



# Oneida Business Committee

Regular Meeting  
8:30 AM Wednesday, October 09, 2024  
BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes

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### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Present:** Chairman Tehassi Hill, Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Treasurer Lawrence Barton, Council members: Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson;

**Not Present:** Secretary Lisa Liggins at 8:27 a.m., Councilman Marlon Skenandore at 10:32 a.m., Councilmen: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen

**Arrived at:** n/a

**Others present:** Jo A. House, Mark W. Powless, RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies, Todd Vanden Heuvel (via Microsoft Teams<sup>1</sup>), Louise Cornelius, Kaylynn Gresham (via Microsoft Teams), Debra Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Melanie Burkhart (via Microsoft Teams), Justin Nishimoto (via Microsoft Teams), Eric McLester (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Leeman (via Microsoft Teams), Grace Elliott (via Microsoft Teams), Sidney White (via Microsoft Teams), Loucinda Conway (via Microsoft Teams), Katsitsiyo Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Lori Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Shad Webster (via Microsoft Teams), Lisa Duff (via Microsoft Teams), Paul Witek (via Microsoft Teams), Melissa Alvarado (via Microsoft Teams), Carolyn Salutz (via Microsoft Teams), Stacie Cutbank (via Microsoft Teams), Joyce King (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Billie (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Cottrell (via Microsoft Teams), Maureen Perkins (via Microsoft Teams), David Jordan (via Microsoft Teams), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Janice Decorah (via Microsoft Teams), Debbie Melchert (via Microsoft Teams), Rae Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Brooke Doxtator (via Microsoft Teams), Shannon Davis (via Microsoft Teams), Amber Martinez (via Microsoft Teams), Carol Silva (via Microsoft Teams), Nancy Barton, Cathy L Metoxen, Bonnie Pigman (via Microsoft Teams);

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order by Chairman Tehassi Hill at 8:31 a.m.*

*For the record: Councilman Jonas Hill is out on approved travel to attend the Tribal Nations Resiliency Conference in Box Elder, SD on October 8-11, 2024. Councilman, Kirby Metoxen is out on approved travel to attend the Native American Tourism, of Wisconsin and Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council meeting in Milwaukee, WI on October 9-10, 2024. Councilman Marlon Skenandore is attending a tobacco burning and welcome for National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA).*

*Secretary Lisa Liggins arrived at 8:37 a.m.*

### **II. OPENING (00:00:35)**

*Opening provided by Councilman Jameson Wilson*

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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 (00:12:44)**

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adopt the agenda with one (1) addition [1] under the New Business section, add item entitled Approve an exception to resolution # BC-12-22-A to cancel the October 23, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting], seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

### IV. **MINUTES**

#### A. **Approve the September 25, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting minutes (00:13:38)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to approve the September 25, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

### V. **RESOLUTIONS**

#### A. **Adopt resolution entitled Amendments to the Computer Resources Ordinance (00:13:58)**

Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to adopt resolution 10-09-24-A Amendments to the Computer Resources Ordinance with one (1) change [add resolve stating "that all Standard Operating Procedures and policies in place of adoption of this resolution shall continue to be effective until such time as they are updated in accordance with the rulemaking process"], seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

### VI. **APPOINTMENTS**

#### A. **Post one (1) vacancy - Oneida Land Commission (00:22:36)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lawrence Barton to post one (1) vacancy on the Oneida Land Commission, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

## VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. **Accept the September 12, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes (00:23:18)**

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the September 12, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore

2. **Accept the September 26, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes (00:23:40)**

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the September 26, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore

### B. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE

1. **Accept the September 18, 2024, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (00:24:00)**

Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the September 18, 2024, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore

## VIII. TABLED BUSINESS

- A. **Adopt resolution entitled Affordable Home Ownership Strategy (00:24:21)**

Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

*Item was not acted upon and remains on the table*

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Accept the initial report regarding General Welfare Assistance payments (00:24:36)**

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the initial report regarding General Welfare Assistance payments, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore

**B. Accept as information Councilman Jonas Hill's appointment as Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (00:29:24)**

Sponsor: Jonas Hill, Councilman

Motion by Lawrence Barton to accept as information Councilman Jonas Hill's appointment as Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Lower Green Bay and Fox River Area of Concern with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore

*Secretary Lisa Liggins left at 9:01 a.m.*

**C. Approve the Approval Package CDC # 21-115 Conservation-Field Office (00:29:48)**

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the Approval Package CDC # 21-115 Conservation-Field Office, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore

*Secretary Lisa Liggins returned at 9:07 a.m.*

**D. Accept the status update report regarding veteran gravestones (00:32:28)**

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the status update report regarding veteran gravestones and direct the General Manager to bring back a final report at the June 11, 2025 regular Business Committee meeting, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore

- E. Accept as information quarterly report on Project: Root Causes of Stroke Risk Disparity in Wisconsin Native Americans (00:55:09)**  
Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the quarterly report from Comprehensive Health Division regarding the Alzheimer's Disease projects, related Dementia projects, and Stroke Prevention projects, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

- F. Approve an exception to resolution # BC 01-12-22-A to cancel the October 23, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting (01:08:45)**  
Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the exception to resolution BC-01-12-22-A to cancel the October 23, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

## **X. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL**

- A. Schedule the 2025 annual General Tribal Council meeting (01:10:23)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to schedule the 2025 annual General Tribal Council meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

- B. Approve the notice and materials for the November 18, 2024, tentatively scheduled special General Tribal Council meeting (01:13:44)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to defer items X.B. and X.C. until after Executive session, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

*Item XI. was addressed next*

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the notice and materials for the November 18, 2024, tentatively scheduled special General Tribal Council meeting, noting the Business Committee recommendation will be added once it has been finalized, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

**C. Approve the notice and materials for the December 16, 2024, tentatively scheduled special General Tribal Council meeting (01:14:26)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to defer items X.B. and X.C. until after Executive session, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

*Item XI. was addressed next*

Motion by Lisa Liggins to cancel the tentatively scheduled December 16, 2024, special General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

*Item XI.A.1. was addressed next*

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (01:13:10)**

Motion by Jameson Wilson to go into executive session at 9:44 a.m., seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

*Councilman Marlon Skenandore arrived at 10:32 a.m.*

Motion by Jameson Wilson to come out of executive session at 3:25 p.m., seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

*Item X.B. was re-addressed next*

**A. REPORTS**

**1. Accept the Chief Counsel report (01:14:57)**  
Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

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

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

**2. Accept the General Manager report (01:15:11)**

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the General Manager report, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

**3. Accept the Treasurer's August 2024 report (01:15:30)**

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Treasurer's August 2024 report, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Review the 2025 Annual General Tribal Council report templates (01:15:52)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the discussion regarding the 2025 Annual General Tribal Council report templates as information, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. Motion carried:

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

**2. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding authorizing the Law Office to work with Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and sign the Apache Stronghold amicus curiae brief (01:16:13)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to enter the e-poll results into the record regarding authorizing the Law Office to work with Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and sign the Apache Stronghold amicus curiae brief, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

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

**XII. ADJOURN (01:16:32)**

Motion by Jameson Wilson to adjourn at 3:29 p.m., seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

Minutes prepared by Bonnie Pigman, Information Management Specialist.  
Minutes approved as presented on November 13, 2024.

  
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Lisa Liggins, Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE