



## Legislative Operating Committee Fiscal Year 2024 Second Quarter Report January 2024 – March 2024

### Legislative Operating Committee Guiding Principles

The Legislative Operating Committee set forth the following guiding principles to provide clarity and direction on the Legislative Operating Committee's legislative efforts during the 2023-2026 legislative term:

- Re-indigenize our legislative foundation with Tsi? Niyukwaliho TÁ.
- Build an effective team through collaboration with departments, communities, and affected entities.
- Enhance community involvement through outreach and communication.
- Exercise our sovereignty through the development of community focused laws that promote Tsi? Niyukwaliho TÁ.
- Create a strategy driven agenda reflecting Oneida community values that align with the Oneida Business Committee's Strategic Plan.

### Legislative Operating Committee Action on Legislative Requests

During the FY24 Second Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee added seven (7) legislative items to its Active Files List. The Legislative Operating Committee denied no legislative items during the FY24 Second Quarter.

On January 17, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Short-Term Rental law to the Active Files List.

On February 7, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Pardon and Forgiveness Screening Committee bylaws amendments and the Landlord Tenant law amendments to the Active Files List.

On February 21, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law amendments to the Active Files List.

On March 6, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Conflict of Interest law amendments and Budget and Finances law amendments to the Active Files List.

On March 20, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Community Support Fund law amendments to the Active Files List.

## **FY24 Second Quarter Administrative Accomplishments**

The Legislative Operating Committee brought forward the following during the FY24 Second Quarter:

### **Budget and Finances Law One Year Review Memorandum**

On February 21, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the Budget and Finances Law One Year Review memorandum. This memorandum provided that overall, through the discussions with the Nation’s Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer it was determined that there are issues with the implementation of the Budget and Finances law – such as the development of the Procurement Rule Handbook and the labor allocations list standard operating procedure - that need to be addressed, prioritized, and completed by the appropriate entities. Additionally, there are potential amendments to the Budget and Finances law that would be beneficial to the Nation to make. The Nation’s Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer recommended that the Legislative Operating Committee consider adding the Budget and Finances law to its Active Files List for the development of amendments. The Oneida Business Committee accepted this memorandum on February 28, 2024.

### **Leasing Law Rule No. 6 – Homeownership by Independent Purchase Program (HIPP) Amendments**

On March 6, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee certified the proposed amendments to the Leasing Law Rule No. 6 – Homeownership by Independent Purchase Program. Then on March 37, 2024, the Oneida Business Committee adopted these amendments to the Rule.

## **FY24 Second Quarter Community Outreach Efforts**

Focusing on its guiding principle to enhance community involvement through outreach and communication, during the FY24 Second Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee held one community outreach event.

On March 6, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting in the Norbert Hill Center’s cafeteria. Topics discussed during the community meeting included brief overview of the legislative process as well as a discussion of the following topics:

- Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures Amendments;
- Sanctions and Penalties Law; and
- Eviction and Termination Law Amendments.

The purpose of the community meeting was to collect comments, suggestions, questions, expectations, and concerns for the Legislative Operating Committee to consider and utilize in the development the above-mentioned new laws for the Nation. Over fifty (50) people attended the community meeting and participated in the legislative process. The Legislative Operating Committee intends to hold community outreach events on a quarterly basis.

## **FY24 Second Quarter Legislative Highlights**

The Legislative Operating Committee would like to highlight its work on the following legislative items during the FY24 Second Quarter:

### **All Terrain Vehicle Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

### **Back Pay Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held four (4) work meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On March 6, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the updated materials contained in the public meeting packet for the Back Pay Law Amendments and forwarded the Back Pay Law Amendments to a public meeting to be held on April 12, 2024.

### **Boards, Committees, and Commissions Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

### **Budget and Finances Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

### **Business Corporations Law**

The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

### **Cemetery Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

### **Domestic Animals Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Eviction and Termination Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held five (5) work meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On March 6, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting in which the Eviction and Termination law amendments were a topic for discussion.

