

Oneida Business Committee



Executive Session
8:30 AM Tuesday, January 07, 2025
BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

Regular Meeting
8:30 AM Wednesday, January 08, 2025
BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Not Present:

Arrived at: n/a

Others present: Mark W. Powless (via Microsoft Teams¹), Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Aliskwet Ellis (via Microsoft Teams);

REGULAR MEETING

Present: Chairman Tehassi Hill, Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Treasurer Lawrence Barton, Secretary Lisa Liggins, Council members: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster (via Microsoft Teams), Jameson Wilson;

Arrived at:

Others present: Jo A. House, RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies, Melinda J. Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Mark W. Powless, Todd Vanden Heuvel (via Microsoft Teams), Justin Nishimoto (via Microsoft Teams), Lori S Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Ashley M. Blaker (via Microsoft Teams), Katsitsiyo Danforth (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), Maureen Perkins (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Leeman (via Microsoft Teams), Loucinda Conway (via Microsoft Teams), Rae Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Melissa Alvarado (via Microsoft Teams), Melanie Burkhart (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), Debbie Melchert (via Microsoft Teams), Patricia King (via Microsoft Teams), Nicolas Reynolds (via Microsoft Teams), Shannon Davis (via Microsoft Teams), Carol Silva (via Microsoft Teams), Amber Martinez (via Microsoft Teams), Donald McLester, Aliskwet Ellis (via Microsoft Teams), Bonnie Pigman (via Microsoft Teams);

¹ Microsoft Teams is software which provides a communication and collaboration platform for workplace chat, file sharing, and video meetings.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll call for the record:

Present: Chairman Tehassi Hill, Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Treasurer Lawrence Barton, Secretary Lisa Liggins, Councilmembers: Jonas Hill, Councilwoman, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson;

II. OPENING (00:00:06)

Opening provided by Councilman Kirby Metoxen

III. ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:00:31)

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adopt the agenda with two (2) corrections [1) under the travel section, correct item IX.A., removing "and Marlon Skenandore"; and 2) correct item IX.C. Approve the travel request - Councilman Jonas Hill - Great Lakes Inter-Tribal coalition coordinating Committee Quarterly Meeting - Black River Falls, WI - January 20-23, 2025 from "Councilman Jonas Hill" to "Councilman Marlon Skenandore"], seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

IV. OATH OF OFFICE

A. Oneida Land Commission - Donald McLester (00:03:23)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Oaths of office administered by Secretary Lisa Liggins. Donald McLester was present

V. MINUTES

A. Approve the December 11, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting minutes (00:05:27)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to approve the December 11, 2024, regular Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

- B. Approve the December 13, 2024, special Business Committee meeting minutes (00:06:02)**
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve the December 13, 2024, special Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

VI. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Adopt resolution entitled Amendment to BC Resolution # 04-26-23-G Obligation for Skenandoah Front Lobby Renovation Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings (00:06:29)**
Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adopt resolution # 01-08-25-A Amendment to BC Resolution # 04-26-23-G Obligation for Skenandoah Front Lobby Renovation Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

- B. Adopt resolution entitled Amendment to BC Resolution # 10-26-22-G Obligation for Transit Garage Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings (00:07:51)**
Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adopt resolution # 01-08-25-B Amendment to BC Resolution # 10-26-22-G Obligation for Transit Garage Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. Motion carried:

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

VII. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Determine next steps regarding nine (9) vacancies - Oneida Election Board Ad-Hoc Committee (00:08:29)**
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the selected applicants; to appoint Patricia Moore, Justine Huff, Mary King, Lynette Jordan and Colleen Cornelius to the Oneida Election Board Ad-Hoc Committee to term ending December 31, 2025; and to request Secretary to re-notice remaining vacancies, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE

1. Accept the December 4, 2024, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (00:09:20)

Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the December 4, 2024, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

IX. TRAVEL REQUESTS

A. Approve the travel request - Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens & Councilmen Jonas Hill - Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention - San Diego, CA - March 30-April 4, 2025 (00:09:51)

Sponsor: Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens, Vice-Chairman, Jonas Hill, Councilman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the travel request from Vice-Chairman Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens and Councilman Jonas Hill to attend the Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention in San Diego, CA on March 30-April 4, 2025, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

B. Approve the travel request - Treasurer Lawrence Barton - 43rd Annual Native American Finance Officer Association (NAFOA) Conference - New Orleans, LA - April 26-30, 2025 (00:11:02)

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jameson Wilson to approve the travel request from Treasurer Lawrence Barton to attend the 43rd Annual Native American Finance Officer Association (NAFOA) Conference in New Orleans, LA on April 26-30, 2025, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

C. Approve the travel request - Councilman Marlon Skenandore - Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Coalition Coordinating Committee Quarterly Meeting - Black River Falls, WI - January 20-23, 2025 (00:11:34)

Sponsor: Marlon Skenandore, Councilman

Motion by Jameson Wilson to approve the travel request from Councilman Marlon Skenandore to attend the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Coalition Coordinating Committee Quarterly Meeting in Black River Falls, WI on January 20-23, 2025, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve the transfer of the Fox Cities Home & Garden Show tickets to Oneida Retail pursuant to OBC SOP Ticket Distribution §5.3.1.3. (00:12:38)**

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, OBC Area Manager

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the transfer of the Fox Cities Home & Garden Show tickets to Oneida Retail pursuant to OBC SOP Ticket Distribution §5.3.1.3., seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

- B. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved Oneida Business Committee members appearing at the annual shareholders meeting shall act by consensus in determining how the vote(s) will be cast on behalf of the shareholder (00:15:42)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved Oneida Business Committee members appearing at the annual shareholders meeting shall act by consensus in determining how the vote(s) will be cast on behalf of the shareholder, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. Motion carried:

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

- C. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding three (3) approved actions regarding the 2024 Facility and Life Safety Inspection on all Oneida Gaming Facilities (00:16:16)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to enter the e-poll results into the record regarding three (3) approved actions regarding the 2024 Facility and Life Safety Inspection on all Oneida Gaming Facilities, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

XI. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL

A. Reschedule the April 9, 2025, tentatively scheduled General Tribal Council meeting (00:16:50)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to reschedule the April 9, 2025, tentatively scheduled General Tribal Council meeting to Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

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

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (00:18:38)

Motion by Lisa Liggins to go into executive session at 8:49 a.m., seconded by Jonas Hill. 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 9:00 a.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

A. REPORTS

1. Accept the Chief Counsel report (00:19:27)

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

2. Accept the General Manager report (00:19:46)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the General Manager report, seconded by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens. 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 November 2024 report (00:20:10)

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the Treasurer's November 2024 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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review applications for nine (9) vacancies - Oneida Election Board Ad-Hoc Committee (00:20:41)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to accept the discussion regarding the applications for nine (9) vacancies for the Oneida Election Board Ad-Hoc Committee as information, seconded by Lisa Liggins.

Motion carried:

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

2. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding approval of the counter proposal amendments to the Draft Co-Existence Agreement in the trademark negotiations (00:21:16)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to enter the e-poll results into the record regarding approval of the counter proposal amendments to the Draft Co-Existence Agreement in the trademark negotiations, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

XIII. ADJOURN (00:21:46)

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adjourn at 9:02 a.m., seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

Minutes prepared by Bonnie Pigman, Information Management Specialist.

Minutes approved as presented on January 22, 2025.


Lisa Liggins, Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE