



# Oneida Business Committee

Executive Session  
8:30 AM Tuesday, March 10, 2026  
BC Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Norbert Hill Center

Regular Meeting  
8:30 AM Wednesday, March 11, 2026  
BC Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Present:** Chairman Tehassi Hill, Treasurer Lawrence Barton, Council members: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, and Jameson Wilson;

**Not Present:** Secretary Lisa Liggins, Councilman Marlon Skenandore;

**Arrived at:** n/a;

**Others present:** Kelly McAndrews, RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies (via Microsoft Teams<sup>1</sup>), Kristine Hill (via Microsoft Teams), James Bittorf (via Microsoft Teams), Brandon Wisneski (via Microsoft Teams), Cheryl-Aliskwet Ellis (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams);

### REGULAR MEETING

**Present:** Chairman Tehassi Hill, Treasurer Lawrence Barton, Secretary Lisa Liggins, Council members: Jonas Hill, Kirby Metoxen, Jameson Wilson;

**Not Present:** Councilman Marlon Skenandore;

**Arrived at:** Councilwoman Jennifer Webster at 8:54 a.m.;

**Others present:** Kelly McAndrews, RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies, Mark W. Powless, Justin Nishimoto (via Microsoft Teams), Loucinda Conway (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Rhiannon Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Cottrell (via Microsoft Teams), Janice Decorah (via Microsoft Teams), Fawn Billie (via Microsoft Teams), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Ashley Blaker (via Microsoft Teams), Melissa Alvarado (via Microsoft Teams), Rae Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Mary Graves (via Microsoft Teams), Tavia James-Charles (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Leeman (via Microsoft Teams), Grace Elliot (via Microsoft Teams), Patricia King (via Microsoft Teams), Maureen Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Brandon Yellowbird-Stevens (via Microsoft Teams), Crystal Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Cheryl-Aliskwet Ellis (via Microsoft Teams), Kristine Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Crystal Holtz (via Microsoft Teams), Debbie Melchert (via Microsoft Teams), Carolyn Salutz (via Microsoft Teams), Brooke Doxtator (via Microsoft Teams), Shannon Davis (via Microsoft Teams), Amber Vankirk (via Microsoft Teams), Crystal Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Patricia Moore (via Microsoft Teams), Eric Krawczyk (via Microsoft Teams), Daniel Schuyler (via Microsoft Teams), Lynn Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Mark A. Powless Sr. (via Microsoft Teams), Michelle Braaten (via Microsoft Teams), Ramona Salinas (via Microsoft Teams), Paul Gutierrez (via Microsoft Teams), Thurston Denny (via Microsoft Teams), Barbara Webster (via Microsoft Teams), Dan Skenandore, Mary King, Brian Denny, Paul Smith, Gerald Cornelius, Francis Huntington, Mary Loeffler, Lois Stevens, Judy Cornelius, Pearl Webster, Debra Danforth, Nate Wisneski, Connor Kestell, Mark Powless, Kelly Huntington, Karen Krause, Sidney White, Julie Denny, Tim Zellmer, Bonnie Pigman (via Microsoft Teams);

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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.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order by Chairman Tehassi Hill at 8:30 a.m.*

*For the record: Councilman Marlon Skenandore is unexcused.*

**II. OPENING (00:00:21)**

*Opening provided by Councilman Kirby Metoxen.*

**III. ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:00:44)**

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adopt the agenda with five (5) additions [1) under the Resolutions section, add item entitled Adopt resolution entitled 2026 Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) Herd Development Grant Application Support; 2) under the Resolutions section, add item entitled Adopt resolution entitled Support for the Appointment of Dan Skenandore to the Department of Veteran's Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs; 3) under the New Business section, add item entitled Post one vacancy - Oneida Nation Commission on Aging; 4) under the General Tribal Council section, add item entitled Schedule a General Tribal Council meeting to address the Onʌyoteʔa·ká niʔ Project Plan; and 5) under the Executive section, New Business add item entitled Approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity - Swisher International Inc. - file # 2026-0186], seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore, Jennifer Webster

#### **IV. OATH OF OFFICE (00:03:26)**

- A. Oneida Election Board - Patricia Moore**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary
- B. Oneida Election Board Ad Hoc Committee - Dan Skenandore**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary
- C. Oneida Election Board Alternates - Mary King, Justine Huff, Ramona Salinas**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary
- D. Oneida Land Commission - Brian Denny**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary
- E. Oneida Nation Arts Board - Paul Gutierrez III, Daniel Schuyler, Paul Smith**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary
- F. Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee - Gerald Cornelius, Dan Skenandore, Francis Huntington**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

*Oaths of office administered by Secretary Lisa Liggins. Dan Skenandore, Mary King, Brian Denny, Paul Smith, Gerald Cornelius, and Francis Huntington were present. Patricia Moore, Ramona Salinas, Paul Gutierrez III and Daniel Schuyler were present via Microsoft Teams. Justine Huff was not present.*

#### **V. MINUTES**

- A. Approve the February 25, 2026, regular Business Committee meeting minutes (00:17:44)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the February 25, 2026, regular Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

*Councilwoman Jennifer Webster arrived at 8:54 a.m.*

## VI. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Adopt resolution entitled Directive For Tribal Contribution Savings Projects (00:18:07)**  
Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adopt resolution 03-11-26-A Directive For Tribal Contribution Savings Projects; to approve the correspondence; and to direct the Secretary to forward the correspondence to each Tribal Contribution Savings project owner, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

- B. Adopt resolution entitled 2026 Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) Herd Development Grant Application Support (00:23:31)**  
Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, CEO-Nation Services

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adopt resolution # 03-11-26-B 2026 Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITEBC) Herd Development Grant Application Support, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

- C. Adopt resolution entitled Support for the Appointment of Dan Skenandore to the Department of Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs (00:24:01)**  
Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, CEO-Nation Services

Motion by Lawrence Barton to adopt resolution # 03-11-26-C Support for the Appointment of Dan Skenandore to the Department of Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

*For the record: Councilman Jonas Hill stated there's an abundance of qualified candidates for this position and Mr. Skenandore would represent the Oneida Nation with the highest standard of professionalism. Thank you.*

## VII. APPOINTMENTS

### A. Determine next steps regarding Oneida ESC Group, LLC Board of Managers vacancies (00:26:41)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve correspondence to the Oneida ESC Group, LLC Board of Managers, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adopt resolution # 03-11-26-D Liaison Responsibilities – Corporations, with one (1) change [line 30, correct resolution number to 01-02-26-A], seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adopt resolution # 03-11-26-E Amending the Operating Agreement of Oneida ESC Group, LLC to increase the Number of Members on the Board of Managers, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

Motion by Lisa Liggins to adopt resolution # 03-11-26-F Appointing Members of the Oneida ESC Group, LLC, Board of Managers and providing Expectations of Oneida Business Committee in Carrying out Initial Duties, with one (1) change [line 30, insert April 10, 2026], seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

## VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### 1. Accept the February 12, 2026, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes (00:34:18)

Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the February 12, 2026, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

- 2. Accept the February 26, 2026, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes (00:34:39)**  
Sponsor: Lawrence Barton, Treasurer

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the February 26, 2026, regular Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

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

## **B. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

- 1. Accept the February 18, 2026, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (00:34:57)**  
Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to accept the February 18, 2026, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

## **IX. TABLED BUSINESS**

- A. Approve the Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee Bylaws (00:35:23)**  
Sponsor: Teresa Schuman, Chair/Oneida Trust Enrollment Committee

## **X. TRAVEL REPORTS**

- A. Approve the travel report - Councilman Jameson Wilson - National Congress of American Indians Executive Council Winter Session - Washington, D.C. - February 9-12, 2026 (00:35:32)**  
Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the travel report from Councilman Jameson Wilson for the National Congress of American Indians Executive Council Winter Session in Washington, D.C. on February 9-12, 2026, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

## **XI. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

- A. Approve the travel request - Councilman Jonas Hill - Republican Party of Wisconsin Event - Washington, D.C. - April 21-23, 2026 (00:35:59)**  
Sponsor: Jonas Hill, Councilman

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to approve the travel request for Councilman Jonas Hill to attend the Republican Party of Wisconsin Event in Washington, D.C. on April 21-23, 2026, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

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

- B. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved travel request in accordance with §219.16-1. - Oneida Nation Commission on Aging - for three (3) members & two (2) staff - GLNAEA - Mole Lake, WI - March 4-5, 2026 (00:36:23)**  
Sponsor: Winnifred Thomas, Chair/Oneida Nation Commission on Aging

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved travel request in accordance with §219.16-1. for Oneida Nation Commission on Aging - for three (3) members & two (2) staff to attend the Great Lakes Native American Elders Association (GLNAEA) in Mole Lake, WI on March 4-5, 2026, seconded by Jameson Wilson. Motion carried:

