





Legislative Operating Committee Fiscal Year 2024 Third Quarter Report April 2024 – June 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 Τλ.
- 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 Tλ.
- 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 Third Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee added twelve (12) legislative items to its Active Files List. The Legislative Operating Committee denied no legislative items during the FY24 Third Quarter.

On April 3, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee added the GTC Government Participation GWE law, Petition: C. Kestell- Address Housing Issues/Veterans Home Loan Program, and the Renewable Energy law to the Active Files List.

On May 1, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Culturally Significant Event Participation Program law and the Oneida Nation School Board bylaws amendments to the Active Files List.

On May 15, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Computer Resources Ordinance amendments and the Vehicle Driver Certification and Fleet Management law amendments to the Active Files List.

On June 5, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Oneida Life Insurance Plan law amendments and the Uniform Commercial Code to the Active Files List.

On June 19, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Vendor Licensing law amendments, Independent Contractor Policy amendments, and the Oneida Travel and Expense Policy repeal to the Active Files List.

FY24 Third Quarter Legislative Accomplishments

The Legislative Operating Committee brought forward no legislative items for adoption or amendment during the FY24 Third Quarter.

FY24 Third Quarter Administrative Accomplishments

During the FY24 Third Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee collaborated with the Oneida Law Office and the Government Administrative Office to address how bylaws would be processed in the future. Moving forward, the Government Administrative Office and the board, committee, or commission's assigned attorney from the Oneida Law Office will assist in developing amendments to bylaws. This change in process will allow bylaw amendments to be directly placed on an Oneida Business Committee meeting agenda for approval. This means the Legislative Operating Committee will no longer process amendments to bylaws for boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation, which should streamline the amendment process. All nine (9) bylaws amendments currently on the Active Files List were removed from the Legislative Operating Committee's Active Files List on May 15, 2024.

FY24 Third Quarter Community Outreach Efforts

Focusing on its guiding principle to enhance community involvement through outreach and communication, during the FY24 Third Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee held the following three (3) community outreach events:

- April 2, 2024: Community work session on the Eviction and Termination law amendments;
- June 4, 2024: Community meeting on the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping law amendments and the Guardianship law; and
- June 19, 2024: Community meeting on the Eviction and Termination law amendments.

On April 2, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. through 1:30 p.m. the Legislative Operating Committee held a community work session on the Eviction and Termination law amendments in the Norbert Hill Center's cafeteria as well as on Microsoft Teams. The purpose of this community work session was to read through the Eviction and Termination law line-by-line and collect comments, questions, or suggestions for how to potentially amend the language included in the law. Approximately thirty-seven (37) people participated in this community work session.

On June 4, 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 Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping law amendments and the development of a new Guardianship law. The purpose of this community meeting was to provide an opportunity for open discussion in which

people could share comments, questions, or suggestions on potential issues and amendments that should be addressed regarding the topics discussed. Approximately thirty (30) people participated in this community meeting.

On June 19, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting focused on the Eviction and Termination law in the Norbert Hill Center's cafeteria in collaboration with the Comprehensive Housing Division. During this community meeting the Comprehensive Housing Division provided an informational presentation on how evictions and terminations are currently handled, and then the Legislative Operating Committee presented on potential amendments to the Eviction and Termination law that would comply with the February 25, 2024, GTC directive to remove the words alleged and allegations from the law. The community meeting also included time for open discussion on ways to improve the Eviction and Termination law as well as time for questions to be answered. Approximately twenty-one (21) people attended this community meeting.

The Legislative Operating Committee intends to hold community outreach events on a quarterly basis and encourages everyone to attend and participate in future community outreach events.

FY24 Third Quarter Legislative Highlights

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

Back Pay Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meetings during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On April 12, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee held a public meeting on the proposed amendments to the Back Pay law. One (1) individual provided comments during the public meeting. The public comment period was then held open until April 19, 2024. No submissions of written comments were received during the public comment period. The Legislative Operating Committee reviewed and considered the public comments received on June 11, 2024.

