



**Oneida General Tribal Council  
General Tribal Council Special Meeting  
10 a.m. Sunday, October 26, 2014  
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center  
Green Bay, WI**

## **Meeting Minutes**

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### **1. Oneida Veterans Color Guard Posting of the Colors**

John Breuninger: Good Morning, General Tribal Council. I am retired Captain John L. Breuninger. It is really an honor to be here before you today to bring in the colors. Our United States American Flag, Dale Webster, U.S. Army, followed by Debbie Danforth who is the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VF Post Number 7784, the Oneida Nation Flag is carried by Nathan Smith, United States Air Force, followed by the Wisconsin Flag, Ken House, U.S. Navy and Air Force, followed by the ladies Auxiliary Flag, Connie Danforth and the POW/MIA Flag by Wes Martin, U.S. Army. The rest of the Veteran's in procession are here as a support to the colors and many times we will have many more than this. This is a small group today. We appreciate the colors being presented by these Veterans. Thank you for honoring our colors.

### **2. Opening by Tehassi Hill**

### **3. Announcements**

Tina Danforth: This morning, before we call the meeting to order, I just have to make one announcement. We had a Business Committee meeting this past week and there was a letter submitted to the Business Committee from the ONCOA Board and the community elders. They had submitted a memo about the decorum of the General Tribal Council meetings. There are ongoing concerns about people speaking out of turn, speaking too loudly, people not giving deference as we exit the meeting. Loretta is going to come forward with that letter and read it for the body. I realize it is not a part of our agenda this morning but we do want to respect and honor our elders and the message they have for the Business Committee. We would like to share that with you so I am going to call this meeting to order with the attendance of 1,118, I am going to have an updated number for the attendance at 10:15 when the registration closes. Before we adopt our agenda I would like for Loretta to come forward and give us that message. Thank you, Loretta.

Loretta Metoxen: Shek%*i* Swakwek, Business Committee and General Tribal Council. I have this memo that the Commission on Aging adopted. They put it in their newsletter, The Drums and the Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association also unanimously adopted this position. I think today there will be Veterans at all the doors to help assist in an orderly manner for the elders to step forward first and get out easily. This is what this is all about. I shall read the memo. It is from the Oneida

Nation Commission on Aging and Wes Martin is the Chairman of the Commission on Aging. The Oneida people were renowned in their leadership skills and their oratory as they lead this Nation through dynamic and traumatic times over the last several centuries. The Oneida membership suffered through wars where many young warriors died, bouts with smallpox, measles, tuberculosis and other contagious diseases that wiped out large portions of the Oneida population. Today disrespect, despite this sad history, the Oneida people emerged proud and capable of reawakening and reestablishing their community, both physically and socially. In the Longhouses, all across the Six Nations in New York, when a person arose to speak, a hush fell on the audience. If the speaker spoke for two or three hours, no one interrupted him. Everyone listened. The words were not written down, but everyone remembered the words. The ONCOA board is a voice for our Elders, we are asking the members of the General Tribal Council to conduct more efficient and effective meetings and to memorialize our ancestors by adhering to the Code of Ethics rules, speaking only in turn in a courteous manner, refraining from interrupting each other, not booing or otherwise interjecting loud exclamations when others are speaking. The Elders are respectfully requesting that they be recognized and called on for their comments and participation when they raise their hands. We are further also respectfully asking that the rule of Point of Order be utilized at a minimum and not just as a matter to seize the microphone. We are proud to be Oneidas and proud of our heritage. We must conduct ourselves as our Grand Mothers and Fathers have done before us not only as leaders of our families and the Oneida Nation, but as leaders among their Indian Nations. Yaw<k%

Tina Danforth: Yaw<k% Loretta. As you can best see, that is best spoken by a tribal elder and therefore I did ask that she present that message to the General Tribal Council this morning, rather than myself. At this time, I am going to call this meeting to order and in doing so, the first item is to adopt the agenda. Madelyn.

Madelyn Genskow: inaudible

Tina Danforth: She is asking for the microphones that were normally placed in the isles. They moved them all the way up to the front. We can move them half way back if the membership chooses to do so.

Madelyn Genskow: Inaudible

Tina Danforth: Madelyn, are you ok if we have a hand carried microphone? Ok. Tehassi.

#### **4. Adopt the agenda**

Tehassi Hill: Motion to adopt the agenda.

Tina Danforth: There is a motion to adopt the agenda by Tehassi Hill, second by Kathy Mauritz. Linda, do you have a question? There is a motion on the floor, made and seconded. Discussion on the motion for the agenda, Linda.

Linda Dallas: Good Morning, my name is Linda Dallas. I am a General Tribal Council member and I was observing this morning as I stood here while people were coming in and as you were getting ready to prepare the meeting and the Veterans came into the meeting this morning. I am trying to understand how you're going to conduct this meeting today because you have the microphones in the front and they are not where they are normally hosted so what is your expectation of the people. How are you going to call on people? How are you going to manage the meeting? I didn't know if I should go up to the front to the microphone. I'd like to say probably on behalf of most of the people that are here today that it is very intimidating to have to go in front of the entire group of people, that is why it was nice to have the microphones within the people so they would be more comfortable as they presented their topics or their points of views. What is the expectation today and why are the microphones in the front?

Tina Danforth: My understanding Linda is that the Business Committee decided to move them up front to probably, yes, to have people have more of a presence about addressing the General Tribal Council. That was a logistic call of the planning committee of the Business Committee. It is up to the membership if you prefer them half way down the aisle as opposed to the front of the room. That can be accommodated. This is a meeting to help logistically everybody participate; I'm ok with you wanting to move them back down the aisle. Again, this is a meeting of the General Tribal Council; we are here to accommodate the needs of the membership and to make this a very free flowing meeting as far as communication and participation.

Linda Dallas: Do I have to make an amendment to the motion to have the microphones put back.

Tina Danforth: Can I have show of hands to see who would like the microphones half way down the room, back to where they used to be. In the overflow room, are you participating as well? All those who prefer the microphones to be in the front of the room. Seems, it is kind of close but the people in the front want them in the front and the people throughout the meeting room I think the preference is to put them half way back and I am ok with that happening so we can make that adjustment.

Linda Dallas: Thank you.

Tina Danforth: Yes, to my right. I'm sorry. I cannot see who you are. Is it Scott? First of all, could you please come to a microphone because it is really hard, not only for

me to hear but people in the over flow room. The only way they can hear what is being said here, is if someone is at a microphone. Thank you, Scott.

Scott Doxtator: This is our first meeting with our new Business Committee; I would appreciate it if you went and told us your position.

Tina Danforth: I can appreciate what is being said here. Again, a lot of the logistics have been determined by the planning committee of the Business Committee. There is a lot of staff involved on the details of preparing a meeting and setting up. We do the best we can. We were looking to accommodate the needs of the body but sometimes minor changes aren't always the greatest. We have accommodated the request of the membership to move the microphones back. At this time, the motion is adopt the agenda. Any questions on the motion to adopt the agenda so we can move this meeting along? Yes Scott.

Scott Doxtator: I just wanted you guys to introduce yourselves to us. This is our first meeting with you here.

Tina Danforth: Ok, we can do that.

Scott Doxtator: That is what I was asking.

Tina Danforth: Ok. Good Morning, I'm going to start at my far left which is Jenny Webster if you would please introduce yourself to the General Tribal Council.

Jenny Webster: Good Morning, my name is Jennifer Webster, new to the Council.

Tehassi Hill: Good Morning, Tehassi Hill. Second term, Council member.

Brandon Stevens: Good Morning, Brandon Stevens. Third term Councilman.

Tina Danforth: Good Morning, Tina Danforth Chairwoman. This is my second term as Chairwoman; this is my sixth term and my sixteenth year as a Business Committee member.

Melinda Danforth: Good Morning, General Tribal Council. Melinda Danforth, newly elected Vice Chairwoman.

