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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 FY26 Third 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 FY26 Third Quarter.

On April 15, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee denied the request to add the Election law/Removal law/Code of Ethics/Open Records and Open Meetings Emergency amendments to the Active Files List.

On May 6, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Minor's Trust General Welfare Assistance Law to the Active Files List.

On June 3, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Petition: G. Powless-Buenrostro - Amend the Judiciary Law #2026-01 to the Active Files List.

On June 17, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee added the Whistleblower Protection law to the Active Files List.

FY26 Third Quarter Legislative Accomplishments

During the FY26 Third Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee brought forward the following legislative items for amendment or adoption:

Budget and Finances Law Amendments

On April 22, 2026, the Oneida Business Committee adopted amendments to the Budget and Finances law through the adoption of resolution BC-04-22-26-A. The purpose of the Budget and Finances law is to set forth the requirements to be followed by the Oneida Business Committee and the Oneida fund units when preparing the budget to be presented to the General Tribal Council for approval, and to establish financial policies and procedures for the Nation. *[1 O.C. 121.1-1]*. Amendments to the Budget and Finances law:

- Amend the definitions for capital expenditures, capital improvements, and enterprise. *[1 O.C.121.3-1]*;
- Remove the requirement that the Oneida Business Committee develop priorities, a strategic plan, or broad goals to assist in guiding the budget. *[1 O.C.121.4-1]*;
- Remove the requirement that the Chief Financial Officer ensure the Nation's budget is properly implemented, and instead require that the Chief Financial Officer report to the Oneida Business Committee and/or Executive Managers any expenditures that do not follow budget guidelines or conform to the budget. *[1 O.C.121.4-3(a)]*;
- Require that the Chief Financial Officer assist with the submission and presentation of the Treasurer's report to the Oneida Business Committee, which shall specifically include any monthly variances that are one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) or more in total instead of a difference of three percent (3%) or more from the adopted annual budget or fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) or more in total. *[1 O.C.121.4-3(c)]*;
- Require the Chief Financial Officer to inform the Oneida Business Committee of any Executive Managers and/or fund unit which does not follow the budget development process guidelines or deadlines as set forth by the Treasurer. *[1 O.C.121.4-3(f)]*;
- Require managers to report to the CFO and their relevant Executive Manager explanations and corrective actions for any monthly variance that is one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) or more in total instead of a difference of three percent (3%) or more from the adopted annual budget or fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) or more in total. *[1 O.C.121.4-4(b)]*;
- Eliminate that the contents of the budget include a description of each line item within each fund unit's budget, the estimated expenditures by each fund unit, and a summary of employment position counts including prior year, current year, and budgeted year. *[1 O.C.121.5-2]*;
- Rename the Permanent Executive Contingency Fund Account the Financial Sovereignty Fund. *[1 O.C.121.5-3(b)]*;
- Eliminate the Grant Reserve Fund Account, instead including sustaining grant operations in the purpose of the Financial Sovereignty Fund. *[1 O.C.121.5-3(b)-(c)]*;
- Require that the Treasurer submit the budget guidelines to the Oneida Business Committee for review and approval through the adoption of a resolution no later than March 1st of each calendar year. *[1 O.C.121.5-4(a)]*;
- Provide that it is the Chief Financial Officer, and not the Treasurer, that is responsible for receiving, reviewing, and compiling the proposed budgets from all the fund units into the Nation's draft budget. *[1 O.C.121.5-4(b)]*;

- Eliminate the section of the law that addressed fees and charges. *[previously 1 O.C. 121.6-3]*;
- Add a threshold of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) or more for when a fund unit has to seek approval by the Oneida Business Committee, and a fiscal analysis by the Chief Financial Officer for any unbudgeted expenditure. *[1 O.C. 121.6-3]*;
- Clarify that for unexpended capital improvement funds they do not carry over to the next fiscal year budget, but instead carry over at the end of each fiscal year and remain available for use. *[1 O.C. 121.6-5]*;
- Eliminate the section on unexpended capital expenditure funds. *[previously 1 O.C. 121.6-4(b)]*;
- Eliminate the provisions of the Law governing capital improvements. *[previously 1 O.C. 121.6-9]*;
- Eliminate provisions of the Law governing how grant fund can be utilized, exhaustion of non-tribal funds, grant reporting, and the Grant Reserve Fund Account. *[previously 1 O.C. 121.7-1(b)-121.7-4]*;
- Require that prior to the acquisition of any debt, the Nation shall obtain an amortization schedule for the repayment of the debt. *[1 O.C. 121.8-2(b)]*;
- Eliminate the provisions which provides that employment positions that are fully funded through grants shall not be included in the employment cap. *[previously 1 O.C. 121.9-1(a)]*;
- Allow the budget contingency plan to respond to or prepare for potential extreme financial distress. *[1 O.C. 121.10-1]*;
- Clarify that when the Chief Financial Officer, not the Oneida Business Committee, determines that the Nation is under extreme financial distress, or may face extreme financial distress in the near future, the CFO shall inform the Oneida Business Committee, and the Oneida Business Committee shall be responsible for implementing the budget contingency plan. *[1 O.C. 121.10-3]*; and
- Make other minor drafting changes.

The amendments to the Budget and Finances law went into effect on May 6, 2026.

Real Property Law Amendments
On April 22, 2026, the Oneida Business Committee adopted amendments to the Real Property law through the adoption of resolution BC-04-22-26-B. The purpose of the Real Property law is to provide regulations and procedures for the transfer, control and management of all Tribal land; and to integrate these regulations and procedures with the real property laws and practices of other federal and state sovereigns which may hold concurrent jurisdiction. *[6 O.C. 601.1-1].* Amendments to the Real Property Law:

- Uphold the Nation's prohibition on the sale of Tribal land, while establishing one new, narrowly tailored exemption for certain off-Reservation transactions as follows: *[6 O.C. 601.4-2].*

    - Sale of land located off the Reservation provided the transaction is approved by formal resolution of the Oneida Business Committee. *[6 O.C. 601.4-4(b)].*
- Remove the definitions for terms related to probate that are not applicable under the proposed amendments. Specifically eliminate the following definitions: Broker *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(a)],* Estate *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(e)],* Fiduciary *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(f)],* Guardian ad litem *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(g)],* Personal representative *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(o)],* and Probate *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(p)].*
- Add or modify definitions for the following terms: Deed *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(c)],* Easement *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(d)],* Individual trust land *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(f)],* Land Management *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(i)],* Land use license *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(j)],* Restricted fee status *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(o)],* Rule *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(p)],* Senior management *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(q)],* Title status report *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(s)],* and Title report *[6 O.C. 601.3-1(t)].*
- Clarify that the Nation's exercise of eminent domain is limited to a right of last resort. *[6 O.C. 601.8-3(a)(3)].*
- Provide that any party contesting the Nation's authority to exercise eminent domain, or disputing the adequacy of consideration offered, may challenge the acquisition by filing a civil complaint with the Oneida Nation Trial Court. *[6 O.C. 601.8-3(a)(3)].*
- Reinstate trespass provisions previously contained in the Public Use of Tribal Land law. *[6 O.C. 601.8-10].*
- Add enforcement provisions similar to those contained in the Public Use of Tribal Land law. *[6 O.C. 601.13].*
- Authorize officers of the Oneida Police Department or designated wardens to take any action necessary to prevent, mitigate, or remove violations of this Law, require proof of eligibility to access Tribal land, issue citations, and enforce any order not complied with at the expense of the owner. *[6 O.C. 601.13].*
- Provide that an individual who violates this law may be issued a citation; a citation may include fines, other penalties, and conditional orders as determined by the Trial Court. *[6 O.C. 601.13-2(a)].*
- Specify that the Oneida Nation Register of Deeds shall provide public access to land records and title documents, subject to applicable fees outlined in the fee schedule established by Land Management and approved by the Land Commission. *[6 O.C. 601.11-3].*
- Streamline authority and improve operational efficiency within Land Management and the Comprehensive Housing Division by eliminating overlapping responsibilities currently held by the Land Commission. The Land Commission will no longer:
    - Review and adopt Land Management's standard operating procedures for agriculture and commercial leases in accordance with the Leasing law. *[6 O.C. 601.12-2(c)].*
- Delegate exclusive rulemaking authority to the Comprehensive Housing Division for establishing process requirements such as advertising, notice, prequalification, and selection- applicable to all residential improvements sales by the Nation. *[6 O.C. 601.5-1].*
- Delegate rulemaking authority to Land Management under the Administrative Rulemaking law to: *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(b)].*
    - Establish a fine and penalty schedule for violations. *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(a)(1)].*
    - Create any additional rules necessary to implement or interpret this law; *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(a)(2)].*

