

# COURT OF APPEALS

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Joline Lynd,  
Appellant,

v.

Oneida Gaming Commission,  
Respondent.

Case No.: 25-AC-004

Date: January 8, 2026

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## INITIAL REVIEW DECISION AND NOTICE

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This matter has come before Appellate Judges Michele Doxtator, Daniel Cornelius and Chief Appellate Judge Patricia M. Garvey.

### JURISDICTION

The Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to §801.8-2(a)(2) of the Oneida Judiciary Law which grants this Court jurisdiction to review appeals of agency decisions or administrative decisions where a provision of Tribal Law expressly vests such jurisdiction in the Court of Appeals.

### BACKGROUND

In October 2025, the Appellant, Joline Lynd (hereinafter “Lynd”) received notice that her gaming license had been revoked. On November 18, 2025, the Respondent, the Oneida Gaming Commission (hereinafter “OGC”) held a hearing on the matter. On November 25, 2025, the OGC issued their decision wherein the gaming license revocation was upheld. On December 23, 2025, Lynd filed a Notice of Appeal with this Court. After review of the information contained in Notice of Appeal and the decision of the OGC, it is determined that Lynd has sufficiently alleged the decision:

- 1) Violates provisions, substantive or procedural, of applicable Tribal law or applicable federal law;
- 2) Is an administrative decision that is arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with applicable law;

DECISION

Based upon the information submitted by Lynd, this appeal is ACCEPTED for appellate review.

NOTICE

**TO THE ONEIDA GAMING COMMISSION:** As the original hearing body in the above captioned case, Notice is hereby given that the Court of Appeals has taken jurisdiction of this case and requires the hearing record as set forth in the Rules of Appellate Procedure §805.8-4(a), "The record of the case shall consist of all papers filed with the Trial Court or original hearing body, exhibits, a transcript or audio recording of the proceedings, and the final decision of the Trial Court or original hearing body." The record shall be filed with the Court of Appeals within thirty (30) calendar days upon receipt of this Notice.

By the authority vested in the Oneida Judiciary, Court of Appeals, in Oneida General Tribal Council Resolutions 01-07-13-B and 03-19-17-A, the appeal is ACCEPTED for review. Dated this 8th day of January 2026, in the matter of Case No. 25-AC-004, *Joline Lynd v. Oneida Gaming Commission*.

*It is so ordered.*