

# FY-2025 4th (Jul - Sep) Quarter Report

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*Text in **orange** provides instruction in accordance with the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law section 105.12-3. Quarterly Reports to the Oneida Business Committee.*

*Provide the name of the entity, the member submitting the report, and the Oneida Business Committee liaison.*

## Oneida Land Claims Commission

Approved by official entity action on: 10/27/2025

Submitted by: Kerry Kennedy, Secretary

OBC Liaison: Lisa Liggins

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### **PURPOSE**

The OLCC shall inform and educate the membership on the issues pertaining to Oneida Nation land claims, seek participation of the membership, and be further responsible for carrying out the following duties:

To bring forward concerns and suggestions of the membership regarding the Nation's land claims to the Oneida Business Committee.

As part of its advisory procedures, to hold public meetings and undergo outreach to provide an opportunity for the membership to voice their concerns and suggestions regarding the Nation's land claims settlement efforts and to share those concerns/suggestions with the Oneida Business Committee.

To study other Indian land claim settlements achieved between tribal, state, and federal governments and disseminate the information to the membership and the Oneida Business Committee.

To manage the budget that the Oneida Business Committee provides to the OLCC in accordance with governing laws and policies of the Nation.

To assist the Oneida Business Committee with any land claims arising out of natural resource issues/disputes as requested by the Oneida Business Committee.

To carry out all other powers and/or duties delegated to the OLCC through any laws, policies, rules and/or resolutions of the Nation.

## **AUTHORITY**

Created by the Business Committee as directed by the membership. The OLCC shall inform and educate the membership on the issues pertaining to Oneida Nation land claims, seek participation of the membership, and be further responsible for carrying out the following duties: (a) Bring forward concerns and suggestions of the membership regarding the Nation's land claims to the Oneida Business Committee. (b) As part of its advisory procedures, to hold public meetings and undergo outreach to provide an opportunity for the membership to voice their concerns and suggestions regarding the Nation's land claims settlement efforts and to share those concerns/suggestions with the Oneida Business Committee. (c) Study other Indian land claim settlements achieved between tribal, state, and federal governments and disseminate the information to the membership and the Oneida Business Committee. (d) Manage the budget that the Oneida Business Committee provides to the OLCC in accordance with governing laws and policies of the Nation. (e) Assist the Oneida Business Committee with any land claims arising out of natural resource issues/disputes as requested by the Oneida Business Committee. (f) Carry out all other powers and/or duties delegated to the OLCC through any laws, policies, rules and/or resolutions of the Nation.

## **BCC MEMBERS**

Chris Cornelius  
Chair  
July 31, 2026

Kerry Kennedy  
Secretary  
July 31, 2026

Candace House  
Member  
July 31, 2026

Deborah Thundercloud  
Vice-Chair  
July 31, 2027

Donald McLester  
Member  
July 31, 2028

## **MEETINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

5:00 p.m.

Norbert Hill Center 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Rm 338 or Microsoft Teams

Emergency Meetings: Zero (0)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*Please provide details of what the entity has accomplished that quarter, including any special events held during the reporting period and any travel by the members and/or staff.*

### ACCOMPLISHMENT #1

Summary:

Conducted Community Education Outreach by holding regular Book Club events at the Norbert Hill Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. We completed review and discussion on, The Oneida Experience, and started reading, The People of the Standing Stone, by Karim M. Tiro. Our discussion includes our Nation's history from the Revolutionary War to the Era of Removal; Our ancestors; Key historical figures involved; Dispossession; Treaties; Missionaries; New York; Michigan Territory; etc. Attendees often share personal experiences, knowledge, and other historical information about the illegal dispossession of our lands and our Land Claims.

Impact:

Educational outreach meets annual and quarterly goals as directed by our membership; and keeps our community members informed and involved.

### Accomplishment #2

Summary:

Conducted Community Education Outreach by distributing free educational materials at the Norbert Hill Center BCC Support Office. 1. The Oneida Experience, 2. The People of the Standing Stone, by Karim M. Tiro, 3. Petition and appeal of the Six Nations, Oneida, Stockbridge, etc. to the Government of the United States. This material highlights our Nation's history from the Pre and Post Revolutionary War to the Era of Removal; it shares insights about our Treaties with the United States; and illegal treaties with the state of New York; reasons for removal to Wisconsin; Our Land Claims Court Cases, etc.

Impact:

Meets our annual strategic goal: Promotes community education and interest while developing positive relations.

### **Accomplishment #3**

Summary:

The OLCC conducted educational outreach at the Oneida Farmers Market. Commissioners met one on one with community members to discuss our unresolved land claims. Free educational materials were distributed. Community feedback was discussed and shared at OLCC regular meeting.

