, Tribal Member

*Secretary Lisa Liggins left at 10:33 a.m.*

*Secretary Lisa Liggins returned at 10:43 a.m.*

*Councilwoman Jennifer Webster left 10:49 a.m.*

*Councilwoman Jennifer Webster returned at 10:51 a.m.*

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Tribal Member request regarding the project status for the proposed general rental apartments and to direct the General Manager to bring back a project status report to the April 6, 2023, Community Development Planning Committee meeting, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**3. Review Tribal Member request regarding the Student Relief Fund (02:25:30)**

Sponsor: Kelli Lake, Tribal Member

Motion by Lisa Liggins to deny the Tribal Member request regarding the Student Relief Fund, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

Motion by Lisa Liggins to forward discussion regarding funding sources for the students denied funding from the Student Relief Fund be forwarded to the April 18, 2023, BC work session, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

*The Oneida Business Committee, by consensus, recessed at 11:28 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.*

*Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens at 11:37 a.m.*

*Roll call for the record:*

*Present: Councilwoman Marie Cornelius; Councilman Daniel Guzman King; Secretary Lisa Liggins; Councilman Kirby Metoxen; Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens; Councilwoman Jennifer Webster;*

*Not Present: Treasurer Tina Danforth; Chairman Tehassi Hill; Councilman David P. Jordan;*

**IX. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

**A. Approve the travel request - Chairman Tehassi Hill - Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week of 2023 - Washington, D.C. - March 19-21, 2023 (02:57:48)**

Sponsor: Tehassi Hill, Chairman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the travel request for Chairman Tehassi Hill and up to two additional Business Committee members to attend the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week of 2023 in Washington, D.C. - March 19-21, 2023, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

*For the record: Councilman Kirby Metoxen stated I just want to remind that I will be on vacation March 17-24. I leave on that Friday, and I will be gone the following week. I will be on vacation. Thank you.*

- B. Approve the travel request - Secretary Lisa Liggins - Emerging Trends in Tribal Enrollment - Albuquerque, NM - April 24-27, 2023 (03:00:34)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Marie Cornelius to approve the travel request for Secretary Lisa Liggins and up to two additional Business Committee members to attend the Emerging Trends in Tribal Enrollment in Albuquerque, NM - April 24-27, 2023, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

- C. Approve the travel request - Councilwoman Jennifer Webster - Progress Act Negotiated Rulemaking Committee - Washington, D.C. - March 26-31, 2023 (03:04:16)**  
Sponsor: Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman

Motion by Marie Cornelius to approve the travel request for Councilwoman Jennifer Webster to attend the Progress Act Negotiated Rulemaking Committee in Washington, D.C. - March 26-31, 2023, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Accept the notice of the Rule of Play: Four Card Poker approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on February 24, 2023 (03:05:28)**  
Sponsor: Mark A. Powless, Chair/Oneida Gaming Commission

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the notice of the Four Card Poker Rules of Play approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on February 24, 2023, and direct notice to the Oneida Gaming Commission there are no requested revisions under Section 501.6-14(d), seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

- B. Accept the report on Impacts of End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency memorandum dated February 27, 2023, as information (03:07:31)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the report on Impacts of End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency memorandum dated February 27, 2023, as information, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

## **XI. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL**

### **A. Approve two (2) actions regarding the 2023 reconvened annual General Tribal Council meeting (03:09:07)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to schedule the 2023 reconvened annual General Tribal Council meeting on April 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the notice and mailer for the reconvened 2023 annual General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

*The Oneida Business Committee, by consensus, recessed for lunch from 11:53 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*

*Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens at 1:33 p.m.*

*Roll call for the record:*

*Present: Councilwoman Marie Cornelius; Councilman Daniel Guzman King; Secretary Lisa Liggins; Councilman Kirby Metoxen; Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens; Councilwoman Jennifer Webster;*

*Not Present: Treasurer Tina Danforth; Chairman Tehassi Hill; Councilman David P. Jordan;*



## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (03:14:36)**

Motion by Lisa Liggins to go into executive session at 1:33 p.m., seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

Motion by Marie Cornelius to come out of executive session at 3:59 p.m., seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

### **A. REPORTS**

#### **1. Accept the Chief Counsel report (03:15:30)**

Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Chief Counsel report; to authorize Chairman Tehassi Hill and Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens as witnesses for deposition in the Oneida Nation versus the Oneida Indian Nation trademark dispute; to direct the Law Office to communicate with legal counsel for the Oneida Indian Nation regarding the possibility of settlement in the trademark dispute; and to approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in the Land Use License Template file # 2023-0183, for the Duck Creek Trail driveway access, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

#### **2. Accept the General Manager report (03:16:29)**

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the General Manager report, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

### **B. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Accept the Blackjack Rules of Play compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (03:16:47)**

Sponsor: David P. Jordan, Councilman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Blackjack Rules of Play compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**2. Accept the Four Card Poker Rules of Play compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (03:17:06)**

Sponsor: David P. Jordan, Councilman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Four Card Poker Rules of Play compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**3. Accept the Player Tracking compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (03:17:23)**

Sponsor: David P. Jordan, Councilman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Player Tracking compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**4. Accept the Three Card Poker Rules of Play compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (03:17:39)**

Sponsor: David P. Jordan, Councilman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Three Card Poker Rules of Play compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Accept PACE LLP update (03:17:56)**

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth, Director/Intergovernmental Affairs

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept PACE LLP update and approve objective option #2 in the memorandum dated March 3, 2023, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**2. Approve sixty-three (63) new enrollments and one (1) relinquishment (03:18:16)**

Sponsor: Jennifer Hill-Kelley, Chair/Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve sixty-three (63) new enrollments and one (1) relinquishment, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

**XIII. ADJOURN (03:18:34)**

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adjourn at 4:02 p.m., seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David P. Jordan

Minutes prepared by Aliskwet Ellis, Senior Information Management Specialist.  
Minutes approved as presented on March 22, 2023.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary

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