



Oneida Business Committee

Regular Meeting
8:30 AM Wednesday, December 11, 2024
BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

Present: Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Treasurer Lawrence Barton, Council members: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson;

Arrived at: Chairman Tehassi Hill at 8:37 a.m., Secretary Lisa Liggins at 9:24 a.m.;

Others present: Jo A. House, RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies, Melinda J. Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Mark W. Powless, Louise Cornelius (via Microsoft Teams), Todd Vanden Heuvel (via Microsoft Teams), Kaylynn Gresham (via Microsoft Teams), Justin Nishimoto (via Microsoft Teams), Debra Powless (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Rhiannon Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Janice Deborah (via Microsoft Teams), David P. Jordan (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Billie (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Cottrell (via Microsoft Teams), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Lisa Summers (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Leeman (via Microsoft Teams), Loucinda Conway (via Microsoft Teams), Chad Fuss (via Microsoft Teams), Lisa Duff (via Microsoft Teams), Rae Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Melissa Alvarado (via Microsoft Teams), Melanie Burkhart (via Microsoft Teams), Tina Jorgensen (via Microsoft Teams), Cheryl Stevens (via Microsoft Teams), Michelle Danforth-Anderson (via Microsoft Teams), Eric McLester (via Microsoft Teams), Lisa Rauschenbach (via Microsoft Teams), Sarah Capelle (via Microsoft Teams), Tavia James-Charles (via Microsoft Teams), Grace Elliot (via Microsoft Teams), Carolyn Salutz (via Microsoft Teams), Paul Witek (via Microsoft Teams), Dana McLester (via Microsoft Teams), Danielle White (via Microsoft Teams), Mercie Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Bobbi King (via Microsoft Teams), James Sommerfeldt (via Microsoft Teams), Josephine Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Eric Bristol (via Microsoft Teams), Debbie Melchert (via Microsoft Teams), Patricia King (via Microsoft Teams), Martin Prevost (via Microsoft Teams), Nicolas Reynolds (via Microsoft Teams), Stacie Cutbank (via Microsoft Teams), Shannon Davis (via Microsoft Teams), Carol Silva (via Microsoft Teams), Amber Martinez (via Microsoft Teams), Mark A. Powless, Sr. (via Microsoft Teams), Reynold Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Michelle Braaten (via Microsoft Teams), Jerry Cornelius, John Breuninger, Jeff House (via Microsoft Teams), Jeff Bowman (via Microsoft Teams), Joe Hanrahan (via Microsoft Teams), Jodi Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Ray Skenandore, Barry Skenandore, Mary Graves, Aliskwet Ellis (via Microsoft Teams);

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens at 8:34 a.m.

II. OPENING (00:00:06)

Opening provided by Councilman Kirby Metoxen.

III. **ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:00:29)**

Motion by Jennifer Webster to adopt the agenda with one (1) change [1) move item X.A. to the top of the agenda], seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore,
Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Tehassi Hill, Lisa Liggins

Item X.A. was addressed next.

IV. **OATH OF OFFICE**

A. **Oneida Election Board Ad-Hoc Committee - Patricia Moore (00:03:58)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lawrence Barton to defer item IV.A., seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Tehassi Hill, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon
Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Lisa Liggins

V. **MINUTES**

A. **Approve the November 13, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting minutes (00:04:47)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the November 13, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Tehassi Hill, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon
Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Lisa Liggins

VI. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. **Adopt resolution entitled Approval of Use of Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Funds for a donation of \$163,883 for Roy Skenandore Memorial Pool Tournament (00:05:10)**

Sponsor: Justin Nishimoto, Economic Strategy Coordinator

Chairman Tehassi Hill assumes the role of the chair.

Motion by Jennifer Webster to adopt resolution entitled 12-11-24-A Approval of Use of Economic Development, Diversification and Community Development Funds for a donation of \$163,883 for Roy Skenandore Memorial Pool Tournament, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

B. Adopt resolution entitled Amendment to BC Resolution # 03-23-22-D Obligation for Amelia Cornelius Culture Park & Veterans Wall Enhancements, Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings (00:09:50)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Jennifer Webster to adopt resolution entitled 12-11-24-B Amendment to BC Resolution # 03-23-22-D Obligation for Amelia Cornelius Culture Park & Veterans Wall Enhancements, Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore,
Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins

Councilwoman Jennifer Webster left 8:43 a.m.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

A. Determine next steps regarding one (1) appointment - Oneida Land Commission (00:11:25);(01:15:30)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lawrence Barton to defer until after executive session, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore,
Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster

Item VIII.A.1. was addressed next.

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the selected applicant and appoint Donald McLester to the Oneida Land Commission to a term ending July 31, 2025, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Item XIV.A.1. was addressed next.

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Accept the November 14, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes (00:11:48)

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

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

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore,
Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster

2. Accept the November 21, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes (00:12:12)

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the November 21, 2024, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster

B. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE

1. Accept the November 6, 2024, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (00:12:40)

Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the November 6, 2024, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster

2. Accept the November 20, 2024, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (00:13:02)

Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Marlon Skenandore to accept the November 20, 2024, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster

IX. TRAVEL REPORTS

A. Approve the travel report - Treasurer Lawrence Barton & Councilmen Jameson Wilson and Marlon Skenandore - National Congress of American Indians 81st Annual Convention - Las Vegas, NV - October 27-November 1, 2024 (00:13:25)

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jonas Hill to approve the travel report from Treasurer Lawrence Barton & Councilmen Jameson Wilson and Marlon Skenandore for the National Congress of American Indians 81st Annual Convention in Las Vegas, NV on October 27-November 1, 2024, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster

- B. Approve the travel report - Councilman Kirby Metoxen - Biden apologizes for Native American boarding schools - Laveen, AZ-October 24, 2024 (00:13:56)**
Sponsor: Kirby Metoxen, Councilman

Motion by Jonas Hill to approve the travel report from Councilman Kirby Metoxen for Biden apologizes for Native American boarding schools in Laveen, AZ on October 24, 2024, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

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

- C. Approve the travel report - Councilman Kirby Metoxen - 24th Annual American Indigenous Tourism Conference - Marksville, LA - October 27-November 1, 2024 (00:14:23)**
Sponsor: Kirby Metoxen, Councilman

Motion by Jonas Hill to approve the travel report from Councilman Kirby Metoxen for the 24th Annual American Indigenous Tourism Conference in Marksville, LA on October 27-November 1, 2024, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

- D. Approve the travel report - Councilwoman Jennifer Webster - Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Regional Tribal Consultations - St. Paul, MN - August 26-29, 2024 (00:14:53)**
Sponsor: Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman

Motion by Jonas Hill to approve the travel report from Councilwoman Jennifer Webster for the Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Regional Tribal Consultations in St. Paul, MN on August 26-29, 2024, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. Motion carried:

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

- E. Approve the travel report - Councilwoman Jennifer Webster - Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) - Portland, OR - September 9-13, 2024 (00:15:22)**
Sponsor: Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman

Motion by Jonas Hill to approve the travel report from Councilwoman Jennifer Webster for the Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) in Portland, OR on September 9-13, 2024, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

- F. Approve the travel report - Councilwoman Jennifer Webster - Bemidji Area Director Interviews - Minneapolis, MN - October 1-2, 2024 (00:15:51)**
Sponsor: Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman

Motion by Jonas Hill to approve the travel report from Councilwoman Jennifer Webster for the Bemidji Area Director Interviews in Minneapolis, MN on October 1-2, 2024, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

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

- G. Approve the travel report - Councilwoman Jennifer Webster - Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) - Washington, D.C. - November 17-21, 2024 (00:16:11)**
Sponsor: Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman

Motion by Jonas Hill to approve the travel report from Councilwoman Jennifer Webster for the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) in Washington, D.C. on November 17-21, 2024, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

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

Item X.B. was addressed next.

X. TRAVEL REQUESTS

- A. Approve the travel request in accordance with § 219.16-1 - Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee - nine (9) members and Tribal Veteran Service Officer - 80th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising Event - Sacaton, AZ - February 20-23, 2025 (00:01:09)**
Sponsor: Gerald Cornelius, Chair/Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee

Chairman Tehassi Hill arrived at 8:37 a.m.

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve the travel request in accordance with § 219.16-1 for the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee to have nine (9) members and Tribal Veteran Service Officer attend 80th Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising Event in Sacaton, AZ on February 20-23, 2025, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Tehassi Hill, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson
Not Present: Lisa Liggins

Item IV.A. was addressed next.

B. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved travel request for Secretary Lisa Liggins to attend the Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations meeting in Madison, WI on December 17-18, 2024 (00:16:41)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lawrence Barton to enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved travel request for Secretary Lisa Liggins to attend the Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations meeting in Madison, WI on December 17-18, 2024, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore,
Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster

C. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved travel request for Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to attend the White House Tribal Nations Summit in Washington, D.C. on December 9-10, 2024 (00:17:09)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved travel request for Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to attend the White House Tribal Nations Summit in Washington, D.C. on December 9-10, 2024, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore,
Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve nomination of Jennifer Webster to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (00:17:39)

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth, Intergovernmental Affairs Director

Motion by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to approve nomination of Jennifer Webster to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore,
Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster

B. Accept the Food Assessment report (00:18:11)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Councilwoman Jennifer Webster returned at 8:59 a.m.