Impact: Staying engaged with the Oneida Nation community. Meets quarterly and annual goals.

### **GOALS**

*Please provide details of the entity's long-term goals, the entity's goals for the next quarter, and projected quarterly activities.*

#### Long-term Goal #1

Educate membership and the General Tribal Council on all Oneida Land Claims pertaining to land claims in Wisconsin and in New York. .

Continue to provide the community with education handouts, get the community input via surveys, and have information booths at community events.

Update on Goal:

Educational outreach. Keeping the community members informed and involved.

#### Long-term Goal #2

Oneida Land Claims Commission will continue to work on the directives outlined by the membership in 1986, which is to provide support and assistance in resolving our land claim; by providing community input and recommendations from community meetings.

The goal supports the good governance principle of accountability by informing the Business Committee and the General Tribal Council of the membership's recommendations, needs, and wants.

Update on Goal:

The Commission continues to report recommendations and feedback from the community and the commission, to the OBC and legal counsel, through regular quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reports.

### Quarterly Goal #1

Gather input from the Oneida membership regarding Oneida Land Claims.

This supports the Nation's vision by including the membership in the decision-making process and it also supports the Nation's mission statement to, "To strengthen and protect our people, reclaim our land and enhance the environment by exercising our sovereignty."

#### Update on Goal:

Community input has been collected by the Commission at various outreach events with our community members. Reports are in the process of being compiled for a comprehensive report to be distributed with the Business Committee and the membership.

### Quarterly Goal #2

Compile and forward membership recommendations, Land Claims research, and the Commissions' recommendations to the Oneida Business Committee on behalf of the membership, as directed by the membership

This supports the Nation's vision by including the membership in the decision-making process and it also supports the Nation's mission statement to, "To strengthen and protect our people, reclaim our land and enhance the environment by exercising our sovereignty."

#### Update on Goal:

The Commission continues to conduct research, outside of regular meetings, and then brings their research back to regular meetings for discussion. Other Tribal Land Claims occurring around the United States are reviewed and discussed at all regular meetings. Other Tribal strategies and processes are reviewed and considered for recommendations to readdress our land claims. The Commission compiled a comprehensive report for each business committee member and started to meet with each BC member to discuss the last GTC update on our NY Land Claims, and provided an overview of recent research for consideration for a strategic plan to readdress our unresolved land claims; and share collected membership input

## **STIPENDS**

*Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution 04-13-22-B sets the stipend amounts.*

|                       | <i>Total dollar amount paid</i> | <i>Number of stipend type</i> |                      |                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|                       |                                 | <i>Regular Mtg</i>            | <i>Emergency Mtg</i> | <i>Hearings/Other</i> |
| <i>July 2025</i>      | <b>\$500</b>                    | <b>1</b>                      | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>              |
| <i>August 2025</i>    | <b>\$800</b>                    | <b>2</b>                      | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>              |
| <i>September 2025</i> | <b>\$800</b>                    | <b>2</b>                      | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>              |

## BUDGET

FY-2025 BUDGET: \$110,850

FY-2025 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$18,412

*List how your BCC is utilizing your budget and projected budgetary uses for the next quarter.*

Continue to expand outreach events, to include SEOTS and other Oneida communities; and to seek input from research on other Land Claims from other Tribal Nations.

## REQUESTS

*List any requests to the Oneida Business Committee, use the space below.*

We request the OBC to make the unresolved New York Land Claims a priority; and to immediately resume talks with our brothers and sisters of the Thames. We recommend land title searches be completed on all allotted lands, and to cloud land titles on all land determined to have been illegally taken or not returned by the government. We are requesting a part time administrative assistant to help with all day-to-day activities, projects, and all other job duties, responsibilities, and tasks listed on the previous OLCC Executive Assistant job description that the BCC office cannot do or complete in a timely manner. Quarterly updates from the Nation's negotiators regarding all settlement efforts is requested. We request the Business Committee and Land Claims negotiators to review and include our Land Claims recommendations, along with the memberships' recommendations in any land negotiations or settlement efforts.

## OTHER

*List any other information deemed appropriate by the entity, as well as any other information required by a law or policy of the Nation.*

Land Claims Recommendations: As a way, to reclaim our land, we support: 1) the direct purchasing of all land within our original treaty territories in New York and Wisconsin, 2) Sending annual letters to the governor of New York, the president of the United States, the Senate on Indian Affairs, the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs), the DOI (Department of Interior), and all other lawmakers (i.e. Congressional representatives, both state and federal), regarding our unresolved land claims; in order to lobby the United States that they have a "moral and legal responsibility to provide the Oneidas an alternative remedy and to give notice we still have unresolved land claims and to request meetings to discuss reparations, an alternative legislative remedy, and a just resolution to the unjust court ruling of laches.