    - Ensure all rules are approved by senior management before submission to the Legislative Operating Committee pursuant to the Administrative Rulemaking law. *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(b)(3)].*
- Designate Land Management as the entity responsible for:
    - Managing the Tribal land portfolio and acting as the caretaker of unassigned lands. *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(g)].*
    - Entering into and administering agricultural and commercial leases pursuant to the Leasing and Eviction and Termination laws. *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(h)].'*
    - Processing requests for easements and land use licenses. *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(i)].*
    - Administering internal building and land assignments to Nation entities, as approved by senior management. *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(j)].*
    - Handling transactions that add real property to the Tribal land base. *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(k)].*
    - Preparing and maintaining title reports and accurate land records; *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(l)].*
    - Providing real estate services for individual trust landowners under the self-governance compact, including document submission to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(m)].*
    - Compiling, and submitting the Nation's fee-to-trust applications in accordance with the priorities set by senior management; *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(n)].*
    - Determining which Tribal lands require posting and ensuring appropriate signage is installed. *[6 O.C. 601.5-3(o)].*
- Remove the provisions of the Law regarding probate. *[6 O.C. 601.8].*
- Establish the legal framework for granting easements in specific circumstances where access to property is restricted. Three types of easements are outlined:
    - Easement by Necessity, which allows landlocked property owners to petition the Oneida Judiciary for access through adjacent land, provided they can prove the parcels were once under common ownership and the landlocked condition resulted from a severance. *[6 O.C. 601.8-3(d)].*
    - Prescriptive Easement, which permits individuals to seek continued use of land if they've used it openly, adversely, and continuously for twenty (20) years. *[6 O.C. 601.8-3(e)].*
    - Easement by Written instrument which recognizes property rights acquired through uninterrupted adverse possession over seven years. *[6 O.C. 601.8-3(e)].*
    - Additionally, it protects Tribal land from unauthorized claims, by prohibiting adverse possession claims against the Nation. *[6 O.C. 601.8-3(f)].*
- Increase the minimum number of Land Management employees primarily responsible for real estate acquisitions from one (1) to two (2), contingent upon budgetary resources. *[6 O.C. 601.12-1(b)].*
- Make other minor drafting changes throughout the Law.

The amendments to the Real Property law became effective on April 22, 2026.

Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Law Amendments

On April 22, 2026, the Oneida Business Committee adopted amendments to the Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal law through the adoption of resolution BC-04-22-26-C. The purpose of the

Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal law is to set forth the process by which the Nation will reduce, manage, and dispose solid waste within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Nation. *[4 O.C. 405.1-1]*. Amendments to the Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal law:

- Rename the law from "Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal" to "Solid Waste Disposal." *[4 O.C. 405]*.
- Remove the separation of "recycling" and "solid waste" and instead redefine solid waste to include recyclable materials. *[4 O.C. 405.3-1(v); 4 O.C. 405.6]*.
- Clarify in the definitions the following terms: "customers," "e-waste," "major appliances," "reservation," "service provider," and "sharps." *[4 O.C. 405.1-1(a); (f); (p); (h); (p); (q); (s)]*.
- Clarify the management of solid waste within the Reservation will be governed by this law, the Nation's Sustainable Materials Management Plan, and applicable provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. *[4 O.C. 405.4]*.
- Clarify that the Nation's Division of Public Works ("DPW") and Land, Environmental, Agriculture, and Food ("LEAF") have the authority to administer certain provisions of this law, including informing the public of certain requirements, determining nuisances, procuring service providers, and making rules for the regulation and administration of this law. *[4 O.C. 405.5]*.
- Clarify there will be a fine and penalty schedule developed by DPW and LEAF and approved by the Oneida Business Committee. *[4 O.C. 405.5-1(h)]*.
- Clarify certain items need to be separated; LEAF, or the service provider may refuse pick up; and there will be a special collection of some items which will be scheduled annually and posted on the Nation's website. *[4 O.C. 405.6.7]*; *[4 O.C. 405.7]*; *[405 O.C. 405.10]*.
- Clarify that deer carcasses and other large animal carcasses are not collectable and may not be place for curbside collection. *[4 O.C. 405.7-1(j)]*.
- Clarify it is prohibited to burn solid waste, dump, throw, or leave solid waste in unauthorized areas, in any way that creates a nuisance, or in any way that violates the Sustainable Materials Management Plan, other provisions of the Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Law, the Public Peace Law, or any other law of the Nation. *[4 O.C. 405.9]*.
- Various grammatical changes and other minor drafting changes throughout the law.

The amendments to the Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal law became effective on May 13, 2026.

Emergency Adoption of the Probate Law

On April 22, 2026, the Oneida Business Committee adopted the Probate law on an emergency basis through the adoption of resolution BC-04-22-26-E. The emergency adoption of the Probate Law was sought for the immediate preservation of the safety and general welfare of the Reservation population. Recent amendments to the Real Property Law removed all probate provisions and the related delegation of rulemaking authority that Oneida had historically relied upon to administer estates. As a result, the Nation's clear legal authority and established process for handling probates were effectively eliminated. Historically, probate administration continued through temporary measures, most notably by resolution, which inserted a comprehensive stand-in probate process into the Real Property Law when that law lacked sufficient procedural detail. By fully deleting probate provisions without the simultaneous adoption of a standalone probate law, the amendments created a gap in which Oneida would no longer have an express, workable

legal framework to process probates, determine heirs, resolve disputes, or administer land succession. Emergency adoption of a separate Probate Law is therefore necessary to immediately restore tribal jurisdiction, authority, and an official probate process and to ensure that estates continue to be administered by Oneida rather than defaulting to state or federal systems.

The Probate law re-establishes tribal probate jurisdiction, affirm Oneida's sovereign authority over inheritance, and ensure continuity of an official, enforceable probate process administered within Oneida law and institutions following removal of probate from the Real Property Law. [*6 O.C. 613.1-1; 613.1-2; 613.2-4]*. The Probate law:

- Affirm tribal sovereignty over inheritance and probate by explicitly characterizing property disposition at death as an exercise of self-governance and prioritizing tribal custom, tradition, and member control over property succession. *[6 O.C. 613.1-1; 613.1-2]*.
- Establishes a single, comprehensive tribal probate system governing how estates of covered decedents are administered, whether the decedent died with or without a will. *[6 O.C. 613.1-1(d); 613.3-1]*.
- Ensures tribal law controls over conflicting tribal documents and enactments, while recognizing that applicable federal law remains supreme where required. *[6 O.C. 613.2-4(a)–(b)]*.
- Applies beyond enrolled members to include spouses, children, persons eligible for enrollment, and deceased persons owning real property within Reservation boundaries. *[6 O.C. 613.4-1]*.
- Asserts tribal jurisdiction over non-trust property of covered decedents located within the Reservation, to the extent that federal law does not confer exclusive U.S. jurisdiction. *[6 O.C. 613.5-1]*.
- Allows tribal members with fee land to opt into state probate law, while requiring tribal probate procedures for trust land held within the Reservation. *[6 O.C. 613.6-1(a)–(b)]*.
- Prohibits inheritance of trust land by non-members and non-U.S. citizens, preventing transfer of trust property outside the tribal community. *[6 O.C. 613.6-2]*.
- Provides mitigation options for ineligible heirs by allowing sale of trust interests to the Nation or eligible heirs at fair market value, or by granting limited life estates to ineligible spouses or minor children. *[6 O.C. 613.6-2(a)–(b)]*.
- Authorizes sale of interests where heirs cannot be located, with proceeds returned to the estate for proper distribution, reducing unresolved or fragmented ownership. *[6 O.C. 613.6-3]*.
- Mandates escheat of property to the Oneida Nation where no valid heirs or devisees exist, directly supporting land consolidation and long-term tribal control. *[6 O.C. 613.6-4]*.
- Exempts culturally significant and low-value personal items from formal probate, allowing family distribution of traditional and ceremonial property outside the probate process. *[6 O.C. 613.6-5(a)–(b)]*.
- Vests primary probate authority in the Land Commission, empowering it to determine heirs, approve or disapprove wills, adjudicate creditor claims, accept renunciations, and decree final distributions. *[6 O.C. 613.6-6(a)–(e)]*.
- Creates a detailed probate procedural framework, including mandatory filings, notice requirements, public posting, and participatory consensus-based hearings for dispute resolution. *[6 O.C. 613.6-7; 613.6-10]*.
- Codifies a specific intestate succession hierarchy, prioritizing spouses and direct

descendants and extending through parents, siblings, grandparents, and more remote relatives before escheat. *[6 O.C. 613.6-9(a)–(f)]*.
- Provides layered review, rehearing, and appeal rights, including administrative rehearings, judicial appeals, and limited reopening of cases for lack of notice or omission of heirs. *[6 O.C. 613.6-11; 613.6-13; 613.6-14]*.

