



# Oneida Business Committee

Regular Meeting  
8:30 AM Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes

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### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Present:** Chairman Tehassi Hill, Treasurer Lawrence Barton, Secretary Lisa Liggins, Council members: Jonas Hill, Marlon Skenandore, Jameson Wilson;

**Not Present:** Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Councilwoman Jennifer Webster;

**Arrived at:** Councilman Kirby Metoxen at 8:32 a.m.;

**Others present:** Jo A. House, RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies, Melinda J. Danforth (via Microsoft Teams<sup>1</sup>), Mark W. Powless, Kaylynn Gresham (via Microsoft Teams), Justin Nishimoto (via Microsoft Teams), Louise Cornelius, Loucinda Conway (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Leeman (via Microsoft Teams), Lisa Summers (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (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), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Rae Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Melanie Burkhart (via Microsoft Teams), Lori Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Tina Jorgensen (via Microsoft Teams), Brenda Mendolla-Buckley, Carolyn Salutz (via Microsoft Teams), Tavia Charles (via Microsoft Teams), Maureen Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Laura Laitinen-Warren (via Microsoft Teams), Kristine Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Patricia King (via Microsoft Teams), Debbie Melchert (via Microsoft Teams), Brooke Doxtator, Shannon Davis (via Microsoft Teams), Carol Silva (via Microsoft Teams), Connor Kestell (via Microsoft Teams), Joseph Valentino (via Microsoft Teams), Caryle Wheelock, Harmony Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Claudia Skenandore, Mike Debraska (via Microsoft Teams), Ed Delgado, Nancy Barton, Cathy L. Metoxen, Mary Graves (via Microsoft Teams), Bonnie Pigman (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: Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens is out on approved travel attending the Indian Gaming Association Tradeshow and Convention in Anaheim, CA. Councilwoman Jennifer Webster is out on approved travel attending the Health and Human Services Budget Consultation in Washington, D.C.*

### **II. OPENING (00:00:19)**

*Councilman Kirby Metoxen arrived at 8:32 a.m.*

*Opening provided by Councilman Marlon Skenandore.*

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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 (00:03:13)**

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

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

- A. **Oneida Nation Arts Board - Harmony Hill, Claudia Skenandore (00:03:33)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary
- B. **Oneida Nation Commission on Aging - Claudia Skenandore (00:03:33)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary
- C. **Oneida Public Safety Pension Board - Ronald King Jr., Nathan Ness, Rochel Smith, Alexis Woelfel (00:03:33)**  
Sponsor: Richard Van Boxtel, Chair/Oneida Police Commission
- D. **Southeastern WI Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board - Caryle Wheelock (00:03:33)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

*Oaths of office administered by Secretary Lisa Liggins. Claudia Skenandore was present. Harmony Hill and Caryle Wheelock were present via Microsoft Teams. Ronald King, Jr., Nathan Ness, Rochel Smith, Alexis Woelfel weren't present.*

### V. **MINUTES**

- A. **Approve the March 27, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting minutes (00:09:49)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve the March 27, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

## **VI. RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. Adopt resolution entitled FY 2025 Budget Guidance and Calendar (00:10:13)** Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adopt resolution entitled 04-10-24-A Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Considerations and Calendar with one (1) noted change [1) delete lines 110-112], seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

## **VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Accept the March 14, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes (00:39:32)** Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the March 14, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

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

#### **2. Accept the March 28, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes (00:40:01)** Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the March 28, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

### **B. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Accept the March 20, 2024, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (00:40:26)** Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to accept the March 20, 2024, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

## VIII. TRAVEL REPORTS

**A. Approve the travel report - Councilman Jonas Hill - Reservation Economic Summit (RES) - Las Vegas, NV - March 10-16, 2024 (00:40:48)**

Sponsor: Jonas Hill, Councilman

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve the travel report from Councilman Jonas Hill for the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) in Las Vegas, NV on March 10-16, 2024, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

## IX. TRAVEL REQUESTS

**A. Approve the travel request - Chairman Tehassi Hill - Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) TEAM Program Palm Springs Issues Conference - Rancho Mirage, CA - May2-4, 2024 (00:41:16)**

Sponsor: Tehassi Hill, Chairman

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve the travel request from Chairman Tehassi Hill to attend the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) TEAM Program Palm Springs Issues Conference in Rancho Mirage, CA on May 2-4, 2024, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

**B. Approve the travel request - Councilman Jonas Hill - 2024 Leading Tribal Nations Executive Education Program - Boston, MA - June 22-29, 2024 (00:41:50)**

Sponsor: Jonas Hill, Councilman

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve the travel request from Councilmen Jonas Hill and Jameson Wilson to attend the 2024 Leading Tribal Nations Executive Education Program in Boston, MA on June 22-29, 2024, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Accept the Elder Major Home Repair program report (00:52:42)**  
Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

*Secretary Lisa Liggins left at 9:24 a.m.*

*Secretary Lisa Liggins returned 9:46 a.m.*

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Elder Major Home Repair program report, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

**XI. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL**

- A. Schedule a special General Tribal Council meeting to address the Kestell petition # 2024-01 (01:26:50)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to schedule a special General Tribal Council meeting on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. to address petition # 2024-01, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

*For the record: Councilman Jameson Wilson will be on pre-approved travel on September 15-19, 2024, to TribalNet in Las Vegas, Nevada. The travel was approved before the scheduling of the September 15, 2024, General Tribal Council meeting.*

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (01:37:43)**

Motion by Lisa Liggins to go into executive session at 10:08 a.m., seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

*Councilman Kirby Metoxen left at 11:34 a.m.*

Motion by Lawrence Barton to come out of executive session at 11:45 a.m., seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

### **A. REPORTS**

#### **1. Accept the Chief Counsel report (01:38:26)**

Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the counter-proposal to the draft co-existence agreement identified in the April 3, 2024 memorandum from the Law Office, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

#### **2. Accept the General Manager report (01:38:50)**

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the General Manager report, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

#### **3. Accept the Hotel to Gaming Transition Committee April 2024 report (01:39:04)**

Sponsor: Louise Cornelius, Gaming General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Hotel to Gaming Transition Committee April 2024 report, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

**B. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**1. Accept the January 16, 2024, regular Audit Committee meeting minutes (01:39:22)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Marlon Skenandore to accept the January 16, 2024, regular Audit Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Marlon Skenandore,  
Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

**2. Accept the Gaming Promotions and Player Tracking Systems compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:39:35)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Gaming Promotions and Player Tracking Systems compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Marlon Skenandore,  
Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

**3. Accept the Dental performance assurance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:39:54)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Dental performance assurance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Marlon Skenandore,  
Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

**4. Accept the Gaming Marketing performance assurance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:40:10)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Gaming Marketing performance assurance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Marlon Skenandore,  
Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

**5. Accept the Trust Enrollment Department performance assurance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:40:24)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Trust Enrollment Department performance assurance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Marlon Skenandore,  
Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approve contract - T. Rowe Price Retirement Plan Services Inc. - file # 2024-0285 (01:40:40)**

Sponsor: RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies, Chief Financial Officer

Motion by Jonas Hill to approve contract - T. Rowe Price Retirement Plan Services Inc. - file # 2024-0285, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Marlon Skenandore,  
Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

**XIII. ADJOURN (01:41:00)**

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adjourn at 11:48 a.m., seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Marlon Skenandore,  
Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Minutes prepared by Aliskwet Ellis, Senior Information Management Specialist.  
Minutes approved as presented on April 24, 2024.

  
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Lisa Liggins, Secretary

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