Motion by Marlon Skenandore to accept the Food Assessment report, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore,
Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins

C. Review Blackjack Rules of Play and determine next steps (00:33:00)

Sponsor: Mark A. Powless, Chair/Oneida Gaming Commission

Motion by Jameson Wilson to approve the notice of the Blackjack Rules of Play approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on November 12, 2024, and to direct notice to the Gaming Commission there are no requested revisions under Section 501.6-14(d), seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

D. Review Mini Baccarat Rules of Play and determine next steps (00:34:00)

Sponsor: Mark A. Powless, Chair/Oneida Gaming Commission

Motion by Jameson Wilson to approve the notice of the Mini Baccarat Rules of Play approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on October 18, 2024, and to direct notice to the Gaming Commission there are no requested revisions under Section 501.6-14(d), seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

E. Review the Bingo (Chapter 2) Oneida Gaming Minimum Internal Controls and determine appropriate next steps (00:34:35)

Sponsor: Mark A. Powless Sr., Chair/Oneida Gaming Commission

Motion by Jameson Wilson to approve the notice of the Oneida Gaming Minimum Internal Controls for Bingo (Chapter 2) approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on November 21, 2024, and to direct notice to the Oneida Gaming Commission that there are no requested revisions under § 501.6-14(d), seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

F. Review the 2025 Special Election recommendation and determine next steps (00:35:22)

Sponsor: Candace House, Chair/Oneida Election Board

Motion by Marlon Skenandore to accept the recommended dates for the 2025 Special Election, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

G. Post one (1) vacancy - Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee (00:36:52)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to post one (1) vacancy for the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

H. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved Tuck School of Business first year project proposal and accompanying supporting historical subject matter documents for submission to Dartmouth College (00:37:22)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jameson Wilson to enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved Tuck School of Business first year project proposal and accompanying supporting historical subject matter documents for submission to Dartmouth College, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. Motion carried:

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

XII. REPORTS

A. TRIBALLY CHARTERED ENTITIES

1. Accept the Bay Bancorporation, Inc. FY-2024 4th quarter report (00:40:01)

Sponsor: Jeff Bowman, President/Bay Bank

Motion by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to accept the Bay Bancorporation, Inc. FY-2024 4th quarter report, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

2. Accept the Oneida ESC Group, LLC FY-2024 4th quarter report (00:41:28)

Sponsor: John Breuninger, Chair/Oneida ESC Group Board of Managers

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to accept the Oneida ESC Group, LLC FY-2024 4th quarter report, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

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

3. Accept the Oneida Golf Enterprise FY-2024 4th quarter report (00:41:54)

Sponsor: Justin Nishimoto, Agent/Oneida Golf Enterprise

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Oneida Golf Enterprise FY-2024 4th quarter report, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

4. Accept the Oneida Youth Leadership Institute FY-2024 4th quarter report (00:43:55)

Sponsor: Marlon Skenandore, Councilman

Motion by Marlon Skenandore to accept the Oneida Youth Leadership Institute FY-2024 4th quarter report, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins

XIII. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL

A. PETITIONER SHERROLE BENTON - Move Oneida Nation Arts Program under Tourism or Community Development - petition # 2024-03

1. Approve three (3) requested actions regarding petition # 2024-03 (00:44:33)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Secretary Lisa Liggins arrived at 9:24 a.m.

Motion by Lawrence Barton to acknowledge receipt of the petition from Sherrole Benton regarding Move Oneida Nation Arts Program under Tourism or Community Development; to direct the BC Direct Report Offices to complete and submit their administrative impact statements of the petition to the Tribal Secretary mailbox by Thursday, January 2, 2025; and to direct the Law, Finance, and Legislative Reference Offices to complete, respectively, the legal review, fiscal impact statement, and statement of effect with status updates to be submitted for the January 22, 2025, regular Business Committee meeting agenda and the first Business Committee meeting of the month thereafter or until the final documents are submitted, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Not Present: Lisa Liggins

B. Accept the draft November 18, 2024, special General Tribal Council meeting minutes and review requested action (00:53:27)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the draft November 18, 2024, special General Tribal Council meeting minutes; to direct CIP # 16-011 to be revised to focus on current Recreation needs with options for future growth; to direct CIP # 16-011 Project Team to present a proposed budget estimate to the Oneida Business Committee at the first meeting in March 2025; to direct the Treasurer to assign appropriate personnel to be assigned to the Project Team for CIP # 16-011 to provide financial guidance, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

C. Schedule a special General Tribal Council meeting to address the On?yote?a?ká ni?i Project Plan (00:57:27)
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to schedule a special General Tribal Council meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to address the On?yote?a?ká ni?i Project Plan, seconded by Jameson Wilson.

Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

For the record: Councilwoman Jennifer Webster stated, I am already scheduled out for that date.