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

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review the Chapter 2 Bingo Oneida Gaming Minimum Internal Controls and determine next steps (00:37:45)**  
Sponsor: Mark A. Powless Sr., Chair/Oneida Gaming Commission

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept notice of Chapter 2 Bingo Oneida Gaming Minimum Internal Controls approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on February 19, 2026, and to direct notice to the Oneida Gaming Commission there are no requested revisions under §501.6-14(d), seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

- B. Accept the Anna John Resident Centered Care Community concerns and resolution report (00:38:44)**  
Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, CEO-Nation Services

Motion by Jennifer Webster to accept the Anna John Resident Centered Care Community concerns and resolution report, seconded by Jonas Hill. Motion carried:

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

**C. Accept the memorandum regarding the withholding of pay for Councilman Marlon Skenandore (01:13:51)**

Sponsor: Lisa Summers, Director of Government Administration

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the memorandum regarding the withholding of pay for Councilman Marlon Skenandore, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

**D. Accept memorandum regarding cancellation of March 25, 2026, and April 8, 2026, regular Business Committee meetings (01:14:34)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept memorandum regarding cancellation of March 25, 2026, and April 8, 2026, regular Business Committee meetings as information, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

**E. Post one (1) vacancy - Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (01:17:14)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to post one (1) vacancy - Oneida Nation Commission on Aging, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

**XIII. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**A. PETITIONER GINA POWLESS-BUENROSTRO - petition # 2025-04**

**1. Accept the statement of effect regarding Accountability Measure Options for Business Committee and Boards, Committees & Commissions - petition # 2025-04 (01:17:30)**

Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the statement of effect regarding Accountability Measure Options for Business Committee and Boards, Committees & Commissions - petition # 2025-04, seconded by Lawrence Barton. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

**2. Accept the fiscal impact statement regarding Accountability Measure Options for Business Committee and Boards, Committees & Commissions - petition # 2025-04 (01:17:57)**

Sponsor: RaLinda Ninham-Lamberies, Chief Financial Officer

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the fiscal impact statement regarding Accountability Measure Options for Business Committee and Boards, Committees & Commissions - petition # 2025-04, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

**B. PETITIONER GINA POWLESS-BUENROSTRO - petition # 2025-05**

**1. Accept the statement of effect regarding Amend the Administrative Rulemaking Law - petition # 2025-05 (01:18:16)**

Sponsor: Jameson Wilson, Councilman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the statement of effect regarding Amend the Administrative Rulemaking Law - petition # 2025-05, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

**C. Schedule a special General Tribal Council meeting to address the Onlayote?a·ká ni? Project Plan (01:18:40)**

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to schedule a special General Tribal Council meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to address the Onlayote?a·ká ni? i Project Plan, noting that pursuant the General Tribal Council directive this will be a non-stipend meeting, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Kirby Metoxen, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Marlon Skenandore

#### **XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (01:20:33)**

Motion by Lawrence Barton to go into executive session at 9:51 a.m., seconded by Kirby Metoxen.

Motion carried:

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

*Councilman Kirby Metoxen left at 10:34 a.m.*

Motion by Lawrence Barton to come out executive session at 10:45 a.m., seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

#### **A. REPORTS**

##### **1. Accept the Chief Counsel report**

Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Chief Counsel report, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the Common Interest Agreement – file # 2026-0200 and authorize Chairman Tehassi Hill to sign, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve attorney contract – Husch Blackwell LLP – file # 2026-0222, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

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

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Approve the 2017-2021 Multi-Year Funding Agreement between Oneida Nation and the U.S. Department of Interior amendment # 10 - file # 2026-0167**

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth, Intergovernmental Affairs Director

Motion by Lawrence Barton to approve the 2017-2021 Multi-Year Funding Agreement between Oneida Nation and the U.S. Department of Interior amendment # 10 - file # 2026-0167, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore

**2.. Approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for Swisher Contract - file # 2026-0186**

Sponsor: James Petitjean, CEO-Retail

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for Swisher Contract - file # 2026-0186, with contract subject to further review by Oneida Retail Operations, seconded by Jennifer Webster. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore

**XV. ADJOURN**

Motion by Jennifer Webster to adjourn at 10:47 a.m., seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Lawrence Barton, Jonas Hill, Lisa Liggins, Jennifer Webster, Jameson Wilson

Not Present: Kirby Metoxen, Marlon Skenandore

Minutes prepared by Bonnie Pigman, Information Management Specialist.  
Minutes approved as presented on April 22, 2026.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE