



# Oneida Business Committee

## Executive Session

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2017  
Executive Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Regular Meeting

8:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
BC Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Present:** Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth, Treasurer Trish King, Secretary Lisa Summers, Council members: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster;

**Not Present:** ;

**Arrived at:** ;

**Others present:** Jo Anne House, Michele Doxtator, Larry Barton, Liz Somers, Racquel Hill, Dale Wheelock, Gina Buenrostro, Pearl Webster, Bridget Mendolla-Cornelius;

### REGULAR MEETING

**Present:** Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth, Treasurer Trish King, Secretary Lisa Summers, Council members: Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster;

**Not Present:** ;

**Arrived at:** Councilwoman Fawn Billie at 8:33 a.m.;

**Others present:** Jo Anne House, Heather Heuer, Brad Graham, Bill Graham, Mike Debraska, Don Denny, Michele Doxtator, Gina Buenrostro, Candace Skenandore, Jen Falck, Clorissa Santiago, Tammy Skenandore, Krystal John, Nancy Barton, Bonnie Pigman, Larry Barton, Scott Denny, Patrick Pelky, Dale Wheelock, Marianne Close, Josh Cottrell, Matt Denny, Joanie Buckley, David Cluckey, Jeff Metoxen, Marsha Danforth, Bill Vervoort, Mandy Schneider, Rena Metoxen, Victrietta Hensley;

## **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** by Chairwoman Tina Danforth at 8:30 a.m.

For the record: Secretary Lisa Summers and Treasurer Trish King are excused at 9:00 a.m. for an appointment and will return afterwards. Chairwoman Tina Danforth is excused at 10:50 a.m. to attend the Governor's 2017 Budget Address and meetings with other tribal leaders in Madison, WI.

*Councilwoman Fawn Billie arrives at 8:33 a.m.*

## **II. OPENING** by Councilman Tehassi Hill

### **A. Special Recognition of Retirement and Years of Service – Don Denny**

Sponsor: Michele Doxtator, Area Manager/Retail Profits

*Special recognition by Michele Doxtator of Don Denny on his retirement from Oneida Retail.*

### III. ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:08:44)

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt the agenda with the following changes: [Add-on Item XII.D.07. Review Ombudsman Position Follow-up; and Add-on Item XII.D.08. Review complaint # 2017-DR06-01], seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King,  
Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster  
Abstained: Lisa Summers

### IV. MINUTES

#### A. Approve January 25, 2017, regular meeting minutes (00:11:17)

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Motion by Lisa Summers to approve the January 25, 2017, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon  
Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster  
Abstained: Fawn Billie

#### B. Approve January 26, 2017, FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reports meeting minutes (00:11:55)

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Motion by Lisa Summers to approve the January 26, 2017, FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reports meeting minutes, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon  
Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster  
Abstained: Fawn Billie

### V. RESOLUTIONS

#### A. Adopt resolution entitled Adoption of Real Property Law Amendments (00:12:34)

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens, Councilman/Legislative Operating Committee Chair

Motion by Lisa Summers to adopt resolution # 02-08-17-A Adoption of Real Property Law Amendments, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King,  
Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

#### B. Adopt resolution entitled Conflict of Interest Law Amendments (00:16:45)

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens, Councilman/Legislative Operating Committee Chair

Motion by Brandon Stevens to adopt resolution # 02-08-17-B Conflict of Interest Law Amendments, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King,  
Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

*Secretary Lisa Summers departs at 9:05 a.m.*

**C. Adopt resolution entitled Adoption of the Budget Management and Control Law (00:28:04)**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens, Councilman/Legislative Operating Committee Chair

Motion by Brandon Stevens to adopt resolution # 02-08-17-C Adoption of the Budget Management and Control Law, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Lisa Summers

*Treasurer Trish King departs at 9:16 a.m.*

*Councilman David Jordan departs at 9:29 a.m.*

*Councilman David Jordan returns at 9:32 a.m.*

**D. Adopt resolution entitled Eviction and Termination Rules Extension (00:45:10)**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens, Councilman/Legislative Operating Committee Chair

Motion by Tehassi Hill to adopt resolution # 02-08-17-D Eviction and Termination Rules Extension, seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Trish King, Lisa Summers

**E. Adopt resolution entitled Landlord-Tenant Rules Extension (1:02:31)**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens, Councilman/Legislative Operating Committee Chair

Motion by Brandon Stevens to adopt resolution # 02-08-17-E Landlord-Tenant Rules Extension, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Abstained: Melinda J. Danforth

Not Present: Trish King, Lisa Summers

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to table this item. Motion fails due to lack of support.