For the record: Treasurer Lawrence Barton stated, I will be out on travel, to be excused formally. Thank you.

D. Schedule two (2) special General Tribal Council meetings to address twelve (12) referendum questions (01:01:13)
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to schedule two (2) special General Tribal Council meetings on Sunday June 1, 2025, and Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. to address twelve (12) referendum questions, . Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

For the record: Councilman Marlon Skenandore stated, That Sunday, June 1st, I will be coaching lacrosse and that is usually the end-of-the-year tournament, so I would ask to be excused from that date.

E. Approve the notice and materials for the January 20, 2025, tentatively scheduled annual General Tribal Council meeting (01:13:22)
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the notice and materials for the January 20, 2025, tentatively scheduled annual General Tribal Council meeting and to schedule the inclement weather date as Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (01:14:42)

Motion by Lisa Liggins to go into executive session at 9:49 a.m., seconded by Jennifer Webster.
Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Motion by Jonas Hill to come out of executive session at 2:53 p.m., seconded by Jennifer Webster.
Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Item VII.A. was re-addressed next.

A. REPORTS

1. Accept the Chief Counsel report (01:16:29)

Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

Motion by Lawrence Barton to accept the Chief Counsel report, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity - Liberty Software, Inc. - file # 2024-1487, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

2. Accept the General Manager report (01:17:03)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the General Manager report, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

3. Accept the Treasurer's October 2024 report (01:17:20)

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Treasurer's October 2024 report, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Abstained: Jonas Hill

4. Accept the Bay Bancorporation, Inc. FY-2024 4th quarter executive report (01:17:44)

Sponsor: Jeff Bowman, President/Bay Bank

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Bay Bancorporation, Inc. FY-2024 4th quarter executive report, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

5. Accept the Oneida ESC Group, LLC FY-2024 4th quarter executive report (01:17:59)

Sponsor: John Breuninger, Chair/Oneida ESC Group Board of Managers

Motion by Marlon Skenandore to accept the Oneida ESC Group, LLC FY-2024 4th quarter executive report, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

6. Accept the Oneida Golf Enterprise FY-2024 4th quarter executive report (01:18:17)

Sponsor: Justin Nishimoto, Agent/Oneida Golf Enterprise

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Oneida Golf Enterprise FY-2024 4th quarter executive report, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

7. Accept the Oneida Youth Leadership Institute FY-2024 4th quarter executive report (01:18:32)

Sponsor: Marlon Skenandore, Councilman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Oneida Youth Leadership Institute FY-2024 4th quarter executive report and to direct the OBC liaison to follow-up with the three (3) questions identified, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Abstained: Kirby Metoxen

8. Accept the Economic Strategy Coordinator Tribally Chartered Entities FY-2024 4th quarter report (01:18:52)

Sponsor: Justin Nishimoto, Economic Strategy Coordinator

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Economic Strategy Coordinator Tribally Chartered Entities FY-2024 4th quarter report, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

B. AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Accept the October 15, 2024, regular Audit Committee meeting minutes (01:19:09)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the October 15, 2024, regular Audit Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

2. Accept the Gaming Contracts compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:19:22)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Gaming Contracts compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

3. Accept the Information Technology compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:19:38)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Information Technology compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

4. Accept the Revenue compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:19:54)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Revenue compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

5. Accept the Surveillance compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:20:07)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Surveillance compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

6. Accept the Table Games compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:20:20)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Table Games compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

7. Accept the Title 31 compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:20:35)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Title 31 compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Motion by Lisa Liggins to forward the response regarding the finding under 17(b)(1)(iv) to the BC Officers for appropriate follow up, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity - Lukas Lafuria Lantor & Sachs LLP - file # 2024-0972 (01:21:19)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity - Lukas Lafuria Lantor & Sachs LLP - file # 2024-0972, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

2. Approve attorney contract - Oneida Law Office - file # 2024-1424 (01:21:40)

Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve attorney contract - Oneida Law Office - file # 2024-1424, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

3. Deliberations regarding pardon application - Lorenzo Samuel Guzman (01:22:00)

Sponsor: Eric Boulanger, Chair/Pardon and Forgiveness Screening Committee

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the recommendation of the Pardon and Forgiveness Committee and adopt resolution entitled 12-11-24-C Regarding Pardon of Lorenzo Samuel Guzman and move resolution to open session, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

4. Review applications for one (1) vacancy - Oneida Land Commission (01:22:23)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the discussion regarding the application(s) for one (1) vacancy for the Oneida Land Commission as information, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

XV. ADJOURN (01:22:43)

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adjourn at 3:00 p.m., seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

Minutes prepared by Aliskwet Ellis, Senior Information Management Specialist.
Minutes approved as presented on January 8, 2024.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE