



# Oneida Nation School Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 22, 2025

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.      **Location:** Via TEAMS

**Disclaimer:** All participants, virtual and or in-person, please be advised that this meeting will be recorded for documentation purposes.

The Oneida Nation School Board is committed and accountable to students, parents, families, staff, and community members to provide regulatory oversight for a safe, positive, culturally diverse, holistic, learning atmosphere based on Onayoté a'ka values. We will provide the expectations, resources, and educational opportunities to encourage students to be productive.

Present: Sacheen Lawrence, Katsi Danforth, Candace House [log-in issues], Kathe Cornelius, Tracy L. Metoxen, Melissa Skenandore

Excused: Teresa Schuman

Unexcused: None

Others: Jolene Hensberger (recorder)

**I. Call to Order by:** Sacheen Lawrence

**Time:** 5:03 p.m.

## **II. Agenda**

Motion by Kathe Cornelius to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Katsi Danforth. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathe Cornelius to go into Executive Session at 5:04 p.m. Seconded by Katsi Danforth. Motion carried.

Present: Sacheen Lawrence, Katsi Danforth, Candace House [log-in issues], Kathe Cornelius, Tracy L. Metoxen, Melissa Skenandore

Excused: Teresa Schuman

Unexcused: None

Others: Jolene Hensberger (recorder)

Motion by Kathe Cornelius to come out of Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. Seconded by Candace House. Motion carried.

## **III. Executive Session**

### **A. Approve results of School Board Officer elections: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary**

Motion by Katsi Danforth to defer the elections to the first scheduled meeting in February. Seconded by Tracy L. Metoxen. Motion carried.

*[excerpt from January 14, 2025 Minutes: Motion by Katsi Danforth to defer all executive session items to a second January meeting. Seconded by Tracy Metoxen. Motion carried.]*

*[excerpt from December 3, 2024, Minutes: Motion by Teresa Schuman to defer to until there is a full board. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carried.]*

*[excerpt from November 12, 2024, Minutes: No action taken.]*

*[excerpt from October 7, 2024, Minutes: Motion by Teresa Schuman to defer the Election of Officers to the November 4, 2024, meeting. Second by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.]*

**B. Determine next steps regarding OSBC1-2024**

Motion by Tracy L. Metoxen to have the Chair draft a letter regarding OSBC1-2024 with the discussed verbiage and request the attorney to review it before sending it out. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carried.

Motion by Tracy L. Metoxen to schedule February 17, 2025, as the second February meeting to further discuss the recommended actions from the OSBC1-2024 investigation. Seconded by Katsi Danforth. Motion carried.

*[excerpt from January 14, 2025 Minutes: Motion by Katsi Danforth to defer all executive session items to a second January meeting. Seconded by Tracy Metoxen. Motion carried.]*

1. **Memo dated August 5, 2024, re: OSBC1-2024 Follow-Up Response**
2. **Memo with response from Attorney Van Gheem dated September 18, 2024**
3. **FYI: Memorandum of Agreement, March 21, 1988**
4. **FYI: ONSS SOP re: Disciplinary Process and Panel**

**[excerpt from October 7, 2024, Minutes]**

**D. Determine Final Steps of OSBC1-2024 and to Dissolve Complaint and Hearing Panel**

*[Motion by Teresa Schuman to accept the information from the report and move to dissolve the OSBC-1 Complaint, the Complaint Panel, and the Hearing Panel. Second by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.]*

1. **Accept Memorandum dated September 18, 2024, from Attorney Van Gheem**

*[Motion by Teresa Schuman to accept the Memorandum dated September 18, 2024, from Attorney Van Gheem. Second by Katsi Danforth. Motion carries.]*

*[excerpt from August 19, 2024, Minutes: Motion by Teresa Schuman to accept information as FYI, and for Chair to send existing SOPs to school's liaison attorney inquiring about the response from the complaint panel. Second by Kathe Cornelius.]*

*[excerpt from August 5, 2024, Minutes: Motion by Teresa Schuman to accept the OSBC1-2024 Follow-up Response and to bring back recommended actions to August 19, 2024, meeting to determine next steps to close-out complaint. Second by Vicki L. Cornelius. Abstention by Katsi Danforth and Barb Cornelius. Motion carries.]*

*[excerpt from May 20, 2024, Minutes: Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to accept the verbal update as information, and to have panel bring back final to the second meeting in June. Second by Teresa Schuman. Abstentions by Katsi Danforth, Barb Cornelius, and Melissa Skenandore. Motion carries.]*



*[excerpt from April 16, 2024, Minutes:*

**Motion** by Vicki L. Cornelius to approve Melissa Skenandore, Katsi Danforth, and Barb Cornelius to be on the complaint panel. Seconded by Candace House. Abstentions by Melissa Skenandore, Katsi Danforth, and Barb Cornelius. Motion carries.

**Motion** by Vicki L. Cornelius to have the complaint panel investigate OSBC1-2024 and to bring back recommendation to the hearing panel within 30-days. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

**Motion** by Katsi Danforth to approve Teresa Schuman, Vicki L. Cornelius, and Candace House to the hearing panel. Seconded by Barb Cornelius. Abstentions by Vicki L. Cornelius, Teresa Schuman, and Candace House. Motion carries.] end of motion.

**[excerpt from August 19, 2024, Minutes]**

Determine Next Steps of OSBC1-2024

*[Motion by Teresa Schuman to accept information as FYI, and for Chair to send existing SOPs to school's liaison attorney inquiring about the response from the complaint panel. Second by Kathe Cornelius.]*

**[excerpt from August 5, 2024, Minutes]**

Sub-committee Complaint Follow-up Response to OSBC1-2024

*[Motion by Teresa Schuman to accept the OSBC1-2024 Follow-up Response and to bring back recommended actions to August 19, 2024, meeting to determine next steps to close-out complaint. Second by Vicki L. Cornelius. Abstention by Katsi Danforth and Barb Cornelius. Motion carries.]*

**C. Accept FYI: Quarter 1 School Board Report is due by or before January 31, 2025**

Motion by Katsi Danforth to schedule January 27, 2025, at noon, via Teams, to complete the Q1 School Board report, and to request the presence of the Superintendent to complete the Quarter 1 School Board report. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carried.

*[excerpt from January 14, 2025 Minutes: Motion by Katsi Danforth to defer all executive session items to a second January meeting. Seconded by Tracy Metoxen. Motion carried.]*

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion by Tracy L. Metoxen to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carried.

  
Sacheen Lawrence, School Board Chair

Minutes approved on 2-3-25