Fawn Billie: Good Morning. Fawn Billie, Councilwoman.

Trish King: Good Morning, Trish King, Tribal Treasurer.

Lisa Summers: Shek% Swakwek. Lisa Summers and I am the new Tribal Secretary.

Tina Danforth: Thank you, everybody. Now, if we could go back to the motion that is on the floor to adopt the agenda. Are there any questions or comments on the agenda? The agenda as presented includes the filling of a vacancy which is a presentation by the Business Committee. The review of the options that were mailed out, a question and answer period and General Tribal Council action. That is the agenda for today. Are there any questions on that agenda? Hearing none, seeing none either here or in the overflow room. I'm going to move that we move vote on the adoption of the agenda. If you approve of the agenda, please raise your hand. Those opposed to the agenda as presented. Those abstaining to the agenda as presented. Motion carries. A motion to adopt the agenda is passed.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. Filling of Oneida Business Committee Vacancy**

Tina Danforth: The first item is a presentation of the vacancies by the Business Committee. Lisa, do you want to make that presentation?

Lisa Summers: Good Morning everyone. Welcome to the first General Tribal Council meeting that we have together. Yeah, I'm excited. As you can tell I'm a little nervous though, but I'm going to go ahead and get started. I'm going to try to make this as quick as possible for all of us. So again, welcome. Today, what we are going to do is briefly cover some information with you about how we shared information with the community about today's meeting and the information that you have in the packet about filling the vacancy. First, before we get started though, I just want to quickly say thank you to the Oneida Business Committee for all of the work they did putting this information together. They did designate myself, Jenny Webster and Brandon Stevens to be part of a sub team which helped do the community meetings and make sure the information got out to you all as timely and as quickly as possible. I also want to recognize and thank them for their help with this. As you all know, Councilman Benjamin Vieau did submit his resignation to the Oneida Business Committee on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The Chairwoman called us into a Special meeting that following Monday on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. What we did during that time was go ahead and we had our staff start researching how this vacancy could potentially be filled. What was discovered through that research was that the constitution really governs how the vacancy is going to be filled. Specifically, and included in your packet, Article III, Section III of the constitution which reads the General Tribal Council may at any regular or special meeting fill any vacancies that occur on the Oneida Business Committee for the unexpired term. That is how we got to the decision that we needed to call a Special General Tribal Council meeting for today. One of the things that we did as we looked at the information is we said, ok, what is General Tribal Council done in the past to fill vacancies. Based on the research that was conducted we identified atleast three occasions where there has been a vacancy on the Business Committee. Those dates were between 1976 and 1982. What the research also indicated to us is that they've always been filled by General Tribal Council and in accordance with the constitution. It also showed that General Tribal Council decided to fill those vacancies with some sort of a special election. That is

how you see the options, A, B and C that are before you today. These three options are in alignment with General Tribal Councils' historical decisions to fill the vacancies through some type of a special election. When we dialoged about these options, there were some major policy considerations that we took into consideration. Again, reemphasizing, one, this is historically how General Tribal Council has filled a vacancy and we also recognized that other things have changed since as now there is now an election law that is in place that was not in place at the time. So everyone is aware, one of the options which is option c that you have available to you today which would be to call the same day election would also not include a Milwaukee polling site if you chose to do that. We just wanted to also bring that to your attention. Moving forward, what we heard or feedback from the community was, well that is great, we are glad that you did the historical research. There are also other factors that come into play. We have a new election law. We haven't had a vacancy occur for thirty plus years. There are other processes that have been in place that we can choose a vacancy from. For instance, the election law does require or allow in some instances for the next highest vote getter to be taken. That is just an example. What we did then, in response to that suggestion we said, OK, what are some things that we could offer up to General Tribal Council to say from a contemporary perspective, what could we do? Those are the options that you see in your packet that are D, E and F. Those options include filling the vacancy from the floor, filling the vacancy with the next highest vote getter or not filling the vacancy at all. One of the things that we did then is we went out and started talking to our constituents and said what is your feedback on this subject. There are a lot of people that had a lot of ideas, a lot of suggestions. One of the things that they also said to us was what you think we should do. Our very first response to that question was, this is going to be a General Tribal Council decision. We will have no opportunity to provide any kind of, we are not going to drive this decision. It is going to be General Tribal Council's choice. We said, if you want us to provide you with suggestions, we can do that. If you look in your packet, what we did is we said if you chose to look at this vacancy from a historical perspective we would recommend that you choose option B. If you want to look at this vacancy from a contemporary perspective then we suggest that you look at option E. Just kind of moving forward I wanted everybody to know that, the recommendations that were provided by the Business Committee were in response to questions directly at us to say what do you guys think we could do. We also recognize, again, that we are here today for General Tribal Council to make the decision. The other information that we just kind of wanted to give you was what were the additional costs. The additional costs related to each option are shown here. One of the things that you will see it ranges from 1,000 to 7,000; those are just estimated numbers based on whatever option you choose. Those are directly related to the special elections choices that you have. The \$200,000 base cost is the approximate cost for having the meeting today. With that, I just want to say thank you, again. In closing, to let you know that we also recognize there is no procedure in place should this ever occur so we've asked for the Legislative Operating Committee, which is the law making body of the nation to go back and take a look

at this issue and bring back some suggestions for General Tribal Council to consider in the future should this ever occur again. With that, Yaw<k%

Tina Danforth: Thank you, Lisa. Thank you for that presentation. So as described, there are six options for the General Tribal Council membership to select from based on the mail out. I do want to make a note that I did get some calls and questions about some of the mail out material only included two options. Some people actually called me yesterday and said is there only two options? I hope that going forward we don't have that kind of concern and confusion going forward. The packet needs to go out and we need to be consistent about our mail outs that follow that information after a mail out has been sent to the membership. Madelyn. Is the microphone on over there? I'm not hearing you yet, no.

Madelyn Genskow: The green light is on. Ok. I make a motion to adopt option C, Doug Skenandore is going to run for the Business Committee and with option C he will have an opportunity to run and be voice for the common Oneida Tribal member. I make a motion to adopt option C.

Tina Danforth: There is a motion to adopt option C, is there support of the motion for the adoption of option C. Judy. Judy Cornelius is seconding the motion made by Madelyn Genskow. Option C is on page 13 of your packet. There is a motion right now to adopt option C on page 13 motion by Madelyn Genskow, seconded by Judy Cornelius-Hawk. Option C provides that we will have a caucus and we'll have an election today, there is a resolution that accompanies that option as well. That resolution can be found on page 13, it provides that there will be a polling of nominated members for acceptance; the nominated members will meet with the election board prior to noon to present identification and verification of age and verification of residency. The Election Board is going to open the polls from 2pm and close them at 7pm. identifying the last person in line and authorizing no further voters. The Election Board will count the votes and post tentative results. The recount request presented in the Tribal Secretary's will be by 4:30 on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Finally, the Election Board will present their final report to the Oneida Business Committee at the October 29, 2014 meeting which will have to be a special meeting of the Business Committee. There is a call for the question on the vote to on option C. We are going to go into a voting process. Who is speaking? In the overflow room, yes Pat.

Unidentified Speaker: I would just like to know, why don't we just put the next person in line?

Tina Danforth: Right now Pat, there is a motion on the floor to go into a voting process for option C. The reason why don't is because the constitution says the General Tribal Council will select, there is a motion to do that right now. The precedence of the General Tribal Council has been an election process and therefore that is the motion on the floor. The question and comments need to pertain to the

motion which is what I just described with all the voting procedures that is in your packet on page 13.

Linda Dallas: A call for the question has been made though.

Tina Danforth: A call for the question by Linda Dallas. I'm going to by whom...

Linda Dallas: I actually think it was in the other room.

Tina Danforth: Unless I see somebody by the microphone, unless they are an elder, that is what we will do.

Linda Dallas: Call for the question.

Tina Danforth: If somebody has a question, they need to come to the microphone, state who you are so that one, we can have order and two, we can recognize who is speaking, three so we don't step over each other in our question.

Leah Dodge: Privileged question, Leah Dodge.

Tina Danforth: Yes, Leah.

Leah Dodge: We need to have more discussion on these options. First of all, the packet that was sent out by the Business Committee is deceptive in the fact that you're claiming that any option that we fill is only going to cost the tribe \$200,000 plus whatever expense there is for the elections. First of all, option C is

Tina Danforth: Both you ladies please be quiet for a second. I'm going to explain what a privileged question. A privileged question is when you are asking a question of procedure. The question of procedure is about what action is currently on the floor. Like whether A comes before B or B comes before C. So you can ask, are we going to vote by show of hands, by voice, how are we going to vote. That is a privileged question. A question of content does not qualify as a privileged question, Leah. Do you still have a privileged question because what you stated was not one?

Leah Dodge: How does option C fulfill the election law which says that says that in a general election which is for the Business Committee members, you're leaving out the Milwaukee polling site.

Tina Danforth: Your question about fulfilling the election law, General Tribal Council was noticed these are the six options and of these options this one allows for General Tribal Council to go into a voting process to select somebody to fill the vacancy. We are following the constitution by doing that.



Leah Dodge: And we can save the tribe a half million dollars by not filling it at all. Option F.

Tina Danforth: But the constitution says there will be nine members, five council members and four officers so I'm going to move on, Leah. Brenda.

Brenda John-Stevens: Do we have an opportunity to vote on the call for the question. Obviously, we want to have more discussion on this.

Tina Danforth: Only if there is a request to do so, thank you for privileged question.

Brenda John-Stevens: I am making a request to vote on the call for the question.

Tina Danforth: There is a request to vote for the call for the question. Prior to that happening, I did not see anybody waiting to ask questions. Subsequently, there are people now at the microphones. Right now, she's asking for a privileged question about voting on whether or not we want to vote so we are going to acknowledge the call for the question vote. If you want to vote for the call for the question to proceed, alright a call for the question vote in the affirmative is that you want to continue discussion. If you vote no, then you don't want to continue discussion. There is a vote on the call for the question. All those in favor vote on the call for the question, please raise your hand.

Nicole Stroobants: We do not understand what you mean. Could you explain that a little bit better? People that are not familiar with Robert's Rules don't understand what is happening.

Tina Danforth: Ok, there was a call for the question. The call for the question was to vote. After there was a call for a question acknowledged, Brenda asked a procedure question and in her procedure question she asked if she could vote on the call for the call for a question. She wanted to vote whether or not we wanted to vote or not.

Nicole Stroobants: I'm sorry, I do not mean to be disrespectful, is there another way you can explain it other than using the phraseology call for a question? Because I do not understand what that means.

Tina Danforth: The call for a question is asking for the body to vote.

Nicole Stroobants: To vote on what?

Tina Danforth: To vote on the current motion on the floor.

Nicole Stroobants: Which is?

Tina Danforth: Option C.

Nicole Stroobants: To open the polling elections? Is that right, to open up a poll, option C today.

Tina Danforth: The motion on the floor is to vote for option C. She's asking about whether or not we should vote on option C.

Nicole Stroobants: And the other question is, can we have more discussion about why we think option C is the best option, is that correct?

Tina Danforth: That is what we are voting on, on the call for the call for the question.

Nicole Stroobants: So we want to have more discussion if we vote yes? Or you vote no if you don't want to have more discussion? I'm confused.

Tina Danforth: If you vote yes, then you are voting to continue to vote.

Linda Dallas: If you vote yes, we are going to vote on option C. If you vote no, we are going to talk some more.

Tina Danforth: We are voting to see if we want to continue to discuss, if you vote no, you are voting to not discuss and to vote. Right now, if you vote yes for the call for the question, yes is to continue to discuss. No is to not discuss and go into the voting on the motion.

Linda Dallas: Respectfully, Councilwoman Danforth or Chairman Danforth.

Tina Danforth: Yes.

Linda Dallas: If you vote yes, then you want to vote on option C. If you vote no, then we are going to talk some more, in a call for a question.

Tina Danforth: I believe if you vote yes, you want to continue to discuss the motion. If you vote then you don't want to continue discussion and you want to vote.

Leah Dodge: Do we have a parliamentarian here, can you answer that please?

Tina Danforth: Yes we do, JoAnne.

JoAnne House: The question is, is what is a vote on the call for the question. The Chairwoman has been consistent. If you vote yes, you would like the discussion to continue. If you vote no, you would like to end discussion and vote on the motion.

Tina Danforth: We are going to go into a voting on the call for the call for the question. If you vote yes, you will be voting to continue discussion. All those in favor raise your hand.

Leah Dodge: Kathy King wants this on the screen.

Tina Danforth: It is on the screen. If you vote yes, please raise your hand. All those in favor, raise your hand. Thank you. All those who vote no on the motion, please raise your hand. All those abstaining. I think I'm going to have to go into a hand count because, in the overflow it is more so than in here. It is overwhelming in here but it is a little too close for me to call between this room and that room. I'm going to ask for a hand count please. We are going to vote by hand count, if you vote yes, it is to continue to discuss if you vote no, it is to end discussion and vote on the motion. Please, if you are in agreement to continue discussion, please raise your hand so you can be counted. The Election Board is on the floor, counting each section.

Leah Dodge: Procedural question, is it appropriate for the Chairwoman's daughter to be counting votes?

Tina Danforth: There are to be no interruptions during the count, you had a chance to ask a procedural question.

Leah Dodge: I didn't know she was going to be counting the votes.

Tina Danforth: Sit down. Leah, do I have to remind you about what Loretta said at the beginning of the meeting? All of those who vote no on the motion to vote on the call for the question please raise your hand if you are voting no. All of those voting and abstaining, any abstaining votes, please raise your hand. If I could have everybody's attention right now, we have the results of the vote. Those voting yes is 410, those voting no is 901, and those abstaining is 10. I was told during the count for the vote that we have registered today 1,653 participants. There are about 300 people who didn't vote but that is ok. The floor is open now to make a motion.

Mark Powless: I have a privileged question Madam Chair.

Linda Dallas: Point of order, Madam Chair. There is a motion on the floor. It is Option C.

Tina Danforth: I'm sorry, you are right, you are totally right. Thank you. Mark, you were starting to say you have a privileged question.

Mark Powless: Yes. I'd like to come up forward and address the General Council with regards to that.

Tina Danforth: What is your privileged question? Which one? I don't think it is a good practice, Mark. Please don't. You know, we're trying to run a meeting orderly and we need to be fair. For security reasons, we've referred to that nobody else comes up on the stage unless you've been designated to do so. But, you do need to use a microphone, if someone would please bring him a microphone, thank you.

Mark Powless: Good Morning, my name is Mark A. Powless. I have a privileged question with regards to the motion that was voted on and I wanted to make a statement for the record with regards to my privileged question. As you know, the General Council is the governing body of the tribe; General Council adopts various laws for the tribe and behalf of the tribe. As I understand it, the Oneida Tribe General Council adopted our Election Law. With regards to our Election Law, the Election Law has certain requirements that are to be filled by the candidates running for office. I've been a candidate for the Oneida Business Committee on various occasions throughout my 30 years here with the tribe. The last election that was held the Election Law required me to submit a proof of residency with regards to a candidacy. It also required me to show proof of my enrollment. My question to the General Council is with regards to the Tribe's current Election Law. If in fact we do vote to have an election today, what is the status with regards to the following of our Election Law. As I understand it the General Council would be in violation of its own law if it were to occur today for not following the previous requirements that are the current standards of the Election Law.

Tina Danforth: If I could try to decipher your question of privilege, I believe your question the process of currently addressing a motion to select a candidate for the vacancy on the Business Committee relative to the Election Law. The Election Law was absent of any process to fill a vacancy. It is done so because it was for the election process up until a final vote, a final report is submitted to the Business Committee, accepted and ratified. The vacancy occurred after the election process. So the election process goes back to the body of General Tribal Council and they select. They do have the opportunity to make that decision and selection today. Thank you for your question, Mark.

Mark Powless: I'd request a Parliamentary ruling.

Tina Danforth: Do you want to address the privileged question, JoAnne?

JoAnne House: The question is, is the election law identifies the candidates for the Business Committee must have certain parts of their background investigated, they have to verify their residency, they have to verify their enrollment number. The Option C on page 13 as part of the process it identifies the Election Board, at the conclusion of the caucus will verify the required information for each candidate for the special election. It is the third bullet under the first resolve.

Tina Danforth: That is true, the constitution does say that in order for a candidate to run for the Business Committee there are two requirements. One is enrollment and one is residency. If we go continually go back to our constitution and doing so, it guides us as to how we are to move forward on selecting a candidate for the Business Committee.

Linda Dallas: It also has an age limit.

Tina Danforth: And an age limit, I stand corrected. Thank you.

Linda Dallas: I did call for the question.

Tina Danforth: There is a motion to call for the question; is that what I'm hearing? We just voted on

Linda Dallas: No, I call for that before that so I'm asking you to please have the vote on the motion.

Tina Danforth: We just voted on the call for the question.

Linda Dallas: No on the motion for Plan C.

Tina Danforth: Plan C.

Linda Dallas: Right.

Tina Danforth: The motion is Plan C. Right now we are in discussion of Plan C which is.

Linda Dallas: No, we called for the question to stop the discussion. It is the motion that Madelyn made on Plan C for us to vote today. So we already went through all that stuff, it is time to vote.

Tina Danforth: Ok. So the no votes was 901 and the yes votes was yes to continue discussion, no was to end the discussion and to begin the voting process. That is when Mark questioned the process that we were using, that went into a privileged question and explanation. The motion on the floor is to adopt Plan C.

Nancy Skenandore: Privileged question please, Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: Who is speaking?

Nancy Skenandore: Nancy Skenandore.

Tina Danforth: Nancy, could you let me finish please?

Nancy Skenandore: I'm sorry, go ahead.

Tina Danforth: Thank you, I will get back to you. Ok, we voted. There were 410 votes for yes to continue discussion. There were 901 votes to not discuss anymore and vote on the motion which is Option C. 10 abstentions. We went into a privileged question. We answered it. The Parliamentarian answered it. I answered it. So we are now on the motion to vote for Plan C. We need to go into a voting for Plan C. Implement Plan C on page 13. At this time I'm going to recognize what the membership has asked and voted on. All those in favor of motion C, raise your hand. All those in favor of voting for Plan C, raise your hand.

Linda Dallas: Can you explain what that is so that everybody understands it.

Tina Danforth: Plan C is to go into a voting process as I described earlier. It is on page 13, Plan C is to go into a caucus today and have the election today from 2pm – 7pm. If you would like to fill the vacancy today by an election process conducted by the Election Board, that is Plan C. All those in favor of Plan C, please raise your hand. All those not in favor of Plan C, raise your hand. All those abstaining on Plan C, raise your hand. The motion fails by a majority vote as seen to the visuals between the other room and this room. Thank you, that motion does fail. Leyne.

Leyne Orosco: Good Morning, my name is Leyne Orosco. I make a motion that we do Plan B with the polling open from 7am – 7pm on election day and also that there be a polling site in the Milwaukee area.

Tina Danforth: There is a motion by Leyne Orosco to adopt Plan B of the packet which is on page 11. The motion by Leyne is supported by Paul Smith, was it? Paul Smith. There is a motion on the floor to adopt Plan B. Discussion? There is a motion on the floor for Plan B, are there any questions or comments?

Ken Stevens: Privileged question please.

Tina Danforth: Yes.

Ken Stevens: I just want to clarify something, is Option E off the table?

Tina Danforth: Right now we are considering a motion for Plan B; discussion will be on Plan B and no other option at this time. That is the motion on the floor. All of these were consideration by the mail.

Ken Stevens: I understand but I, earlier I thought you said there had to be nine members so therefore Option E is off the table.

Tina Danforth: You know what, let's stay with Plan B. I'm trying to keep the meeting focused, please let's just stay with Plan B. Any questions in the overflow room, comments or questions? Tina.

Tina Pospychala: Thank you. Could we just go

John Orie: Yes, I have a point of order.

Tina Danforth: Excuse me, who is speaking?

John Orie: John Orie.

Tina Danforth: John Orie. We are in a motion for Plan B and we are going into discussion. What is your point of order?

John Orie: My privileged question or point of order or whatever you want to call it.

Tina Danforth: Well, it has to be one or the other.

John Orie: If it pleases the Chairwoman, a privileged question.

Tina Danforth: Ok.

John Orie: Didn't we, I'd like to know where we are on the agenda because I think we just skipped the whole agenda and the motions to vote on anything are out of order.

Tina Danforth: If you look at your agenda page IV, which is four. There was a review of the options.

John Orie: I haven't seen any review of any options.

Tina Danforth: We are on number four.

John Orie: Or questions and answers.

Tina Danforth: John, we are on number four. Ok? And that is not a privileged question so please refrain from speaking into the mic.

John Orie: I haven't seen any review of any options.

Tina Danforth: John, we are discussing Plan B. I have somebody waiting to make a comment on Plan B.

John Orie: Ok, thank you.

Tina Danforth: Your privileged question was acknowledged. Tina.

Tina Pospychala: Thank you, Madam Chairwoman. I would just like for us to go right in and vote and call for the question on this plan. I think people come to the meeting knowing what is going on and I don't think that we need to stand up here and have a lot of discussion so I'm just asking that we do a call for the question, please for the motion that is on the floor.

Tina Danforth: Ok, there is a call for the question by Tina; I'm going to acknowledge that. Is there support on the call for the question to vote? If there is, I need someone to identify themselves at the microphone with their name.

Linda Dallas: Corinne Robelia.

Tina Danforth: Corinne Robelia is the seconder on the call to vote for Plan B. There is a call for the question made by Tina, seconded by Corinne. We are going to go into a vote because I did acknowledge the call for the question. All those in favor of Plan B, please raise your hand, Plan B raise your hand if you are in favor.

Linda Dallas: Chairwoman Danforth, would it help the people, because people seemed confused would it help them to know what Plan B is? People are asking and kind of looking at each other.

Tina Danforth: Plan B, page eleven. If you are in favor of Plan B, please raise your hand. Plan B, page eleven. If you are in favor, please raise your hand.

Linda Danforth: Which is the caucus today and election on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tina Danforth: Yes.

Mike Debraska: Privileged question, Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: All those opposed to the motion for Plan B, raise your hand. Opposed to the motion for Plan B. Those abstaining to Plan B, raise your hand, those abstaining to Plan B raise your hand. Based on what I'm seeing in this room and in the over flow room, I would say Plan B passed.

Mike Debraska: Privileged question. Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: Yes.

Mike Debraska: If we hold that caucus today, does that then open the room for petitions to be submitted tomorrow morning?



Tina Danforth: Plan B is a caucus for today, the deadline for applications to be filed is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Appeals of candidate eligibility is November 4<sup>th</sup>. The election date is November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Recounts and appeals, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Final report presented to the Business Committee December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Linda Dallas: Move to adjourn.

Tina Pospychala: Privileged question, please.

Tina Danforth: There is a motion to adjourn. We had just voted, what is your privileged question, there is a motion on the floor.

Tina Pospychala: I request that we do a hand count on that vote.

Loretta Metoxen: Madam Chair, Loretta Metoxen. I agree with that. I'm asking for a hand count also.

Tina Danforth: What does the body want? You want a hand count? I will support that. I will support that. You know, it was relatively close, but I think the difference was in the overflow room. I know there was a majority in here and I believe the majority was in there was with a good number in here as well. So I will honor that. I will honor that there is a hand count on Plan B. Ok, I will honor that. I'm just trying to be fair and I don't want any questions coming out of this body afterwards so I will respect the wishes of General Tribal Council. Kind of was expecting that anyway. All those who are in favor of Plan B which goes for a caucus today and the deadline for November 3<sup>rd</sup> to apply as a candidate and that the election occur on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. All those in favor, again, for Plan B, please raise your hand so you can be counted. Plan B. All those who oppose Plan B which allows for a November 22<sup>nd</sup> polling site, both here and in Milwaukee. Plan B; if you are opposed please raise your hand so you can be counted. All those abstaining to Plan B, please raise your hand. We have the results, voting yes is 539, voting no is 728, abstaining is 14. Total number of votes cast was 1,281. Plan B now has failed, or Option B has failed so now the floor is open for consideration.

Loretta Metoxen: Madam Chairwoman, Loretta Metoxen, I moved that we adopt Plan E.

Tina Danforth: Can we please keep decorum, please.

Andrea Hoes: Second.

Tina Danforth: Who?

Andrea Hoes: That we have Plan E.

Tina Danforth: There is a motion by Loretta Metoxen, seconded by whom?

Andrea Hoes: Andrea Hoes.

Tina Danforth: Andrea Fuss?

Andrea Hoes: Hoes. H-O-E-S

Tina Danforth: There is a motion by Loretta seconded by Andrea Hoes to adopt Option E.

Andrea Hoes: I'd like to call for the question.

Tina Danforth: There is a call for the question on the adoption of Option E.

Leyne Orosco: I have a privileged question.

Tina Danforth: Yes, Leyne.

Leyne Orosco: In docket #03TC-335 dated March 5, 2003, Ed Delgado vs. Oneida Election Board there was a decision that was rendered in this case and as we all know from the Yvonne Metivier GTC that the GTC does not have the authority to override an appellate court decision or appeals commission decision. The decision in that case states as follows, the respondent has provided this hearing body with the burden of proof that there is a process in place to fill vacated elected positions. A vacated elected position can be filled with the next highest vote getter only before the Oneida Election Board submits a final report. After the election results are certified, the vacancy must be filled by a special election. It is the court's decision to rule in favor of the respondent which was the Oneida Election Board.

Tina Danforth: Based on what Leyne just read, I would have to say that the motion to adopt Option E is out of order because there needs to be a special election that was discussed earlier. That was discussed earlier and you know, I know there is questions about why it was an option. I did not agree with it to be an option as the Chair. I don't agree today.

Andrea Hoes: Are you making the rules up as we go?

Tina Danforth: No, because what was just said by Leyne is there is supposed to be a special election to fill a vacancy for vacated terms for elections.

Andrea Hoes: Why was it put on the paper that we have that option?

Tina Danforth: You know what? All I can say is that I didn't write the legal opinion. I can say there was a consensus of the Business Committee; it wasn't the full majority of the Business Committee that moved forward on this packet. Mainly, myself.

Andrea Hoes: I'd like to hear from the Parliamentarian.

Andrea Hoes: I'd like a voice from the Parliamentarian to tell us if we are able to just give it to the next person that was highest.

Tina Danforth: It says to appoint a new council member or, or appoint the next highest vote getter. That is and or, that is not even clearly defined and it is not clearly defined on page 16 either. There is a lot of procedural irregularities with this option. I don't think it is a good option to pursue but again, this is where we are at.

Andrea Hoes: If we called for the question, don't we have a right to vote on it?

Tina Danforth: You can ask for it and I'm trying to chair the meeting here, there is also a request for a parliamentarian ruling. There is also the information that Leyne described here, where a special election is needed to appoint a Business Committee member per the election law.

Linda Dallas: I have a privileged question.

Tina Danforth: What is your privileged question, Linda?

Linda Dallas: I would like to ask my privileged question, after they respond.

Tina Danforth: After what?

Linda Dallas: After the Parliamentarian response.

Tina Danforth: JoAnne.

JoAnne House: The question is, is the motion in order. The motion in the book identifies filling the vacancy from the floor. The motion is not in order because there is no name of someone identified to fill the vacancy. To that extent you would have to put the name in as you bringing the motion forward.

Tina Danforth: There are a lot of procedural irregularities with Option E. One is on the motion; the motion is out of order because it does not honor the special election process. It doesn't define how or who that person would be appointed and as JoAnne said, the motion did not also include the name of anybody to be appointed in the motion. The motion is to appoint blank to fill the remainder of the term caused by the resignation or based on the vacancy. Yes, Cathy.

Cathy Metoxen: Thank you. My privileged question is, we are sitting here with item letter E. It was mailed out to us and the decision to mail that out to us was made by who? You? Or the Attorney?  
Is it all eight of you or one attorney or is it seven of you?

Tina Danforth: You know, it was a majority of the Business Committee. As I stated earlier, I was not ok with this option being presented but as you know, the majority of the Business Committee does rule and that was the consideration to put this in the packet. There are some irregularities with this option; I will continue to say that. That is why it is not clear what we should do even based on the mail out. Based on the mail out, it is not clear and it doesn't also give a justification for it either. This is a totally new procedure that isn't written in the election law, it is not in the constitution, it is not a precedent, it is just something that was put in the mail out without my consent but I guess I didn't need to have a consent to do that.

Cathy Metoxen: So my question is with legal opinion and with all your expertise of all you people who have been sitting there for so many years. How much are you costing us by your irregularity? Really, seriously? Across the board, not just today but in the future, the election.

Tina Danforth: Ok, Cathy, we need to get back on topic. Wes.

Cathy Metoxen: How much is it costing us?

Tina Danforth: I cannot answer that, I'm sorry.

Wes Martin: I have a privileged question, Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: Yes, Wes.

Wes Martin: I heard Leyne speak here and I'm questioning if we can get a parliamentarian ruling whether or not we have to follow what Leyne read into the record and if we even have any other options but to have a special election. It sounds like from the ruling of the appeals commission, the only option we have is a special election. I'd like to have JoAnne, if I'm wrong, fine but from the letter he read, it is apparent that we have to have a special election.

Tina Danforth: Yes, that was a decision of the appellate body. That decision was heard by judicial officers, Marj Stevens, Lee Ninham and Janice McLester. They rendered that ruling. It is on page six of the docket and it does say that after election results are certified a vacancy must be filled by special election.

Loretta Metoxen: Madam Chair, Loretta Metoxen. I am very disappointed in this procedure because that all should have been ready and explained in the mailouts and not mailing an Option E for consideration.

Tina Danforth: I agree, I agree with you totally Loretta. The last meeting in which I was asked is whether or not to include that it was not the case. There was a subsequent meeting of a subcommittee afterwards and that is what went forward. There was no way for me to have any more input into that. It is an irregularity. There is no precedence for this, it is not stated in the election law, it is not stated in the constitution and now you have an appeals case that renders the same that there should be a selection by election of the election law to fill it. This is where we are at. It is highly unfortunate that it has occurred and this is where we are sitting waiting to make a decision on this. Nancy, you have been waiting for quite a while. Do you have a question or comment?

Nancy Skenandore: Yes, I do. I apologize for interrupting you earlier Madam Chair. My question is to the Business Committee that is sitting here now. I'd like to know and maybe the body will support me on this. Who on the Business Committee by a show of hands, voted to have Option E sent to the GTC knowing that we'd be here right now saying that it is not feasible to do or it is illegal to do, it's illegal to do, it is not in the constitution. Is it possible for me to get our Business Committee members up there who voted in favor in sending this to the General Tribal Council please?

Linda Dallas: Madam Chair, I requested a privileged question earlier and I also have a point of order.

Nancy Skenandore: Is anybody going to answer me?

Tina Danforth: Does the Committee want to address Nancy about who supported moving forward with Option E in the packet, please acknowledge.

Nancy Skenandore: Is not acknowledged?

Tina Danforth: Please acknowledge if you supported Option E as a mailout option.

Melinda Danforth: Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: I don't know, can you see?

Nancy Skenandore: No, we cannot see it.

Tina Danforth: You can't see, ok.

Melinda Danforth: I would like to acknowledge that I sent it but not knowing that there would be a legal challenge because throughout this whole entire time that the

Business Committee has been meeting about the options to present to General Tribal Council our legal counsel was present. I would actually like to ask our legal counsel if this is an option that is still valid because I believe that this option is still valid and the next highest vote getter on the election is Danelle Wilson. So if the person making the motion can insert the name, I'm asking parliamentarian, will that stand and if it stands because I would never bring something to General Tribal Council knowing that we're legally not able to bind the General Tribal Council that is just ridiculous, why would I bring this option to you if I didn't think it was valid.

Tina Danforth: Brandon.

Brandon Stevens: Madam Chair. We brought this recommendation forward as a list of recommendations and within the constitution it says General Tribal Council may at any regular or special meeting may fill any vacancies that occur with the Business Committee for the unexpired term. The case law that is cited is not of the Business Committee and so that is why this is a different situation where you have the right to appointment whoever you want. And so that is why, there is not precedence because this has only happened 3 times before and now we have an engaged General Tribal Council of over 1600 people which is a new precedence that was set today. Excuse me. You have the option and it is legal. The election law is vacant, is quiet when it comes to Business Committee. What we want to do, if we want to move this forward, we would bring recommendations from the body on how we would address this in future occurrences and that is what we really need to do today.

Linda Dallas: Privileged question Madam Chair and a point of order.

Tina Danforth: Yes Linda.

Linda Danforth: I had a privileged question and a point of order before all of the discussion which I think would have answered all of the questions because you have people that are sending out their opinion of what they think or what they feel or what they believe. It is not fact based. It is not legal based. And that is what it needs to be.

Brandon Stevens: It is fact based.

Linda Dallas: No it is not fact based because what Leyne Orosco read is an opinion out of the Appeals Commission which is our judicial body which you as a Business Committee member is supposed to support and enforce and abide by and you are not. You're encouraging the people to not listen to that order there and to go by what you are saying. The order says that we have to have a special election because that election that Ben Vieau was in was certified it no longer matters, it is irrelevant it is immaterial. We cannot seat Danelle Wilson because it says we have to have a special election.

Brandon Stevens: Based on the election law, that is silent for the Business Committee, it is not clearly defined that is the Business Committee.

Linda Dallas: No, and if Ben Vieau wouldn't have ran 669 votes would have went somewhere else, not necessarily to Danelle Wilson. So the lowest vote getter may have actually be the one that we should be seating. We need to have a special election.

Tina Danforth: Let's have some order here. We do have an unfortunate dilemma here because the vacancy was not addressed to a specific process and that is why the options were brought forth. The option to appoint is not based on the constitution, it is not based on the special election, it is not based on precedence. This is just something that was kind of thrown on the table and discussed as a consideration amongst my peers. My advice to them was to not do it this way, my advice was to keep the options to two or three. They proceeded to do otherwise which I'm ok with that, if that is what the majority of them want then that is what will transpire. I do think that this is of all the things that we have as a consideration this does not follow our past practices as a body. Mr. Smith.

Larry Smith: I think if you find this out of order, Option E that we be allowed to revote on Option B. And I make a motion to that as Leyne stated.

Linda Dallas: Second.

Tina Danforth: First, I need to rule either that the Option E is out of order because it doesn't follow our practices, it doesn't follow our constitution and it doesn't follow the election law and therefore, I would rule it out of order. I don't feel that the parliamentarian has said otherwise and so I will rule the motion, actually she did say it was out of order as well. So, I'm going to rule the motion on the floor, Option E out of order. What is your privileged question?

Nicole Stroobants: My question is, if we amend Option E and insert Danelle Wilson's name if legal counsel can let us know if that is legal or not legal.

Tina Danforth: Thank you for your privileged question and based on the other considerations other than a name in insert I'm going to stay with my ruling of it being out of order. David Jordan.

Leah Dodge: Motion for Option F.

Tina Danforth: I acknowledged David Jordan so if everybody would be patient and let him speak.

David Jordan: You know, before I heard a lady say, are you making the rules up as we go. There has been precedent set before. What Leyne said before was actually

something that was ruled on in the past. That was precedence. For the Business Committee to make a recommendation to take the next vote getter which actually works for the Business Committee in one of the Councilman's office is I think is a major conflict of interest. Thank you.

Tina Danforth: Thank you, David. I'm going to go to Linda.

Linda Dallas: I'd like to make motion for the General Tribal Council to reconsider Option B. The accelerated special election that would caucus today with the election on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. And I make that recommendation because November 22<sup>nd</sup> is where we have a chance where it's going to be reasonable weather yet, it is still not going to be cold. And the process is all outlined in there and it gives everyone a fair chance to participate in the election process and it follows the rules and the laws of the tribe.

Tina Danforth: There is a motion to reconsider Option B based on the discussion; is there a support on the motion?

Sherrole Benton: Point of order Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: There is a motion it is seconded by Madelyn Genskow. What is your point of order Sherrole?

Sherrole Benton: Thank you, Madam Chair. I heard Larry Smith make this motion for reconsideration of Option B. Did you recognize that motion?

Tina Danforth: I did not, no. I did not know he was necessarily making a motion.

Robert Steffes: I have something from the overflow room.

Tina Danforth: Yes sir. State your name please.

Robert Steffes: Half the people that are saying something over there, I can't even hear them. Your speakers are low or whatever but I cannot hear. So turn it up.

Corinne Robelia-Zhuckkahosee: I have a point of order.

Tina Danforth: Just one second, please. There is a motion on the floor by Linda, seconded by Madelyn to reconsider Option B. That is the motion. What is the point of order, Corinne?

Corinne Robelia-Zhuckkahosee: The point of order is we already had a motion on the floor for E. We still haven't voted on that yet?



Tina Danforth: No, it was out of order, Corinne. You're correct, it was but it was out of order. Thank you, Corinne. Yes, Sir. Can you please state your name?

Matt Johnson: I'm just wondering two things, maybe. If we can adjourn and sometime and have a vote some other day, like a big election. Or maybe we can do it easy, a hand count today and vote if you have to vote we can do a hand count. Or adjourn and do another vote some other day maybe.

Tina Danforth: Thank you.

Sherrole Benton: I'm going to call for the question.

Tina Danforth: There is a call for the question made by Sherrole, Sherrole Benton.

Debbie Thundercloud: Madam Chair, I have a privileged question in the overflow room.

Tina Danforth: Debbie, what is your privileged question?

Debbie Thundercloud: My privileged question has to do with your ruling out of the previous motion. I'm trying to understand how the Appeals Commission could overrule a valid section of the constitution which allows General Tribal Council to make this decision?

Tina Danforth: The out of order ruling was based both on my perspectives and based on JoAnne House perspectives and I will stand with that. Thank you for your question. There has been a call for the question for the vote on Plan B. There also was again a consideration for a hand count so I'm going to move us forward with a hand count for reconsideration on Plan B. All those in favor of Plan B please raise your hand so you can be counted please.

Linda Dallas: Tina, can you explain why we are reconsidering Plan B? Because of the legalities of the judicial opinion.

Tina Danforth: We are voting on Plan B as a reconsideration, Option E was ruled out of order and based on the conversation it is now a motion for Plan B. Please raise your hand to be counted.

Brenda John Stevens: Can I ask a privileged question during a count?

Tina Danforth: No, no questions during a count, during the voting. Once the voting process starts, we're voting so please be patient.

Unidentified Speaker: Hello, we need the election board to come vote.

Mark A. Powless: Madam Chair, the count isn't taking place maybe they should come forward and make a count.

Tina Danforth: I'm sorry; we're going to do a count, a hand count. I'm going to apologize there is some confusion between this room and the next room. All those who are in favor of Plan B please raise your hand so you can be counted. The election board shall count. Thank you, I guess they didn't hear the last go around. All those in favor of Plan B raise your hand so you can be counted by the election board.

Unidentified Speaker: Privileged question, Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: There are no questions during the voting process. Can you please show the over flow room so I can see if the counting is completed or not, whoever has the cameras. All of those opposed to Plan B please raise your hand so you can be counted. All of those abstaining on Plan B please raise your hand so you can be counted. Abstentions raise your hand.

Rocky Hill: Privileged question Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: Is the election board done with their counting?

Rocky Hill: Privileged question Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: Yes, what is your privileged question?

Rocky Hill: Because the vote was voted on previously and failed does this require 2/3 majority vote to pass?

Tina Danforth: I don't know to be honest. It is a simple majority vote based on my conversation with the parliamentarian. Majority vote. We have the votes. The motion to reconsider Option B, those voting yes 738, those voting no 469, abstaining 51, motion carries with Option B. We now need to go into a caucus of the body for the candidates for consideration for the election.

Sherrole Benton: Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: Yes, Sherrole.

Sherrole Benton: I'd like to nominate Greg Matson for the vacant position.

Kaylynn Gresham: Privileged question.

Tina Danforth: Who has a privileged question? Kaylynn.

Kaylynn Gresham: Wasn't that to reconsider adopting B, not actually adopting it?

Tina Danforth: The motion was to reconsider but it was also to adopt B.

Kaylynn: Where did it say that?

Tina Danforth: That was my understanding.

Kaylynn: It was just to reconsider whether or not we were going to adopt Option B not to actually adopting Option B.

Tina Danforth: Where is the motioner? It was made by; motion was by Linda seconded by Madelyn. I guess I'm going to go back to your intent. That is what I understood that we were voting based on the discussion we wanted to reconsider it and so based on the parliamentarian, we could go forward and so that was my understanding is we were voting on Option B. Those in favor of motion B or Option B that is what I stated when the motion was made. Linda, you are the motioner as well as Madelyn is that also your intent? Please verbally respond.

Linda Dallas: Yes, yes it was.

Tina Danforth: Madelyn.

Madelyn Genskow: Yes, that was the intent to vote for Option B.

Tina Danforth: Thank you.

Kaylynn Gresham: Can I get the parliamentarian to state something because that is not what was written as the motion.

Tina Danforth: You know what? The call for the consideration should have been before the vote not after the vote.

Kaylynn: But that is not what the motion says.

Tina Danforth: That is what the motioner's intent was and that what the vote was, that was how I stated the vote, that was my understanding and right now we've just concluded a vote with the numbers and the motion passed. That is my ruling based on the vote, based on the motion, based on the intent. Cathy, I don't know, what is your privileged question?

Cathy Metoxen: I'm just curious, I didn't hear you recognize anyone and then you're going to back and forth with somebody if you didn't recognize them.

Tina Danforth: Well.

Sherrole Benton: Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: Let's have some decorum here, yes Sherrole.

Sherrole Benton: I guess my, the way I'm reading the motion now, it says to reconsider Plan B so I guess this is kind of, just for clarification, should we be in discussion now or should we be nominating candidates.

Tina Danforth: My understanding is we should be voting on the candidates that we should be going into a caucus and that is why I believe people are lined up to nominate people.

Sherrole Benton: Madam Chair, I motion that we enter into caucus for election to fill the vacant position on the BC.

Linda Dallas: Second.

Tina Danforth: Thank you, Sherrole. Motion by Sherrole, second by Linda that the floor go into a caucus for candidates.

Kathy King: Privileged question, Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: Yes, Kathy.

Kathy King: Does that mean the regular meeting is adjourned if you are moving into caucus?

Tina Danforth: We have not adjourned the meeting. We will adjourn the meeting after the caucus. It was noticed that if we took Plan B that the caucus would happen today and I understood that as part of the meeting as well. When the caucus is opened, it will close and then we will adjourn the meeting thereafter. Thank you for your question. The floor is now open to accept nominations for candidates.

Sherrole Benton: Madam Chair.

Tina Danforth: I'm going to recognize Pat first.

Pat Lassila: Madam Chair, I'd like to nominate Mark A. Powless.

Tina Danforth: Pat Lassila nominates Mark A. Powless. Sherrole.

Sherrole Benton: Madam Chair, I nominate Greg Matson for the vacant position.

Tina Danforth: Sherrole Benton nominates Greg Matson. Jerry.

Jerry Danforth: Madam Chair, I'm Gerald Danforth, I nominate Kirby Metoxen.

Tina Danforth: Jerry Danforth nominates Kirby Metoxen. Nancy.

Nancy Skenandore: I nominate Dan Skenandore.

Tina Danforth: Nancy Skenandore nominates Dan Skenandore.

Katherine Melchert: Katherine Melchert, I nominate Danelle Wilson.

Tina Danforth: Katherine, hang on a second. I'm going to call on you guys. Give me a chance.

Cathy Metoxen: No you're not.

Tina Danforth: Katherine, who did you nominate?

Katherine Melchert: Danelle Wilson.

Tina Danforth: Danelle Wilson. Cathy, yes, yes please be patient, I'm trying to write.

Cathy Metoxen: I've been patient all morning.

Tina Danforth: Excuse me.

Cathy Metoxen: I'm Cathy L. Metoxen and I nominate Linda Buffy Dallas.

Tina Danforth: You know what; I'm going to just remind people to keep the side comments to yourselves. I'm acknowledging as fast as I can. There are four microphones. You were reminded about decorum and not making sarcastic remarks they are not appreciated by anybody in this room. I'm going to ask Stacie in the overflow.

Stacie Moore: I'm Stacie Moore and I'd like to nominate Clifford S. Danforth.

Tina Danforth: I didn't catch the first name.

Stacie Moore: Stacie Moore.

Tina Danforth: No, your nominee please.

Stacie Moore: Clifford S. Danforth.

Tina Danforth: Leyne.

Leyne Orosco: My name is Leyne Orosco and I nominate David Fleet Jordan.

Tina Danforth: Leyne Orosco nominates David Fleet Jordan. Mr. Escamea.

Thomas Espinosa: Espinosa.

Tina Danforth: Espinosa, I'm sorry.

Thomas Espinosa: Thomas Espinosa, I nominate myself for candidacy.

Tina Danforth: Well that will be a first and I apologize for getting your name wrong. Tom Espinosa, I stand corrected. Thank you. Madelyn.

Madelyn Genskow: Madelyn Genskow and I nominate Douglas Skenandore.

Tina Danforth: Madelyn nominates Douglas Skenandore.

Matt Johnson: I'm not nominating, can we vote by hands it is faster that way.

Tina Danforth: No, no, we are nominating people right now. We are nominating. Miss Hoes, is it?

Andrea Hoes: I nominate Corinne Robelia-Zhuckkahosee.

Tina Danforth: Andrea nominates Corinne Robelia-Zhuckkahosee. Thank you. Mr. Stevens.

Ken Stevens: I'm sorry I had a privileged question.

Tina Danforth: We are in the process of nominating. Mary.

Mary Graves: I'm Mary Graves, I nominate Cathy Bachhuber.

Tina Danforth: Mary Graves nominates Cathy Bachhuber. Nancy.

Nancy Skenandore: I just want to make clarification for my nomination. I don't know how many Dan Skenandore's there are but the one I'm referring to is Roy & Alice Skenandore's son. Thank you.

Tina Danforth: Thank you. On my far right, here.

Wayne Cornelius: Wayne Cornelius, I nominate Amanda Gerondale.

Tina Danforth: Wayne Cornelius nominates Amanda Gerondale. In the center please.

