



# Oneida Business Committee

## Executive Session

8:30 AM Tuesday, July 08, 2025

BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Regular Meeting

8:30 AM Wednesday, July 09, 2025

BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes

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### 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:** ;

**Others present:** Jo A. House, Ralinda Ninham-Lamberies, Mark W. Powless (via Microsoft Teams<sup>1</sup>), Melinda J. Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Justin Nishimoto (via Microsoft Teams), Kristine Hill (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, Jameson Wilson;

**Not Present:** n/a;

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**Arrived at:** n/a

**Others present:** Jo A. House, RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies, Mark W. Powless, Laura Laitinen-Warren (via Microsoft Teams), Justin Nishimoto (via Microsoft Teams), Lisa Summers (via Microsoft Teams), Kaylynn Gresham (via Microsoft Teams), Katsitsiyo Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Loucinda Conway (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Rhiannon Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Janice Deborah (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Billie (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Cottrell (via Microsoft Teams), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), David Jordan (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Leeman (via Microsoft Teams), Melissa Alvarado (via Microsoft Teams), Rae Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Ashley Blaker (via Microsoft Teams), Tavia James-Charles (via Microsoft Teams), Grace Elliot (via Microsoft Teams), Carolyn Salutz (via Microsoft Teams), Lori Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Cheryl-Aliskwet Ellis (via Microsoft Teams), Mark A. Powless Sr (via Microsoft Teams), Candace House (via Microsoft Teams), Melanie Burkhart (via Microsoft Teams), Brooke Doxtator (via Microsoft Teams), Patricia King (via Microsoft Teams), Debbie Melchert (via Microsoft Teams), Jordan Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Shannon Davis (via Microsoft Teams), Amber Martinez (via Microsoft Teams), Nicolas A. Reynolds (via Microsoft Teams), Ramona Salinas (via Microsoft Teams), Mark Powless, Ray Skenandore, Stephanie Metoxen, Bonnie Pigman (via Microsoft Teams);

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order by Chairman Tehassi Hill 8:32 a.m.*

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

## **II. OPENING (00:00:03)**

*Opening provided by Councilman Kirby Metoxen.*

## **III. ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:00:28)**

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adopt the agenda with four (4) changes [1) add new section Resolutions, add item entitled Adopt resolution entitled Further Amendments to the Boards, Committees, and Commissions Law Stipends - 2025; 2) add new section General Tribal Council, add item entitled Cancel the special General Tribal Council meeting tentatively scheduled on August 25, 2025; 3) under the Executive New Business section, add item entitled Accept the notice regarding FY-2024 Audit Report Follow-Up; and 4) under the Executive New Business section, add item entitled Request for direction Funding Source for Marijuana Project], seconded by Lisa Liggins. 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. Southeastern Wisconsin Oneida Tribal Services Advisory Board - Ramona Salinas (00:02:22)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

*Oaths of office administered by Secretary Lisa Liggins. Ramona Salinas was present via Microsoft Teams.*

## **V. MINUTES**

### **A. Approve the June 25, 2025, regular Business Committee meeting minutes (00:05:14)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the June 25, 2025, regular Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

*Item VII. was addressed next.*

## **VI. RESOLUTIONS**

### **A.. Adopt resolution entitled Further Amendments to the Boards, Committees, and Commissions Law Stipends (00:07:15)**

Sponsor: Tehassi Hill, Chairman

Motion by Jonas Hill to adopt resolution # 07-09-25-A Further Amendments to the Boards, Committees, and Commissions Law Stipends, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

*Item VIII. was addressed next.*

## **VII. APPOINTMENTS**

### **A. Post one (1) vacancy - Oneida Land Commission (00:05:36)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the request to post one (1) vacancy on the Oneida Land Commission as information only, noting the vacancy is on the 2025 Special Election ballot, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

*Item VI. was addressed next.*

## **VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Accept the June 12, 2025, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes (00:21:57)**

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the June 12, 2025, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes, 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 June 26, 2025, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes (00:22:18)**  
Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jonas Hill to accept the June 26, 2025, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes, 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. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

- 1. Accept the June 18, 2025, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (00:22:35)**  
Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to accept the June 18, 2025, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jonas Hill. 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 - Councilman Kirby Metoxen - Native American Tourism of Wisconsin & Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council – Lac Courte Oreilles, WI - July 15-16, 2025 (00:23:03)**  
Sponsor: Kirby Metoxen, Councilman

Motion by Jennifer Webster to approve the travel request for Councilman Kirby Metoxen to attend the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin & Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council in Lac Courte Oreilles, WI on July 15-16, 2025, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

Abstained: Kirby Metoxen

- B. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved travel request for up to four (4) Business Committee members to attend the Bad River Health & Wellness Center Grand Opening in Ashland, WI on July 17-18, 2025 (00:23:55)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved travel request for up to four (4) Business Committee members to attend the Bad River Health & Wellness Center Grand Opening in Ashland, WI on July 17-18, 2025, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

## **X. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL**

### **A.. Cancel the special General Tribal Council meeting tentatively scheduled on August 25, 2025 (00:24:47)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Jennifer Webster to cancel the special General Tribal Council meeting tentatively scheduled on August 25, 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

## **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (00:29:43)**

### **A. REPORTS**

#### **1. Accept the CEO-Nation Services report (00:29:47)**

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, CEO-Nation Services

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the CEO-Nation Services report, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

#### **2. Accept the Chief Counsel report (00:30:02)**

Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Chief Counsel report, to support participation in the proposed scoping exercise through the Oneida Law Office, and to direct the Secretary to send communication to General Tribal Council Legal Resource Center attorney, 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. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Accept the update on the Direct Report Restructure plan (00:30:24)**

Sponsor: Tehassi Hill, Chairman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the update on the Direct Report Restructure plan, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

**2. Accept the notice regarding the FY-2024 Audit Report Follow-Up (00:30:43)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the notice regarding the FY-2024 Audit Report Follow-Up, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

**3.. Request for direction on the Funding Source for Marijuana Project (00:31:06)**

Sponsor: Justin Nishimoto, Economic Strategy Coordinator

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the discussion regarding the Funding Source for the Marijuana Project as information only, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

**XII. ADJOURN (00:31:28)**

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adjourn at 9:03 a.m., seconded by Kirby Metoxen. 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 July 23, 2025.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary

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