**VI. STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Legislative Operating Committee**

Chair: Brandon Stevens, Councilman

**1. Accept January 18, 2017, Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (1:38:46)**

Motion by David Jordan to accept the January 18, 2017, Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Abstained: Tehassi Hill

Not Present: Trish King, Lisa Summers

**B. Finance Committee**

Chair: Trish King, Tribal Treasurer

**1. Approve January 30, 2017, Finance Committee meeting minutes (1:39:14)**

Motion by David Jordan to approve the January 30, 2017, Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Trish King, Lisa Summers

**VII. APPOINTMENTS**

**A. Approve recommendation to appoint Sandra Reveles to the Oneida Personnel Commission (1:55:12)**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth, Tribal Chairwoman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to appoint Sandra Reveles to the Oneida Personnel Commission, seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Fawn Billie to repost the vacancy on the Oneida Personnel Commission, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Trish King, Lisa Summers

**B. Approve recommendation to appoint Kory Wesaw to the Oneida Police Commission (2:04:20)**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth, Tribal Chairwoman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the recommendation to appoint Kory Wesaw to the Oneida Police Commission, seconded by David Jordan. Motion fails due to lack of support:

Ayes: David Jordan, Jennifer Webster

Opposed: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, Brandon Stevens

Not Present: Trish King, Lisa Summers

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to request Chairwoman Tina Danforth to reconsider the other applicants in the pool in accordance with Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees, and Commissions, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Trish King, Lisa Summers

**C. Approve recommendation to appoint Lloyd Ninham and Kathryn LaRoque to the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board (2:09:53)**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth, Tribal Chairwoman

Motion by David Jordan to approve the recommendation to appoint Lloyd Ninham and Kathryn LaRoque to the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board, seconded by Melinda J. Danforth. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Trish King, Lisa Summers

**D. Approve recommendation to appoint Loretta Metoxen to the Oneida Land Claims Commission (2:10:28)**

Sponsor: Tina Danforth, Tribal Chairwoman

Motion by David Jordan to approve the recommendation to appoint Loretta Metoxen to the Oneida Land Claims Commission, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Trish King, Lisa Summers

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

*Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth departs at 10:41 a.m.*

*Treasurer Trish King returns at 10:49 a.m.*

*Secretary Lisa Summers departs at 10:53 a.m.*

*Secretary Lisa Summers returns at 10:55 a.m.*

**A. Approve 2017 Amended Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee Oneida Business Committee Memorandum of Agreement (OTEC/OBC - MOA) – contract # 2017-0085 (2:10:50)**

Sponsor: Brandon Stevens, Councilman

Motion by Lisa Summers to recess at 10:56 a.m. until Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth returns, seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Melinda J. Danforth

*Chairwoman Tina Danforth departs at 10:56 a.m.*

*Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth returns at 10:58 a.m. and assumes responsibility of the Chair.*

*Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth at 10:58 a.m.*

*Chairwoman Tina Danforth not present.*

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the 2017 Amended Oneida Trust Enrollment Oneida Business Committee Memorandum of Agreement (OTEC/OBC - MOA) – contract # 2017-0085, seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

**B. Approve draft letter of support to be sent to the Acting Attorney General from the OBC for the Twahwahtsilay<sup>Λ</sup> project (2:27:13)**

Sponsor: Fawn Billie, Councilwoman

Motion by Lisa Summers to approve the draft letter of support to be sent to the Acting Attorney General from the OBC for the Twahwahtsilay<sup>Λ</sup> project, noting that the person it is addressed to may change due to political appointee, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

**C. Post one (1) vacancy on the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board with term expiration of November 12, 2017 (2:28:33)**

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Motion by Lisa Summers to post the one (1) vacancy on the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board with a term expiration of November 12, 2017, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

**D. Accept memorandum from Oneida Election Board regarding representation during quarterly report meetings (2:28:52)**

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth, Tribal Vice-Chairwoman

Motion by Lisa Summers to accept the memorandum - subject line "Election Board representation for quarterly reports", seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

**IX. TRAVEL**

**A. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

**1. Approve travel request – Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Treasurer Trish King, and Councilman David Jordan – 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Finance Officers Association conference – San Francisco, CA – April 23-26, 2017 (2:30:00)**

Motion by Fawn Billie to approve the travel request – Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Treasurer Trish King, and Councilman David Jordan – 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Finance Officers Association conference – San Francisco, CA – April 23-26, 2017, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers,  
Jennifer Webster  
Abstained: David Jordan  
Not Present: Tina Danforth  
For the record: Councilman Brandon Stevens stated I would like the committee to consider that we're looking in the direction of attending the hill congressional meetings more frequently throughout as a result of the new administration in educating them in that some of these other meetings may fall to the, I guess if we feel the need that these conferences still have that priority which I think some do that we also consider all of our travel when we're doing that. Not just this travel alone, but like NIGA, NICA, and all those. That we're making sure our calendars are updated as well.

**2. Approve travel request – Up to two (2) Business Committee members – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Wisconsin Indian Education Association conference – Minocqua, WI – May 11-14, 2017 (2:32:45)**

Motion by Brandon Stevens to approve the travel request – Up to two (2) Business Committee members – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Wisconsin Indian Education Association conference – Minocqua, WI – May 11-14, 2017, noting one (1) of the travelers will be Councilwoman Fawn Billie, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

**B. E-POLLS**

**1. Enter E-Poll results into the record in accordance with BC SOP Conducting Electronic Voting:**

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

**a. Approved travel request in accordance with Travel & Expense Policy – Eight (8) Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee members & one (1) Veterans Service Officer – 72nd Anniversary of Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony – Phoenix, AZ – February 23-26, 2017 (2:33:49)**

Requestor: Mike Hill, Chair/Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee  
Liaison: Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman

Motion by Tehassi Hill to enter the E-Poll results into the record for the approved travel request in accordance with Travel & Expense Policy – Eight (8) Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee members & one (1) Veterans Service Officer – 72nd Anniversary of Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony – Phoenix, AZ – February 23-26, 2017, seconded by Lisa Summers. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

**b. Approved travel request – Councilwoman Jennifer Webster – Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Policy Subcommittee (MMPC) & Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) meetings – Washington D.C. – February 27-March 1, 2017 (XX)**

Requestor: Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman

Motion by Lisa Summers to enter the E-Poll results into the record for the approved travel request – Councilwoman Jennifer Webster – Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Policy Subcommittee (MMPC) & Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) meetings – Washington D.C. – February 27-March 1, 2017, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers  
Abstained: Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

Motion by David Jordan to recess at 11:25 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

*Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth at 1:28 p.m.*

*Chairwoman Tina Danforth and Secretary Lisa Summers not present.*



## **X. OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

### **A. Accept Environmental Health & Safety FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report (2:53:48)**

Sponsor: Patrick Pelky, Division Director/Environmental Health & Safety

Motion by Fawn Billie to accept the Environmental Health & Safety FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Lisa Summers

### **B. Accept Division of Land Management FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report (3:13:10)**

Sponsor: Patrick Pelky, Division Director/Land Management

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Division of Land Management FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Lisa Summers

### **C. Accept Oneida Housing Authority FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report (3:31:28)**

Sponsor: Dale Wheelock, Executive Director/Oneida Housing Authority

Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the Oneida Housing Authority FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report, with the redacted version of the eviction summary, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Lisa Summers

### **D. Accept Human Resources Department FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report (3:55:54)**

Sponsor: Geraldine Danforth, Area Manager/Human Resources Department

Motion by David Jordan to accept the Human Resources Department FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously: (4:17:00)

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Lisa Summers

Motion by David Jordan to redact the previously accepted Human Resources Department FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report, on page 238, the sentences regarding the Personnel Commission, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously: (5:08:31)

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Lisa Summers

*Councilman David Jordan departs at 3:04 p.m.*

*Councilman David Jordan returns at 3:05 p.m.*

*Councilwoman Fawn Billie departs at 3:31 p.m.*

*Councilwoman Fawn Billie returns at 3:36 p.m.*

*Councilman David Jordan departs at 3:36 p.m.*

*Councilman David Jordan returns at 3:41 p.m.*



**E. Accept Internal Services Division FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report (4:17:52)**

Sponsor: Joanie Buckley, Division Director/Internal Services

Motion by Brandon Stevens to accept the Internal Services Division FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Lisa Summers

**F. Accept Retail Enterprise FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report (5:09:32)**

Sponsor: Michele Doxtator, Area Manager/Retail Profits

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Retail Enterprise FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Lisa Summers