The emergency adoption of the Probate law became effective on April 22, 2026. The Probate law will remain effective until October 22, 2026. There will be one (1) opportunity to extend the emergency adoption of the Probate law for an additional six (6) month period.

Higher Education Grant Law
On April 22, 2026, the Oneida Business Committee adopted the Higher Education Grant law through the adoption of resolution BC-04-22-26-F. The purpose of the Higher Education Grant law is to implement the Higher Education Grant program; and set forth the funding requirements and procedural controls for awarding Higher Education grants. *[10 O.C. 1005.1-1].* The Higher Education Grant law
- Clearly articulates the Nation's purpose and policy concerning the Higher Education Grant. *[10 O.C. 1005.1].*
- Defines key terms used within the law. *[10 O.C. 1005.3-1].*
- Delegates rulemaking authority to the Higher Education Office to:
  - Clearly describe the documents required to complete the Higher Education Student File. *[10 O.C. 1005.4-2(a)].*
  - Address how funding periods are calculated. *[10 O.C. 1005.4-2(b)(1)].*
  - Address funding cap amounts for the following tiers:
    - associate degree, vocational or certificate program. *[10 O.C. 1005.4-2(b)(2)(i)].*
    - undergraduate degree. *[10 O.C. 1005.4-2(b)(2)(ii)].*
    - graduate degree. *[10 O.C. 1005.4-2(b)(2)(iii)].*
    - doctoral degree. *[10 O.C. 1005.4-2(b)(2)(iv)].*
  - Clearly describe application requirements and process. *[10 O.C. 1005.4-2(c)].*
  - Clearly describe the appeals process. *[10 O.C. 1005.4-2(d)].*
  - Additional rules may be promulgated, provided they do not conflict with any provision of this law. *[10 O.C. 1005.4-2(e)].*
- Clearly describe funding eligibility requirements, as follows: *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1].*
  - be an enrolled member of the Nation. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1(a)].*
  - be enrolled in an accredited postsecondary vocational program, college, or university. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1(b)].*
  - complete the Higher Education Student File with the Higher Education Office. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1(c)].*
  - comply with FAFSA standards. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1(d)].*
  - be pursuing a degree in a higher funding tier than any previously earned degree, unless they have remaining credits available under their current tier pursuant to 1005.5-2. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1(e)].*

        - meet GPA requirements, as follows:
            - associate degree, vocational or certificate program must maintain a GPA of 2.0. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1(f)(1)].*
            - undergraduate students must maintain a GPA of 2.0. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1(f)(2)].*
            - graduate students must maintain a GPA of 3.0. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1(f)(3)].*
            - doctoral students must maintain a GPA of 3.0; except where: The school's grading policy considers professional doctoral students (MDs and JDs) to be in good academic standing even with a GPA below 3.0. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1(f)(4)(i)].*
            - apprenticeship/certificate/license students must maintain academic progress and submit scheduled/monthly progress reports. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-1(f)(5)].*
- Explicitly state funding duration as determined by the maximum allowable credit allocation per tier, as follows: *[10 O.C. 1005.5-2].*
    - ninety (90) credits for an associate degree, vocational or certificate program. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-2(a)].*
    - one hundred fifty (150) credits for an undergraduate degree. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-2(b)].*
    - sixty (60) credits for a graduate degree. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-2(c)].*
    - one hundred twenty (120) credits for a doctoral degree. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-2(d)].*
- Define "probation" and clearly describe when a student may be placed on probation. *[10 O.C. 1005.5-4].*
- Provide a clear explanation of how the grant award amount is calculated, as follows: *[10 O.C. 1005.6-2].*
    - The minimum award package shall consist of:
        - Full-time students shall receive funding for tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to the funding cap amount for their program. *[10 O.C. 1005.6-2(b)(1)].*
        - Part-time students shall receive funding for tuition, fees, and books up to the funding cap amount for their program. *[10 O.C. 1005.6-2(b)(2)].*
        - Students taking one (1) to five (5) credits shall receive funding for tuition, fees, and books up to the funding cap for their program. *[10 O.C. 1005.6-2(b)(3)].*
    - If the student's financial need, as determined by the financial needs analysis, exceeds the minimum award package, the student shall receive an award equal to their financial need, up to the maximum allowed by the funding tier cap. *[10 O.C. 1005.6-2(c)].*
        - A full-time student's award may also cover transportation and personal/miscellaneous expenses. *[10 O.C. 1005.6-2(c)(1)].*

    - A part-time student's award may also cover room and board, transportation and personal/miscellaneous expenses. *[10 O.C. 1005.6-2(c)(2)].*
- Clearly describe how the law may be enforced. *[10 O.C. 1005.7].*
- Clearly describe how a student may appeal a grant decision made by the Higher Education Office. *[10 O.C. 1005.8].*

The Higher Education Grant law became effective on April 22, 2026.