Ashley Dallas: I'm Ashley Dallas Cathy L. Metoxen actually nominated Linda Dallas and she's not up there yet, I'm just making sure she gets put up there.

Tina Danforth: Ashley Dallas is nominating Linda.

Ashley Dallas: Linda S. Dallas.

Tina Danforth: Linda Dallas.

Ashley Dallas: Cathy did but somebody failed to put her up there, I'm just making sure. Linda, not Lisa.

Tina Danforth: Overflow room. State your name please.

Eric Edwards: Eric Edwards. I nominate Debra Powless.

Tina Danforth: Thank you. Eric Edwards nominates Debra Powless. Thank you. On my far right. Brenda.

Brenda Baird: Brenda Baird nominates Sayokla Kindness.

Tina Danforth: Brenda Baird nominates Sayokla Kindness.

Brenda Baird: Correct.

Tina Danforth: Pat.

Pat Escamea: Pat Escamea nominates Linda Nockideneh.

Tina Danforth: Pat, you are nominating Pat Lane? Are you nominating?

Pat Escamea: I'd like to close it now. Oh, Linda Nockideneh.

Tina Danforth: Linda Nockideneh. There is still people in line so I'm going to keep it open for now, please. Thank you for your nomination. On my far right.

Elizabeth Nicholas: Elizabeth Nicholas for Judith Nicholas.

Tina Danforth: Elizabeth Nicholas nominates Judith Nicholas. Any more in the over flow room? In the center here.

Lou Ann Green: I forgot his name.

Tina Danforth: Please state your name and nominee please. Are you not going to?

Lou Ann Green: My name is Lou Ann Green I was going to nominate somebody Orosco but I forgot his first name.

Tina Danforth: Lou Ann Green is nominating Leyne Orosco?

Lou Ann Green: No, it wasn't Leyne, who was it?

Tina Danforth: I don't know. I don't want to guess anymore.

Lou Ann Green: Sorry.

Tina Danforth: We'll move on. Linda.

Linda Dallas: I respectfully request you to correct the record. Cathy L. Metoxen nominated me, Linda Buffy Dallas, not Ashley Dallas. I think she was going up to ask to have that corrected.

Tina Danforth: Thank you. My far left over here.

Sherry Sommerfeldt: Sherry Sommerfeldt, I'd like to nominate Mike Mousseau.

Tina Danforth: Sherry Sommerfeldt nominates Mike Mousseau. Did I get your name right? Thank you. Pat can you please be quiet for a minute or move from the mic. Leyne.

Leyne Orosco: My name is Leyne Orosco and I move nominations be closed.

Tina Danforth: There is a motion by Leyne Orosco to close the nominations and I believe that concludes the people that have been at the microphone atleast one time. Pat, then Linda.

Pat Escamea: It is my sister's Linda Nockideneh, not Linda Dallas.

Tina Danforth: I did say Linda Nockideneh. Thank you, Pat. Linda.

Linda Dallas: I'm waiting for the record.

Tina Danforth: I'm going to recognize the nominations be closed that was made by Leyne Orosco. We have a long list here for the nominees for the Business Committee vacancy and we're going to go through the list to see if these nominees accept their nomination and please be patient with me because I was writing as fast as I could. Yes Leyne.

Leyne Orosco: You do have to vote to close nominations.



Tina Danforth: Thank you for the reminder. There is a motion by Leyne to close nominations and second by Linda. All those in favor of the close nominations say aye. Opposed. Abstentions. Motion carries. Once we starting voting, I cannot recognize anybody for privileged question or any other procedural question. I do want to remind you that you still have until November 4<sup>th</sup> to apply to be a candidate so if you we didn't get to you, I do apologize. You have until November 4<sup>th</sup> to apply and petition to become a candidate for the vacant seat.

Linda Dallas: November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tina Danforth: I stand corrected, deadline for applications is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Appeals for candidate eligibility will be November 4<sup>th</sup> so I did get those dates mixed up. November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline to apply, thank you very much. Those nominated if you accept, please come to the microphone so you can accept your nomination.

Pat Lassila: Madam Chair, I have a privileged question.

Tina Danforth: Sure Pat.

Pat Lassila: Will we be going into a primary once we have the caucus?

Tina Danforth: There will be no primary, it is one seat.

Pat Lassila: Thank you.

Tina Danforth: Thank you as well. Good question. Those candidates who have been nominated please come forward and accept your nomination. I'm going to go through the list as they were called to me. The first nominee is Mark A. Powless. Do you accept?

Mark A. Powless: Yes, I accept my name is Mark A. Powless, Sr.

Tina Danforth: Mark A. Powless, Sr. Thank you. The next person I have is Greg Matson. Do you accept? Greg Matson, do you accept your nomination? Third call, Greg Matson do you accept? He is probably not here. We'll move on. The next one is Kirby Metoxen, do you accept?

Kirby Metoxen: I accept nomination.

Tina Danforth: Thank you. The next one is Dan Skenandore; I don't have middle initial. That is Dan Skenandore, the son of Roy and Alice.

Dan G. Skenandore: That is correct, Dan G. Skenandore and I accept. Thank you.

Tina Danforth: Dan G. Skenandore accepts. Danelle Wilson do you accept?

Danelle Wilson: Thank you, I accept.

Tina Danforth: Thank you, Danelle accepts. Linda Dallas do you accept?

Linda Dallas: I accept.

Tina Danforth: Clifford Danforth, do you accept? Clifford Danforth do you accept? Third call, Clifford Danforth are you hear? Here he comes. Do you accept?

Clifford Danforth: I accept.

Tina Danforth: David Fleet Jordan do you accept.

David Jordan: I accept.

Tina Danforth: Tom Espinosa, do you accept?

Tom Espinosa: Yes, I accept, thank you.

Tina Danforth: Thank you, Tom. Corinne Robelia-Zhuckkahosee do you accept?

Corinne Robelia-Zhuckkahosee: Yes, I accept.

Tina Danforth: Thank you. Cathy Bachhuber do you accept?

Cathy Bachhuber: Yes, I accept.

Tina Danforth: Thank you, Cathy. I'm just looking over my notes. Doug Skenandore, do you accept?

Doug Skenandore: Yes, I accept.

Tina Danforth: Thank you, Doug. Amanda Gerondale, do you accept?

Amanda Gerondale: Yes, I accept.

Tina Danforth: Debra Powless, do you accept? Debra Powless, do you accept? Third call are you here Debra? Debra Powless do you accept? She must not be here. Sayokla Kindness do you accept?

Sayokla Kindness: Yes, I accept.

Tina Danforth: Thank you. Judith Nicholas do you accept?

Judith Nicholas: I accept.

Tina Danforth: Thank you. Linda Nockideneh do you accept?

Linda Nockideneh: Yes I accept.

Tina Danforth: Thank you. Mike Mousseau do you accept?

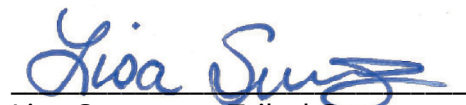
Mike Mousseau: Yes I accept.

Tina Danforth: I believe that concludes everybody. Did I skip somebody? Because I have a first name and not a second name. I think Nancy, I don't know. Nancy Skenandore. Maybe that was when she had just a question. I believe that is all the candidates who were nominated today. I'm going to ask again, did I forget anybody? Hearing none. Those are our candidates who have accepted nomination for the vacancy for the Business Committee. The election will occur on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the last day to apply for candidacy is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you everybody for your patience. There are some applications in the front of the room to my left if anyone wants to grab a nomination application form for candidacy as a Business Committee member, please come forward.

## **6. Adjourn**

Tina Danforth: There is a motion to adjourn but I do not know by whom. Linda? Linda Dallas motion to adjourn, Nancy Skenandore seconds the motion to adjourn. All those in favor say aye. Opposed. Abstentions. Please allow the elders to move to the front of the line when vacating and signing out. Please give deference to the elders who are here today and thank you everybody for your attendance.

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