**XI. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL** *(To obtain a copy of Members Only Materials, please visit the BC Support Office, located on the 2nd floor of the Norbert Hill Center and present Tribal I.D. card)*

**A. Accept update on creation of GTC Legal Resource Center; and approve job descriptions for advising attorney and advocates positions (2:34:45)**

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth, Tribal Vice-Chairwoman

Motion by Lisa Summers to accept the job descriptions as information, noting that the Business Committee will review and provide any recommendations back by February 14, 2017, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

**B. Schedule special GTC FY 2018 Budget meeting on Sunday, September 17, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. (2:38:08)**

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Motion by David Jordan to schedule the special GTC FY 2018 Budget meeting on Sunday, September 17, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **A. REPORTS**

#### **1. Accept Retail Enterprise FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report – Michele Doxtator, Retail Profits Area Manager (2:39:00)**

Motion by Lisa Summers to accept the Retail Enterprise FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

Motion by Lisa Summers to approve the procedural exception to hire the requested number of employees that were identified during executive session on February 7, 2017, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

#### **2. Accept Chief Counsel report – Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel (2:40:20)**

Motion by Fawn Billie to accept the Chief Counsel report, seconded by Lisa Summers. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers,  
Jennifer Webster  
Abstained: David Jordan  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

Motion by Lisa Summers to direct Liaisons Councilwoman Jennifer Webster and Secretary Lisa Summers to work with the Law Office on a contract item that was brought forward; and to bring back a report to the Business Committee within sixty (60) days, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers,  
Jennifer Webster  
Abstained: David Jordan  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

Motion by Jennifer Webster to request an audit regarding the authority and expenditures of the board, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers,  
Jennifer Webster  
Abstained: David Jordan  
Not Present: Tina Danforth  
For the record: Councilman David Jordan stated my abstention was because I was not present at the time. I was on a conference call during this presentation.

### **B. STANDING ITEMS**

#### **1. Land Claims Strategy (No Requested Action)**

## **C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Accept final report and close-out complaint # 2016-DR11-01 (2:41:57)**

Sponsors: Trish King, Tribal Treasurer; Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman; Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

*EXCERPT FROM JANUARY 25, 2017: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the verbal update provided regarding complaint # 2016-DR11-01, noting the final written findings will be brought back to the February 8, 2017, regular Business Committee meeting, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.*

*EXCERPT FROM NOVEMBER 23, 2016: Motion by Jennifer Webster to deem complaint # 2016-DR11-01 as having merit; and to assign Treasurer Trish King, Councilwoman Jennifer Webster, and Secretary Lisa Summers to investigate the complaint, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by David Jordan to accept the final report and close-out complaint # 2016-DR11-01, noting that the individual that received the complaint originally is required to follow-up with a close-out letter, seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

### **2. Accept final report and close-out complaint # 2016-DR14-01 (2:43:04)**

Sponsors: Trish King, Tribal Treasurer; Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman; Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

*EXCERPT FROM JANUARY 25, 2017: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to accept the verbal update provided regarding complaint # 2016-DR14-01, noting the final written findings will be brought back to the February 8, 2017, regular Business Committee meeting, seconded by Lisa Summers. Motion carried unanimously.*

*EXCERPT FROM NOVEMBER 23, 2016: Motion by Jennifer Webster to deem complaint # 2016-DR14-01 as having merit; and to assign Treasurer Trish King, Councilwoman Jennifer Webster, and Secretary Lisa Summers to investigate the complaint, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Lisa Summers to accept the final report and close-out complaint # 2016-DR14-01, noting that the individual that received the complaint originally is required to follow-up with a close-out letter, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

### **3. Determine next steps regarding Culture & Language reorganization (2:43:30)**

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

*EXCERPT FROM JANUARY 25, 2017: Motion by David Jordan to defer this item to the February 8, 2017, regular Business Committee meeting, seconded by Lisa Summers. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Lisa Summers to accept the verbal update and information; and to ask the Governmental Services Division Director to continue working with the area, and the Business Committee sub-team assigned to this topic, on an action plan to be brought back in sixty (60) days, seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

Motion by Lisa Summers to request that any reorganization of the Governmental Services Division be placed on hold until the Governmental Services Director brings back a plan for Business Committee review, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster  
Not Present: Tina Danforth  
For the record: Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth stated I was recused from this discussion. I did not participate.

