

2023 4th Quarter report (Jul'23 to Sep'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

Jeremy King – Appointed in October 2023

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: None this quarter

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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 OGMICS chapter revisions are completed, with the last chapters to be presented to OBC for approval before final promulgation. Enforcement regulations are being finalized and prepared for the various levels of approval. Sportsbook regulation revisions are being prepared to share with the State in preparation for formal revisions. OGC-Compliance continues to work on these revisions.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Regulations for Employee Licensing, License Hearings, Administrative/Staffing, Raffles, and Enforcement will be prioritized, reviewed and revised so they are brought up to date, and submitted for the appropriate approvals.

Stipends

Stipends are only utilized by our Pro-tems. Pro-tem services were not utilized this fiscal year.

Budget Information

FY-2023 BUDGET: 5,320,127.00

FY-2023 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: 5,564,451.00

Savings offset the expected budget shortage due to staffed/approved/posted positions that were inadvertently left out of the budget projections. As such, the budget shortfall was limited to \$244,324 for the fiscal year.

Requests

The OGC requests the Oneida Business Committee include the OGC in the onboarding/training of upcoming newly elected OBC officers/members. We also request that OBC-OGC quarterly meetings resume as soon as possible in FY2024.

Other

July

The election of Jonas Hill to the Business Committee resulted in his resignation and a vacant commissioner position. Jeremy King has since been appointed to complete the term expiring in August 2024.

Tamara Van Schyndel was hired as a regular full-time employee serving as the Executive Director for the OGC and once again overseeing Administration, Compliance, Investigations & Licensing, and Surveillance departments.

August

The OGC met with the Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission on matters of tribal and state collaboration and regulatory priorities.

Gaming Commissioners observed Sportsbook geofence testing in preparation for mobile sports wagering on approved parcels within the reservation.

NIGC Compliance Officer conducted a site visit review of the Gaming Commission employee background and license files, Surveillance, and Gaming Operations. The visit resulted in recommendations relevant to Security's access to surveillance systems and information, as well as language on the Facility License documents.

September

Mark A. Powless, Sr., was sworn in by the Oneida Business Committee for another term as Gaming Commissioner. He was subsequently elected by his peers to continue as the Chairman of the Gaming Commission.

The National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators fall conference was attended in Cherokee, North Carolina. Secretary, Michelle Braaten also attended the Indian Gaming Association Mid-Year conference on behalf of the OGC.

Reynold "Tom" Danforth was present for the final testing, along with the State, to activate the mobile sports wagering on approved parcels to further Operation's Sportsbook goals.