FY26 Third Quarter Administrative Accomplishments

During the FY26 Third Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee brought forward the following administrative accomplishments:

Certification of Real Property Law Rule No. 2 – Easements Emergency Amendments

On May 6, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee certified the Real Property Law Rule No. 2 – Easements Emergency Amendments. The Oneida Business Committee then adopted the emergency amendments to the Real Property Law Rule No. 2 – Easements on May 13, 2026.

Certification of Leasing Law Rule No. 2 – Agricultural Leases

On May 13, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee certified the Leasing Law Rule No. 2 – Agricultural Leases.

Certification of Technology Resources Law Rule No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9

On June 3, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee denied the certification of the following rules:

- Technology Resources Law Rule No. 1 – Acceptable Use;
- Technology Resources Law Rule No. 2 – Clear Desk/Screen;
- Technology Resources Law Rule No. 3 – Asset Management;
- Technology Resources Law Rule No. 4 – Security Awareness Training;
- Technology Resources Law Rule No. 8 – Third Party Providers; and
- Technology Resources Law Rule No. 9 – Generative AI Usage.

The Technology Resources Law Rules provided by the Digital Technology Services Department ("DTS") were not be eligible for certification due to the fact that the certification packets provided by DTS for the Rules did not contain all documentation required by the Administrative Rulemaking law for a complete administrative record, and the promulgation of the Rules did not comply with all procedural requirements contained in the Administrative Rulemaking law.

FY26 Third Quarter Community Outreach Efforts

Focusing on its efforts to enhance community involvement through outreach and communication, during the FY26 Third Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) community outreach event.

On June 29, 2026, 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 2023-2026 Legislative Term Accomplishments, Issues for Consideration for 2026-2029 Legislative Term, and Holding Community Meetings. 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.

FY26 Third Quarter Legislative Highlights

The Legislative Operating Committee would like to highlight its work on the following legislative items during the FY26 Third Quarter:

Boards, Committees, and Commissions Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Kirby Metoxen. The Legislative Operating Committee held zero (0) work meetings during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On April 15, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the updated draft and the legislative analysis. On May 6, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the public meeting packet and scheduled a public meeting to be held on June 11, 2026. The public meeting was then held on June 11, 2026, with three (3) individuals providing oral comments. The public comment period was then held open until June 18, 2026, with no individuals providing written comments.

Code of Ethics Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. A public meeting for the Code of Ethics law amendments was held on May 14, 2026, with no individuals providing oral comments during the public meeting. The public comment period was then held open until May 21, 2026, with one (1) individual providing written comments. On June 17, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee accepted the public comments and the public comment review memorandum for the proposed amendments to the Code of Ethics and deferred these items to a work meeting for further consideration.

Conflict of Interest Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Elder Protection Law

This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On April 16, 2026, the a public meeting on the proposed Elder Protection law was held with four (4) individuals providing oral comments. The public comment period was then held open until April 23, 2026, with three (3) individuals providing written comments. On May 6, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee accepted the public comments and the public comment review memorandum and deferred this item to a work meeting for further consideration. On May 20, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the public comment review memorandum with LOC consideration, the updated legislative analysis, and final draft of the Elder Protection law; and approved the fiscal impact statement request memorandum and directed the Finance Department to provide the LOC with a fiscal impact statement of the proposed Elder Protection law by June 5, 2026. On June 17, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the adoption packet for the Elder Protection law and forward to the Oneida Business Committee for consideration.

Eviction and Termination Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On April 16, 2026, the a public meeting on the proposed Eviction and Termination law amendments was held with four (4) individuals providing oral comments. The public comment period was then held open until April 23, 2026, with no individuals providing written comments. On May 6, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee accepted the public comments and the public comment review memorandum and deferred this item to a work meeting for further consideration. On May 20, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the updated public comment review memorandum, legislative analysis, and draft; and approved the fiscal impact statement request memorandum with revision to the due date and directed that the Finance Administration provide the LOC a fiscal impact statement for the proposed Eviction and Termination law amendments by June 19, 2026. The Finance Administration provided the Legislative Operating Committee a fiscal impact statement on June 16, 2026.

Indian Preference in Contracting Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter

Pardon and Forgiveness Law Amendments

This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. On June 3, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the public comment review memorandum, updated legislative analysis, and final draft of the proposed amendments to the Pardon and Forgiveness law; and approved the fiscal impact statement request memorandum and directed the Finance Department to provide the LOC with a fiscal impact statement of the proposed Pardon and Forgiveness law by June 25, 2026.

Safe Neighborhoods Law
This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Sanctions and Penalties Law
This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On April 15, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the updated adoption packet with the addition of the LOC Chairman signature for the proposed Sanctions and Penalties law and forward to the Oneida Business Committee for inclusion on an upcoming General Tribal Council meeting agenda for consideration. On April 16, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee conducted an e-poll titled, Approval of the Updated Sanctions and Penalties Law Adoption Packet. The requested action of this e-poll was to approve the updated Sanctions and Penalties law adoption packet and forward to the Oneida Business Committee to be included on an upcoming General Tribal Council meeting agenda for consideration. Jameson Wilson, Jennifer Webster, and Jonas Hill. Kirby Metoxen and Marlon Skenandore did not provide a response. On April 22, 2026, the Oneida Business Committee approved the Sanctions and Penalties law adoption packet and forwarded the materials to General Tribal Council for consideration. On May 6 , 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee entered into the record the results of the April 16, 2026, e-poll entitled, Approval of the Updated Sanctions and Penalties Law Adoption Packet.

Ten Day Notice Policy Amendments
This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster and Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On May 6, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the draft, legislative analysis, and public meeting packet, and scheduled a public meeting for the proposed amendments to the Ten Day Notice Policy to be held on June 11, 2026. The public meeting was held on June 11, 2026, with no individuals providing public comments. The public comment period was then held open until June 18, 2026, with no individuals providing written comments.

Tribal Sovereignty in Data Research Law
This item is sponsored by Jennifer Webster. The Legislative Operating Committee held one (1) work meeting during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter.

Uniform Commercial Code
This item is sponsored by Jameson Wilson. The Legislative Operating Committee held zero (0) work meetings during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On April 16, 2026, a public meeting for the proposed Uniform Commercial Code was held with no individuals providing oral comments. The public comment period was then held open until April 23, 2026, with no individuals providing written comments. On May 20, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the public comment review memorandum, updated legislative analysis, and final draft of the Uniform Commercial Code, and approved the fiscal impact statement request

memorandum and directed the Finance Department to provide the LOC with a fiscal impact statement of the proposed Uniform Commercial Code by June 19, 2026.

Vendor Licensing Law Amendments
This item is sponsored by Jonas Hill. The Legislative Operating Committee held two (2) work meetings during the FY26 Third Quarter regarding this legislative matter. On June 17, 2026, the Legislative Operating Committee approved the draft, legislative analysis, and public meeting packet, and directed a public meeting to be held on August 13, 2026.

FY26 Third Quarter Legislative Operating Committee Meetings

All Legislative Operating Committee meetings are open to the public and held on the first and third 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 FY26 Third Quarter:

- April 15, 2026 – Regular meeting;
- May 6, 2026 – Regular meeting;
- May 20, 2026 – Regular meeting;
- June 3, 2026 – Regular meeting; and
- June 17, 2026 – Regular meeting.

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 FY26 Third Quarter

During the FY26 Fourth Quarter the Legislative Operating Committee will focus its legislative efforts on the following matters:

- Adoption of the Elder Protection law;
- Adoption of the Amendments to the Eviction and Termination law;
- Adoption of the Amendments to the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law;
- Adoption of the Amendments to the Code of Ethics;
- Adoption of the Pardon and Forgiveness Law Amendments; and

- Preparation for Transition into the 2026-2029 Legislative Term.

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 petitions;
- Drafts and provides other assistance to various department and entities of the Nation with administrative rulemaking; and
- Manages all other administrative duties and recordkeeping for the Legislative Operating Committee.

During the FY26 Third Quarter the Legislative Reference Office was staffed by the following individuals:

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