Business Corporations Law

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Computer Resources Ordinance Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Environmental Review Law

This item is sponsored by Kirby Metoxen and Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Eviction and Termination Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill and Marlon Skenandore. The Legislative Operating Committee held eight (8) work meetings during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On April 2, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee held a community work session on the Eviction and Termination law amendments. On April 19, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting on the Eviction and Termination law amendments in collaboration with the Comprehensive Housing Division.

Finance Committee Bylaws Amendments

This item was sponsored by Kirby Metoxen. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on May 15, 2024. The Legislative Operating Committee will no longer be processing amendments to bylaws for boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation.

Gift Card Law

This item was sponsored by Kirby Metoxen. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on April 17, 2024.

Guardianship Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Marlon Skenandore. The Legislative Operating Committee held three (3) work meetings during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On June 4, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting in which the topic of a new Guardianship law was included on the agenda.

Higher Education Scholarship Law

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On June 4, 2024, the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting in which the topic of amendments to the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping law was included on the agenda.

Investigative Leave Policy Amendments

This item is sponsored by Marlon Skenandore. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Law Enforcement Ordinance Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Marijuana Law

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Oneida Election Board Bylaws Amendments

This item was sponsored by Marlon Skenandore. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on May 15, 2024. The Legislative Operating Committee will no longer be processing amendments to bylaws for boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation.

Oneida Land Trust Law

This item was sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on May 15, 2024.

Oneida Nation Commission on Aging Bylaws Amendments

This item was sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on May 15, 2024. The Legislative Operating Committee will no longer be processing amendments to bylaws for boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation.

Oneida Nation School Board Bylaws Amendments

This item was sponsored by Marlon Skenandore. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on May 15, 2024. The Legislative Operating Committee will no longer be processing amendments to bylaws for boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation.

Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee Bylaws Amendments

This item was sponsored by Jennifer Webster and Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on May 15, 2024. The Legislative Operating Committee will no longer be processing amendments to bylaws for boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation.

Oneida Personnel Commission Bylaws Amendments

This item was sponsored by Marlon Skenandore. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on May 15, 2024. The Legislative Operating Committee will no longer be processing amendments to bylaws for boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation.

Oneida Personnel Policies and Procedures

This item is sponsored by all members of the Legislative Operating Committee. The Legislative Operating Committee held five (5) work meetings during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee Bylaws Amendments

This item was sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on May 15, 2024. The Legislative Operating Committee will no longer be processing amendments to bylaws for boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation.

Pardon and Forgiveness Screening Committee Bylaws Amendments

This item was sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on May 15, 2024. The Legislative Operating Committee will no longer be processing amendments to bylaws for boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation.

Real Property Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Southeastern Wisconsin Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board Bylaws Amendments

This item was sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. This item was removed from the Active Files List on May 15, 2024. The Legislative Operating Committee will no longer be processing amendments to bylaws for boards, committees, and commissions of the Nation.

Taxation Law

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Tribal Sovereignty in Data Research Law

This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held six (6) work meetings during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Two Spirit Inclusion Law

This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held six (6) work meetings during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Vehicle Driver Certification and Fleet Management Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meetings during the FY24 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

FY24 Third 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 Third Quarter:

- April 3, 2024 Regular meeting;
- April 17, 2024 Regular meeting;
- May 1, 2024 Regular meeting;
- May 15, 2024 Regular meeting;
- June 5, 2024 Regular meeting; and
- June 19, 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 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 Fourth Quarter

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

- Hold an additional LOC Community meeting.
- Complete the LOC's strategic planning.

- Adoption of the Back Pay law amendments.
- Develop a draft of the Eviction and Termination law amendments.
- Hold a public meeting for the Investigative Leave Policy amendments.
- Hold a public meeting for the Vehicle Driver Certification and Fleet Management law amendments.
- Hold a public meeting for the Computer Resources Ordinance amendments.

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 Third Quarter the Legislative Reference Office was staffed by the following individuals:

- Clorissa N. Leeman, Senior Legislative Staff Attorney.
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The Legislative Operating Committee from left to right: Kirby Metoxen, Jameson Wilson, Jennifer Webster, Marlon Skenandore, Jonas Hill.