



Oneida Business Committee

Regular Meeting
8:30 AM Wednesday, October 11, 2023
BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

Present: Chairman Tehassi Hill, Treasurer Lawrence Barton, Secretary Lisa Liggins, Council members: Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson;

Not Present: Council members: Jonas Hill, Marlon Skenandore;

Arrived at: Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens at 8:32 a.m.;

Others present: Keith Doxtator, Mark W. Powless, Katsitsiyo Danforth (via Microsoft Teams¹), Justin Nishimoto (via Microsoft Teams), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Rhiannon Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Janice Decorah (via Microsoft Teams), David P. Jordan (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Billie (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Cottrell (via Microsoft Teams), Maureen Perkins (via Microsoft Teams), Lisa Summers (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Leeman (via Microsoft Teams), Rae Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Grace Elliot (via Microsoft Teams), Matthew J. Denny (via Microsoft Teams), Melanie Burkhart (via Microsoft Teams), Lori Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Debra Danforth, Tina Jorgensen, Ryan Waterstreet, Nicholas Metoxen, Tsyoshaht Delgado, Stephenie Muscavitch, Racquel Hill, Sherrole Benton, Amanda Danforth, Kristine Hill, Brooke Doxtator, Patricia King (via Microsoft Teams), Debbie Melchert (via Microsoft Teams), Shannon Davis (via Microsoft Teams), Mark A. Powless, Sr., Reynold Danforth, John Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Jeremy King, Stephanie Metoxen, Mary Graves (via Microsoft Teams), Aliskwet Ellis (via Microsoft Teams);

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tehassi Hill at 8:30 a.m.

For the record: Councilman Jonas Hill and Councilman Marlon Skenandore are out on approved travel attending Indigenous Biz Con in Milwaukee, WI.

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

II. OPENING (00:00:27)

Opening provided by Councilman Kirby Metoxen.

Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens arrived at 8:32 a.m.

A. Special recognition for years of service

Sponsor: Todd VanDen Heuvel, Executive HR Director

Special recognition by Chairman Tehassi Hill of the following individuals: 40 years of service - Laura Beach and Debra Danforth; 35 years of service - Michelle Kimps and April Skenandore; 30 years of service - Lynn Schmidt, Racquel Hill, Laura Lane, Daniel Lara II, Margaret Danforth, Lesley Ness, David Prael, Cindy McArthur, Kim Pargo, Gail Smith, Richard Summers, Jr., Penelope Hernandez, Lonnie Metoxen, Brenda Wagner, Vickie Chambers, Kim Waupoose, Chad Jordan, Kristie Stevens, Robert Wenzel; 25 years of service - Genevieve Zayas, Julie Kwasny, Leon Adams, Sherrole Benton, Laurie Metoxen, Philip Frederick, John Christjohn, Jr., Jill Jordan, Ellie Doxtator, Daryl Zeutzius, Ethel Mueller, Linda Barke, and Amanda Danforth.

III. ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:15:25)

Motion by Jennifer Webster to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes:	Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present:	Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

IV. OATH OF OFFICE

A. Oneida Community Library Board - Stephanie Metoxen (00:15:53)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

B. Oneida Gaming Commission - Jeremy King (00:15:53)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

C. Oneida Land Commission - John Danforth (00:19:35)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Oaths of office were administered by Secretary Lisa Liggins. Stephanie Metoxen and Jeremy King were present. John Danforth was present via Microsoft Teams.

D. Oneida ESC Group, LLC Board of Managers - Leslie Wheelock - Administered Oath of Office on October 4, 2023 (00:21:46)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

V. MINUTES

A. Approve the September 13, 2023, regular Business Committee meeting minutes (00:22:10)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the September 13, 2023, regular Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

B. Approve the September 27, 2023, regular Business Committee meeting minutes (00:22:34)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the September 27, 2023, regular Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

VI. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE

1. Accept the August 16, 2023, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (00:22:59)

Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the August 16, 2023, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

2. Accept the August 28, 2023, Legislative Operating Committee officer selection meeting minutes (00:23:29)

Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the August 28, 2023, Legislative Operating Committee officer selection meeting minutes, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

VII. TRAVEL REPORTS

A. Approve the travel report - Councilman Marlon Skenandore - 2023 Poverty Matters Conference - Lacrosse, WI - September 27-28, 2023 (00:23:53)

Sponsor: Marlon Skenandore, Councilman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the travel report from Councilman Marlon Skenandore from the 2023 Poverty Matters Conference in Lacrosse, WI on September 27-28, 2023, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

VIII. TRAVEL REQUESTS

A. Approve the travel request - Councilwoman Jennifer Webster - Bemidji Area Budget Formulation - Prior Lake, MN - November 6-8, 2023 (00:24:24)

Sponsor: Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to approve the travel request from Councilwoman Jennifer Webster for the Bemidji Area Budget Formulation in Prior Lake, MN on November 6-8, 2023, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Schedule a special Business Committee meeting on December 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. for the Year End Financial Statements (00:25:08)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to schedule a special Business Committee meeting on December 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. for the Year End Financial Statements, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

B. Approve an exception to resolution # BC-01-12-22-A and to cancel the November 22, 2023, and December 27, 2023, regular Business Committee meetings (00:25:39)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to approve an exception to resolution # BC-01-12-22-A and to cancel the November 22, 2023, and December 27, 2023, regular Business Committee meetings, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION (00:26:20)

Motion by Lisa Liggins to go into executive session at 8:56 a.m., seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

Motion by Jennifer Webster to come out of executive session at 10:37 a.m., seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

A. REPORTS

1. Accept the Chief Counsel report (00:26:56)

Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Chief Counsel report, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve participation in the Native American Rights Fund amicus brief regarding Bad River Band v. Enbridge Energy, Inc., seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

2. Accept the General Manager report (00:27:27)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Jameson Wilson to accept the General Manager report, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

B. AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Accept the August 17, 2023, regular Audit Committee meeting minutes (00:27:40)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the August 17, 2023, regular Audit Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

2. Accept the Cage/Vault/Kiosk compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (00:27:54)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Cage/Vault/Kiosk compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

3. Accept the Card Games/Poker compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (00:28:08)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Card Games/Poker compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

4. Accept the Purchased Referred Care performance assurance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (00:28:22)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Purchased Referred Care performance assurance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

XI. ADJOURN (00:28:39)

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adjourn at 10:39 a.m., seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

Ayes: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill

Minutes prepared by Aliskwet Ellis, Senior Information Management Specialist.
Minutes approved as presented on October 25, 2023.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary

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