

2023 2nd Quarter report (Jan '23 to Mar '23)

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 three remaining chapters, General, Revenue Audit, and Definitions, are being finalized and prepared for OGC review and approval. Draft enforcement regulations were reviewed and updated and are being prepared for OGC Review. Additionally, Sportsbook regulation revisions have been discussed with Gaming Management, as well as the State (informally). The final revision document is being prepared to share with the State and initiate formal revisions. 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: MARCH 31, 2023 2,641,978.00

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.

Requests

The only requests at this time are for the Oneida Business Committee to include the OGC in the onboarding/training of upcoming newly elected OBC officers/members. We also request that OBC-OGC quarterly meetings resume in FY2024.

Other

- The OGC, Gaming Management, and the State Office of Indian Gaming and Regulatory Compliance met (informally) on February 15 to discuss Sportsbook regulatory changes and operational status after a year of operation. The State was open to start discussions on regulatory revisions.
 - Please note, Gaming Management has requested that not all suggested revisions be given to the State, and instead, present the revisions to the State in phases. However, the OGC believes that all revisions should be presented in their entirety.
- OGC representatives are participating in the Illegal Gambling Strategic Planning Development Team coordinated by Intergovernmental Affairs.
- The OGC informed the Development Division of its decision to cancel the relocation project and to remain at its current location. OGC's research identified that the project proposed cost of \$745,000 (not including inflation or relocation costs) would take at least 10 years to break even. The OGC, having the Nation's best interest in mind, is being financially responsible in its decision to not relocate. This decision is also supported by 1822, as there are no requests for the current building space. It should also be known that lease payments are negotiable.