



Oneida Business Committee

Special Meeting
1:30 PM Wednesday, April 16, 2025
BC Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Norbert Hill Center

Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Not Present: Councilman Kirby Metoxen;

Arrived at: n/a;

Others present: Jo A. House, Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies (via Microsoft Teams¹), James Bittorf (via Microsoft Teams), Melinda Danforth, Cheryl-Aliskwet Ellis (via Microsoft Teams), William Gollnick (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Cottrell (via Microsoft Teams), David Jordan (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Billie (via Microsoft Teams), Rhiannon Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Bonnie Pigman (via Microsoft Teams);

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

For the record: Councilman Kirby Metoxen is out on approved travel attending the Department of Health Services and Department of Children and Families Consultation in Baraboo, WI on April 15-16, 2025.

II. OPENING (00:00:06)

Opening provided by Councilman Jameson Wilson.

III. ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:05:39)

Motion by Jameson Wilson to adopt the agenda with one (1) add-on request [1] add a Travel Requests section and item entitled Approve the travel request - Secretary Lisa Liggins - Senate Committee on Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues & Forestry Public Hearing - Madison, WI - April 16-17, 2025], seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen

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

IV. TRAVEL REQUESTS

A. Approve the travel request – Secretary Lisa Liggins – Senate Committee on Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues & Forestry Public Hearing – Madison, WI – April 16-17, 2025

Sponsor: Secretary Lisa Liggins

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve the travel request for Secretary Lisa Liggins to attend the Senate Committee on Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues & Forestry Public Hearing in Madison, WI on April 16-17, 2025, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (00:07:03)

Motion by Jameson Wilson to go into executive session at 1:37 p.m., seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

Motion by Lawrence Barton to come out of executive session at 2:01 p.m., seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

A. Adopt resolution entitled Approving Fourth Amendment to the Oneida Nation and State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1991 (00:07:29)

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth, Intergovernmental Affairs Director

Motion by Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens to adopt resolution # 04-16-25-A Approving Fourth Amendment to the Oneida Nation and State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1991, and move the resolution to open session, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen

For the record Chairman Tehassi Hill stated the Oneida Nation and the State of Wisconsin have a long history of partnership of which the Oneida-State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact is one element. In 2023 the Oneida Business Committee requested Intergovernmental Affairs to identify a team to negotiate amendments to the Compact. The negotiation team was made up of Attorney, Jim Bittorf; Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Melinda J. Danforth; Local Lobbyist, Tana Aguirre; and Strategist, Bill Gollnick.

Today, this team brought forward the results of those successful negotiations. On behalf of the Oneida Business Committee, I would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the work that was conducted in a timely, professional, and efficient manner. BC resolution # 04-16-25-A, Approving Fourth Amendment to the Oneida Nation and State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1991, recognizes Oneida Nation's government-to-government relations with our local governments and the services we provide to and receive from those local governments. This amendment recognizes a greater ability for the Nation to engage in positive local government services that benefit all our communities. Further, it reflects a greater and stronger relationship with the State of Wisconsin and recognition of our responsibilities as a Tribal government.

The work of the negotiation team exemplifies our Core Values including Kaʔnikuhli·yó, which is the openness of the good spirit and mind, and Kaʔtshatʔsʔla, which is the strength of belief and vision as a people. We extend our thanks and gratitude for the excellent work. Yawwʔko.

V. ADJOURN (00:08:36)

Motion by Jameson Wilson to adjourn at 2:02 p.m., seconded by Marlon Skenandore. Motion carried:

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

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen

Minutes prepared by Bonnie Pigman, Information Management Specialist.

Minutes approved as presented on May 14, 2025.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE