



# Oneida Business Committee

## Special Meeting

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014

BC Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Norbert Hill Center

## Minutes – DRAFT

**Present:** Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth, Treasurer Trish King, Secretary Lisa Summers, Council members Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster;

**Not Present:** Council members Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens;

**Others present:** Joanne House, Jessica Wallenfang, Lynn Franzmeier, Jean Webster, Phil Wisneski, John Powless III, Layatalati Hill, Denice Beans, Danelle Wilson, Gerald L. Hill, Chad Hendricks, Fawn Cottrell, Michelle Mays, Diane House, Paul Stenzel, Sharon House

**I. Call to Order** by Chairwoman Tina Danforth at 1:30 p.m.

**II. Opening** by Councilman Tehassi Hill.

### III. Adopt the agenda

Motion by Lisa Summers to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster;  
Not Present: Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens;

### IV. Unfinished Business

#### A. Approve adjustment to Judiciary transition timeline

Sponsor: Melinda J. Danforth, Tribal Vice-Chairwoman

**Excerpt from October 22, 2014:** *Melinda J. Danforth to direct the Tribal Secretary to schedule a special Business Committee meeting so the Business Committee can formally address the amendment to GTC Resolution # 01-07-13-B, which gave the Business Committee the authority to amend the transition plan, to allow for the court opening and the hearing of new cases for the new Judiciary to begin January 5, 2015 and also for the Business Committee to consider amending the effective dates of the civil rules of procedure, the appellate rules of procedure, and the rules of evidence to January 5, 2015, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously.*

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt resolution 10-28-14-A Amendment to Resolution # GTC-01-07-13-B Regarding Case Acceptance by the Oneida Appeals Commission as Authorized by the General Tribal Council with one correction: 1) Under the first resolve, add “[the remainder of the resolution remains the same]” to the end of the resolve, seconded by Lisa Summers. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster;  
Not Present: Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens;

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt resolution 10-28-14-B Amending Implementation Date in Resolution # BC-4-25-14-A Which Adopted the Rules of Civil Procedure, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster;  
Not Present: Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens;

Motion by Tehassi Hill to adopt resolution 10-28-14-C Amending Implementation Date in Resolution # BC-4-25-14-B Which Adopted the Rules of Appellate Procedure, seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster;  
Not Present: Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens;

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to adopt resolution 10-28-14-D Amending Implementation Date in Resolution # BC-4-23-14-A Which Adopted the Rules of Evidence, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster;  
Not Present: Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens;  
For the Record: Tina Danforth stated based on these resolutions and the occurrences regarding these amendments to General Tribal Council resolution 01-07-13-B, I feel that this needs to be brought forward to General Tribal Council to make these changes around the implementation of the Judiciary, they are going forward, they were not regarding the transition to establish a Judiciary and that is my concern.

Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to direct the Judiciary Transition Team to provide a close out report to the General Tribal Council during the January 5, 2015, Annual Meeting including an introduction of all the new judges at the January 5, 2015, Annual General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Tehassi Hill. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster;  
Not Present: Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens;

## **V. Adjourn**

Motion by Tehassi Hill to adjourn at 2:28 p.m., seconded by Trish King. Motion carried unanimously:

Ayes: Melinda J. Danforth, Trish King, Lisa Summers, Tehassi Hill, Jenny Webster;  
Not Present: Fawn Billie, Brandon Stevens;

Minutes prepared by Lisa Liggins, Executive Assistant  
Minutes approved as presented/corrected on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE