



Oneida Business Committee

Regular Meeting
1:30 PM Wednesday, April 14, 2025
BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

Minutes

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; Jameson Wilson;

Not Present: n/a

Arrived at: n/a

Others present: Jo A. House, RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies, Lisa Summers (via Microsoft Teams¹), Justin Nishimoto (via Microsoft Teams), Kaylynn Gresham (via Microsoft Teams), Katsitsiyo Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Melinda Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Rhiannon Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), David Jordan (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Billie (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Cottrell (via Microsoft Teams), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Leeman (via Microsoft Teams), Rae Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Melissa Alvarado (via Microsoft Teams), Ashley Blaker (via Microsoft Teams), Cheryl-Aliskwet Ellis (via Microsoft Teams), Tavia James-Charles (via Microsoft Teams), Sarah Capelle (via Microsoft Teams), Carolyn Salutz (via Microsoft Teams), Lori Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Kristine Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Patricia King (via Microsoft Teams), Brooke Doxtator (via Microsoft Teams), Carol Silva (via Microsoft Teams), Shannon Davis (via Microsoft Teams), Mary Graves (via Microsoft Teams), Patricia Garvey (via Microsoft Teams), Raeann Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Mark W. Powless, Aaron Badeau, Sharell Hill, Lennette White, Cathy Metoxen, Nancy Barton, Warren Stevens, Bonnie Pigman (via Microsoft Teams);

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tehassi Hill at 1:30 p.m.

II. OPENING (00:00:10)

Opening provided by Councilman Kirby Metoxen.

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

III. **ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:00:34)**

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adopt the agenda with five (5) add-on requests [1) After the Resolutions section, add a Travel Requests section and item entitled Approve the travel request - Councilwoman Jennifer Webster - Bemidji Great Lakes Area Tribal Health Board and IHS Pre-Negotiation Meeting - Bloomington, MN - May 5-8, 2025; 2) under the Resolutions section, add item entitled Adopt resolution entitled Use of Wisconsin Tribal Assistance Grant Funds; 3) under the Resolutions section, add item entitled Adopt resolution entitled Approval of Opioid Settlement Fund Uses; 4) under the New Business section, add item entitled Declare the office of Judge in the Court of Appeals vacant; and 5) under the Executive Session section, New Business, add item entitled Approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity - ESHA Research, LLC dba Trustwell - file # 2025-0238], seconded by Jennifer Webster.

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 Nation School Board - Sharell Hill (00:04:11)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Oath of office administered by Secretary Lisa Liggins. Sharell Hill was present.

V. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. **Adopt resolution entitled Supporting the 2025 Tribal Leadership Academy at Dartmouth Attendance (00:06:22)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adopt resolution # 04-14-25-A Supporting the 2025 Tribal Leadership Academy at Dartmouth Attendance, 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 Use of Wisconsin Tribal Assistance Grant Funds (00:06:47)**

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Jonas Hill to adopt resolution # 04-14-25-B Use of Wisconsin Tribal Assistance Grant Funds, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

C. Adopt resolution entitled Approval of Opioid Settlement Fund Uses (00:10:19)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to adopt resolution # 04-14-25-C Approval of Opioid Settlement Fund Uses, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

V. TRAVEL REQUESTS

A. Approve the travel request – Councilwoman Jennifer Webster - Bemidji Great Lakes Area Tribal Health Board and IHS Pre-Negotiation Meeting - Bloomington, MN - May 5-8, 2025 (00:31:14)

Sponsor: Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman

Motion by Jonas Hill to approve the travel request for Councilwoman Jennifer Webster to attend the Bemidji Great Lakes Area Tribal Health Board and HIS Pre-Negotiation Meeting in Bloomington, MN on May 5-8, 2025, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

Abstained: Jennifer Webster

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Accept notice regarding the completed follow up directed at the February 26, 2025, regular OBC meeting regarding a tribal member request (00:32:38)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to extend the public comment period for Nancy Barton for an additional one (1) minute, 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 Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to accept notice regarding the completed follow up directed at the February 26, 2025, regular OBC meeting regarding a tribal member request, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

B. Review the tribal member request regarding the Language Program Audit and determine next steps (00:51:12)

Sponsor: Nancy Barton, Tribal Member

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the tribal member request regarding the Language Program Audit as information only, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

C. Declare the office of Judge in the Court of Appeals vacant (00:57:46)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to declare the office of Judge in the Court of Appeals vacant, and to direct the Oneida Business Committee Liaison to the Oneida Election Board, Secretary Lisa Liggins, to follow up with the Oneida Election Board and request a recommended date for a special election to be submitted the Oneida Business Committee, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

VII. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL

A. Schedule a special General Tribal Council meeting to address the FY-2026 Budget (01:02:43)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jonas Hill to schedule a special General Tribal Council meeting for Monday, September 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m. to address the FY-2026 Budget, seconded by Jenny Webster. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Jonas Hill to defer the scheduling of a special General Tribal Council meeting to address the FY-2026 Budget to the May 14, 2025, regular Business Committee meeting, 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. Approve the notice and materials for the tentatively scheduled June 1, 2025, special General Tribal Council meeting (01:12:24)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Councilman Jonas Hill left 2:46 p.m.

Motion by Jonas Hill to approve the notice and materials for the June 1, 2025, tentatively scheduled special General Tribal Council meeting and cancel the June 8, 2025, tentatively scheduled special General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Jonas Hill

Councilman Jonas Hill returned 2:49 p.m.

C. PETITIONER SHERROLE BENTON - petition # 2025-01

1. Approve three (3) actions – petition # 2025-01 (01:16:34)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to acknowledge receipt of petition # 2025-01 from Sherrole Benton regarding Amendments to the Personnel Policy and Procedures; to direct the BC Direct Report Offices to complete and submit their administrative impact statements of the petition to the Tribal Secretary mail box by April 30, 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 submitted to the May 14, 2025, regular Business Committee meeting agenda and the first Business Committee meeting of the month thereafter until the final documents are submitted, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

D. PETITIONER SHERROLE BENTON - petition # 2025-02

1. Approve three (3) actions – petition # 2025-02 (01:25:11)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to acknowledge receipt of the petition # 2025-02 from Sherrole Benton regarding Tribal Court Rules Amendments; to direct the BC Direct Report Offices to complete and submit their administrative impact statements of the petition to the Tribal Secretary mail box by April 30, 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 submitted to the May 14, 2025, regular Business Committee meeting agenda and the first Business Committee meeting of the month thereafter until the final documents are submitted, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (01:25:31)

Motion by Jameson Wilson to go into executive session at 2:55 p.m., 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

Motion by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to come out of executive session at 3:06 p.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

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity - Imprivata, Inc.- file # 2025-0030 (01:26:07)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity - Imprivata, Inc.- file # 2025-0030, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

2. Approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity – ESHA Research, LLC dba Trustwell - file # 2025-0238 (01:27:16)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity – ESHA Research, LLC dba Trustwell - file # 2025-0238, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

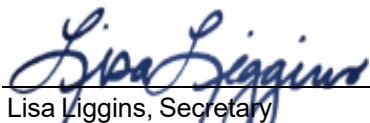
Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson, Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens

IX. ADJOURN (01:27:47)

Motion by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to adjourn at 3:08 p.m., seconded by Lawrence Barton. 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 May 14, 2025.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary
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