**Finance Committee Bylaws Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Guardianship Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Higher Education Scholarship Law**

The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Investigative Leave Policy Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Law Enforcement Ordinance Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Oneida Election Board Bylaws Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Oneida General Welfare Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Oneida Land Trust Law**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Oneida Language Law**

The Legislative Operating Committee held five (5) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Oneida Nation Commission on Aging Bylaws Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee Bylaws Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures**

The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On March 6, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting in which the Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures amendments were a topic for discussion.

**On-Site Waste Disposal Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Public Use of Tribal Land Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Real Property Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held three (3) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Sanctions and Penalties Law**

The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On March 6, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting in which the Sanctions and Penalties law was a topic for discussion.

**Southeastern Wisconsin Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board Bylaws Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Tribal Environmental Response Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Tribal Environmental Quality Review Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Tribal Sovereignty in Data Research Law**

The Legislative Operating Committee held six (6) work meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Water Resources Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**Well Abandonment Law Amendments**

The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

**FY24 Second Quarter Legislative Operating Committee Meetings**

All Legislative Operating Committee meetings are open to the public and held on the first and third Wednesday of each month, at 9:00 a.m. in the Norbert Hill Center's Business Committee Conference Room and on Microsoft Teams.

The Legislative Operating Committee held the following meetings during the FY24 Second Quarter:

- January 3, 2024 – Regular meeting;
- January 17, 2024 – Regular meeting;
- February 7, 2024 – Regular meeting;
- February 21, 2024 – Regular meeting;
- March 6, 2024 – Regular meeting; and
- March 20, 2024 – Regular meeting.

In addition to attending the Legislative Operating Committee meetings in person, individuals provided the opportunity to attend the Legislative Operating Committee meeting through Microsoft Teams. Anyone who would like to access the Legislative Operating Committee meeting through Microsoft Teams can provide their name, phone number or e-mail address to [LOC@oneidanation.org](mailto:LOC@oneidanation.org) by the close of business the day before a meeting of the Legislative Operating Committee to receive the link to the Microsoft Teams meeting.

For those who may be unable to attend the Legislative Operating Committee meeting either in person or on Microsoft Teams, an audio recording of the Legislative Operating Committee meeting is made available on the Nation’s website after the meeting concludes.

### **Goals for FY24 Third Quarter**

During the FY24 Third Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee will focus its legislative efforts on the following matters:

- Hold the first LOC Community Work Session on April 2, 2024.
- Hold additional LOC Community Meetings on June 4, 2024, and June 19, 2024.
- Adoption of the Back Pay Law Amendments.
- Respond to the February 25, 2025, General Tribal Council directive to remove the wording “alleged” or “allegations” from the Eviction and Termination law and to bring back to the 2024 Semi-Annual General Tribal Council meeting.
- Develop a draft of the Eviction and Termination Law Amendments.
- Develop a draft for the Two Spirit Inclusion Law.
- Develop a draft for the Investigative Leave Policy Amendments.
- Develop a draft for the Preservation and Protection of the Oneida Language law.

### **Legislative Reference Office**

The Legislative Reference Office’s mission is to provide support for the Legislative Operating Committee in developing clear and consistent legislation that reflects the Nation’s values, builds upon the Nation’s strong foundation, and reaffirms our inherent sovereignty.

In addition to the assisting the Legislative Operating Committee with the development of legislation, the Legislative Reference Office also:

- Drafts statements of effect for Oneida Business Committee and General Tribal Council resolutions;
- Drafts statements of effect for General Tribal Council resolutions petitions;
- Drafts and provides other assistance to various department and entities of the Nation with administrative rulemaking;
- Drafts and provides other assistance to various department and entities of the Nation with bylaws; and
- Manages all other administrative duties and recordkeeping for the Legislative Operating Committee.

During the FY24 Second Quarter the Legislative Reference Office was staffed by the following individuals:

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