**4. Accept executive session information regarding Oneida Personnel Commission FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report (2:45:08)**

Chair: Yvonne Jourdan  
Liaison Alternate: David Jordan, Councilman

*EXCERPT FROM JANUARY 26, 2017: Motion by Trish King to defer this item back to the Oneida Personnel Commission to separate out the issues as discussed so we can address the Personnel Commission issues in executive session on February 7, 2017; and to defer the FY '17 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report to the next quarterly reports Business Committee meeting on April 27, 2017, seconded by Lisa Summers. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Fawn Billie to accept the verbal update from the Oneida Personnel Commission, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster  
Abstained: Lisa Summers  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

Motion by Brandon Stevens to request the Tribal Secretary and Councilman David Jordan to send a letter regarding Oneida Personnel Commission processing separate reports, one (1) for executive session and one (1) for open session, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster  
Abstained: Lisa Summers  
Not Present: Tina Danforth

Motion by Fawn Billie to request Councilman David Jordan to work with the Tribal Secretary to provide notice to the Oneida Personnel Commission that the Parks and Recreation complaint has been closed-out, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster  
Abstained: Lisa Summers  
Not Present: Tina Danforth  
For the record: Secretary Lisa Summers stated I am abstaining from the decisions because I wasn't present during the conversation.

## **D. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Accept verbal update regarding Environmental Protection Agency programming and funding (2:47:29)**

Sponsor: Patrick Pelky, Division Director/Environmental Health & Safety

Motion by Lisa Summers to accept the update as information; and to ask the Environmental Health & Safety Division Director and Intergovernmental Affairs & Communications to collaborate on the identified legislative efforts, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

### **2. Approve interim reassignment for Development Division (2:48:14)**

Sponsor: Troy Parr, Assistant Division Director/Development

Motion by Brandon Stevens to request the Tribal Secretary to keep working with the Development Division Director and Human Resources Department on this item until completed; and to include the Organizational Development Specialist for long-term structure, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

### **3. Approve procedural exception to acquisition limit of \$150,000 for single purchase (2:48:58)**

Sponsor: Dale Wheelock, Executive Director/Oneida Housing Authority

Motion by Lisa Summers to accept the request in concept only; and to direct the Oneida Housing Authority Executive Director to continue working on obtaining the necessary follow-up, with a request to be brought to the Business Committee agenda for further consideration when the information is ready, seconded by Fawn Billie. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers,  
Jennifer Webster

Abstained: Tehassi Hill

Not Present: Tina Danforth

### **4. Approve limited waiver of sovereign immunity – Dun & Bradstreet Inc. – contract # 2017-0003 (2:50:31)**

Chair: Mark A. Powless Sr., Oneida Gaming Commission

Liaison: Brandon Stevens, Councilman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the limited waiver of sovereign immunity – Dun & Bradstreet Inc. – contract # 2017-0003, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens,  
Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

**5. Adopt resolution entitled Regarding Pardon of Richard Dickenson (2:51:00)**

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Motion by David Jordan to adopt resolution # 02-08-17-F Regarding Pardon of Richard Dickenson, seconded by Brandon Stevens. Motion carried with one abstention:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Abstained: Lisa Summers

Not Present: Tina Danforth

**6. Adopt resolution entitled Regarding Pardon of Seagram Stevens (2:52:22)**

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Motion by David Jordan to adopt resolution # 02-08-17-G Regarding Pardon of Seagram Stevens, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

**7. Review Ombudsman Position Follow-up (2:51:43)**

Sponsors: Tina Danforth, Tribal Chairwoman; Melinda J. Danforth, Tribal Vice-Chairwoman; Trish King, Tribal Treasurer; Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Motion by Lisa Summers to approve the four (4) follow-up recommendations that were provided to the Business Committee, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth

**8. Review complaint # 2017-DR06-01 (2:52:13)**

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary

Motion by Lisa Summers to accept the complaint # 2017-DR06-01 as having merit; and to assign Councilman David Jordan, Councilwoman Jennifer Webster, and Secretary Lisa Summers to this item, seconded by David Jordan. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Lisa Summers, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth


**XIII. ADJOURN**

Motion by David Jordan to adjourn at 3:45 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Trish King, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Lisa Summers

Minutes prepared by Heather Heuer, Information Management Specialist  
Minutes approved as presented on February 22, 2017.

  
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Lisa Summers, Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE