



Legislative Operating Committee Fiscal Year 2025 Second Quarter Report January 2025 – March 2025

Legislative Operating Committee Strategic Directions

The Legislative Operating Committee completed strategic planning and set forth the following strategic directions to provide clarity and direction on the Legislative Operating Committee's legislative efforts during the 2023-2026 legislative term:

- Improving relationships through communication;
- Improving internal processes and strategy;
- Educating and engaging stakeholders, including youth; and
- Implementing efficient use of technology.

Legislative Operating Committee Action on Legislative Requests

During the FY25 Second Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee added three (3) legislative items to its Active Files List. The Legislative Operating Committee denied one (1) legislative item during the FY25 Second Quarter.

On February 5, 2025, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Lavish and Extravagant Trip and Gratuities Law and the Ten Day Notice Policy Amendments to its Active Files List.

On February 19, 2025, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Election Law Amendments to its Active Files List.

On March 5, 2025, the Legislative Operating Committee denied the request to add the Oneida General Welfare Law to its Active Files List.

FY25 Second Quarter Legislative Accomplishments

During the FY25 Second Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee brought forward the following legislative items for amendment:

Oneida Life Insurance Plan Law Amendments

On January 22, 2025, the Oneida Business Committee adopted amendments to the Oneida Life Insurance Plan law through the adoption of resolution BC-01-22-25-B. The purpose of the Oneida Life Insurance Plan law is to provide a death benefit through the Oneida Life Insurance Plan for

all eligible enrolled Oneida Nation members, pursuant to the Oneida General Welfare law. *[10 O.C. 1004.1-1]*. Amendments to the Oneida Life Insurance Plan law were sought to include an appeal section which provides that an individual designated as the beneficiary of a decedent who believes they were wrongfully denied benefits from the Oneida Life Insurance Plan by the Oneida Trust Enrollment Department may appeal the denial of benefits to the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee, and subsequently any decision made by the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee regarding the validity of the denial of benefits is final. *[10 O.C. 1004.9-1]*.

FY25 Second Quarter Administrative Accomplishments

During the FY25 Second Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee brought forward the following administrative accomplishments:

Real Property Law Rule No. 3 - Easements

The Legislative Operating Committee certified and forwarded the Real Property Law Rule No. 3 - Easements to the Oneida Business Committee on February 19, 2025. On February 26, 2025, the Oneida Business Committee adopted the Real Property Law Rule No. 3 - Easements.

Petition S. Benton - Move Oneida Nation Arts Program under Tourism or Community Development

The Legislative Reference Office provided a statement of effect for the Petition S. Benton - Move Oneida Nation Arts Program under Tourism or Community Development to the Oneida Business Committee.

FY25 Second Quarter Community Outreach Efforts

Focusing on its efforts to enhance community involvement through outreach and communication, during the FY25 Second Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) community outreach event.

On March 19, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting in the Norbert Hill Center's cafeteria. Topics discussed during the community meeting included a discussion of the development of the following legislation for the Nation: Elder Protection law; Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping law amendments; and Indian Preference in Contracting law amendments. The purpose of this community meeting was to provide an opportunity for open discussion in which people could share comments, questions, or suggestions on potential issues that should be addressed regarding the topics discussed.

The Legislative Operating Committee intends to hold community outreach events on a quarterly basis and encourages everyone to attend and participate in future community outreach events.

FY25 Second Quarter Legislative Highlights

The Legislative Operating Committee would like to highlight its work on the following legislative items during the FY25 Second Quarter:

Boards, Committees, and Commissions Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Kirby Metoxen. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Business Corporations Law

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Conflict of Interest Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter

Elder Protection Law

This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster and Marlon Skenandore. The Legislative Operating Committee held eight (8) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On March 19, 2025, the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting in which the development of an Elder Protection law was a topic of discussion.

Higher Education Scholarship Law

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held five (5) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held four (4) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On March 19, 2025, the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting in which the development of amendments to the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping law was a topic of discussion.

Independent Contractor Policy Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Indian Preference in Contracting Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill and Marlon Skenandore. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meeting during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On March 19, 2025, the Legislative Operating Committee held a community meeting in

which the development of amendments to the Indian Preference in Contracting law was a topic of discussion.

Landlord Tenant Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. On February 5, 2025, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the public meeting packet for the amendments to the Landlord Tenant law and forwarded this legislative item to a public meeting to be held on March 14, 2025. On March 14, 2025, a public meeting was held and no individuals provided comments during the public meeting. The public comment period was then held open until March 25, 2025, and one (1) person provided written comments during the public comment period.

Law Enforcement Ordinance Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. On January 15, 2025, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the updated draft and legislative analysis for the Oneida Nation Law Enforcement Ordinance amendments. On February 5, 2025, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the public meeting packet for the amendments to the Oneida Nation Law Enforcement Ordinance and forwarded this legislative item to a public meeting to be held on March 14, 2025. On March 14, 2025, a public meeting was held and one (1) individual provided comments during the public meeting. The public comment period was then held open until March 25, 2025, and no individuals provided written comments during the public comment period.

Marijuana Law

This item was sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Probate Law

This item is sponsored by Kirby Metoxen, Jameson Wilson, Marlon Skenandore. The Legislative Operating Committee held five (5) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Real Property Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Kirby Metoxen and Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held three (3) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Renewable Energy Law

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Sanctions and Penalties Law

This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On March 5, 2025, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the updated draft and legislative analysis of the Sanctions and Penalties law, and approved the Legislative Operating Committee Sanctions and Penalties law community work session notice, and scheduled a community work session to occur on April 2, 2025.

Short Term Rental Law

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Taxation Law

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Ten Day Notice Policy Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Tribal Sovereignty in Data Research Law

This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Two Spirit Inclusion Law

This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Uniform Commercial Code

This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Vendor Licensing Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Workplace Violence Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held four (4) work meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

FY25 Second Quarter Legislative Operating Committee Meetings

All Legislative Operating Committee meetings are open to the public and held on the first and First Wednesday of each month, at 9:00 a.m. in the Norbert Hill Center's Business Committee Conference Room and on Microsoft Teams.

The Legislative Operating Committee held the following meetings during the FY25 Second Quarter:

- January 15, 2025 – Regular meeting;
- February 5, 2025 – Regular meeting;
- February 19, 2025 – Regular meeting; and
- March 5, 2025 – Regular meeting.

The January 1, 2025, Legislative Operating Committee meeting was canceled due to the New Year's Day holiday. The March 19, 2025, Legislative Operating Committee meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum.

In addition to attending the Legislative Operating Committee meetings in person, individuals provided the opportunity to attend the Legislative Operating Committee meeting through Microsoft Teams. Anyone who would like to access the Legislative Operating Committee meeting through Microsoft Teams can provide their name, phone number or e-mail address to LOC@oneidanation.org by the close of business the day before a meeting of the Legislative Operating Committee to receive the link to the Microsoft Teams meeting.

For those who may be unable to attend the Legislative Operating Committee meeting either in person or on Microsoft Teams, an audio recording of the Legislative Operating Committee meeting is made available on the Nation's website after the meeting concludes.

Goals for FY25 Second Quarter

During the FY25 Second Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee will focus its legislative efforts on the following matters:

- Hold an additional LOC community meeting and community work session.
- Adoption of the Oneida Nation Law Enforcement Ordinance Amendments.
- Adoption of the Landlord Tenant Law Amendments.
- Hold a public meeting for the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Law Amendments.

Legislative Reference Office

The Legislative Reference Office's mission is to provide support for the Legislative Operating Committee in developing clear and consistent legislation that reflects the Nation's values, builds upon the Nation's strong foundation, and reaffirms our inherent sovereignty.

In addition to the assisting the Legislative Operating Committee with the development of legislation, the Legislative Reference Office also:

- Drafts statements of effect for Oneida Business Committee and General Tribal Council resolutions;
- Drafts statements of effect for General Tribal Council resolutions petitions;
- Drafts and provides other assistance to various department and entities of the Nation with administrative rulemaking;
- Manages all other administrative duties and recordkeeping for the Legislative Operating Committee.

During the FY25 Second Quarter the Legislative Reference Office was staffed by the following individuals:

- Clorissa N. Leeman, Senior Legislative Staff Attorney.
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- Carolyn Salutz, Legislative Staff Attorney.
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