



Special General Tribal Council Meeting Action Report DRAFT
6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 10, 2016
1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 2, 2016 (1st Reconvened)
6:00 p.m. Monday, November 14, 2016 (2nd Reconvened)
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 2040 Airport Dr., Green Bay, WI

The Oneida General Tribal Council met Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at a duly called meeting with 1,767 registered tribal members in attendance at 6:15 p.m. The Oneida General Tribal Council met Sunday, October 2, 2016, at a duly called meeting with 1,412 registered tribal members in attendance at 6:15 p.m. The Oneida General Tribal Council met on Monday, November 14, 2016, at a duly called meeting with 1,670 registered tribal members in attendance at 6:15 p.m.

Oneida Business Committee Attendance on August 10, 2016:

Present: Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Treasurer Trish King, Secretary Lisa Summers, Councilmembers: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth (vacation), Councilman David Jordan (personal)

Oneida Business Committee Attendance on October 2, 2016:

Present: Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth, Secretary Lisa Summers, Councilmembers: Fawn Billie, Tehassi Hill, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Treasurer Trish King (personal)

Oneida Business Committee Attendance on November 14, 2016:

Present: Chairwoman Tina Danforth, Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth, Treasurer Trish King, Secretary Lisa Summers, Councilmembers: Fawn Billie, David Jordan, Brandon Stevens, Jennifer Webster

Not Present: Councilman Tehassi Hill (personal)

1. WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

On August 10, 2016, Chairwoman Tina Danforth introduced Lloyd Powless to bring in the colors. The colors were retired. Chairwoman Tina Danforth introduced Miss Oneida, Katy Bermke; Jr. Miss Oneida, Kaylee Schuyler; and Lil Miss Oneida, Avery Nooyen to provide the opening.

October 2, 2016, Chairwoman Tina Danforth introduced Lloyd Powless to bring in the colors. The colors were retired. Chairwoman Tina Danforth introduced Loretta Metoxen to provide the opening prayer.

2. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

On August 10, 2016, Chairwoman Tina Danforth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On October 2, 2016, Chairwoman Tina Danforth called the reconvened meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

On November 14, 2016, Chairwoman Tina Danforth called the reconvened meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

3. ADOPT THE AGENDA

EXCERPT FROM AUGUST 10, 2016: Motion by Madelyn Genskow that the agenda proceed with (Items 4.A.1-5) Frank Cornelius' petition to be first; when it comes to Madelyn Genskow's petition that Item 5.B.3 Repeal the Judiciary Law resolution be first of the 3 resolutions; that the meeting will last no longer than 4 hours; that each continuation meeting will continue in 4 hour segments; and that the meeting will reconvene in 60 days or less. Seconded by Lou Ann Green.

Motion carried by show of hands

Amendment to the main motion by Linda Dallas to allow Attorney Joe Nicks, of Godfrey & Khan, and CPA Mark Diederich, of Schenck, to attend during the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation presentation. Seconded by Scharlene Kasee. **Motion carried by show of hands**
Amendment to the main motion by Cathy Metoxen to move Item 6.A. Petitioner Nancy Barton: To Open an Emergency Food Pantry to be second on the agenda. Seconded by Loretta Metoxen. **Motion carried by show of hands**

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Petitioner Frank Cornelius: Report and consider four (4) resolutions

1) Report to General Tribal Council

EXCERPT FROM AUGUST 10, 2016: Motion by Sherrole Benton to rescind the December 15, 2013 action dissolving the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation and restrict the corporation to commercial leasing activities. Seconded by Loretta Metoxen. *Motion not voted on; item tabled.*

Amendment to the main motion by Allen R. King to approve all of the BC recommendations for Items 4.A.1-4. **Chairwoman Tina Danforth ruled this motion out of order.**

Amendment to the main motion by Nancy Skenandore that we as GTC want to know who are the leaders; who are the investors; who are the attorneys; who are the stockholders; who are the owners; who are the board members; how are they paid; what do they use for collateral; for this information be provided for the last 10 years; and to be reported at the next meeting. Seconded by Cathy Metoxen. **Motion carried by show of hands**

Amendment to the main motion by Dan Hawk to allow Oneida Seven Generations Corporation to continue litigation with the City of Green Bay. Seconded by Sherrole Benton. **Motion carried by show of hands**

EXCERPT FROM AUGUST 10, 2016: Motion by Frank Cornelius to table this item. Seconded by Linda Dallas. **Motion carried by hand count: 845 support; 395 opposed; 16 abstentions**

EXCERPT FROM OCTOBER 2, 2016: Motion by Melinda J. Danforth to take the motion related to item 4.A.1. from the table. Seconded by Allen King. **Motion failed by show of hands**

2) Investigation into Oneida Seven Generations Corporation

EXCERPT FROM AUGUST 10, 2016: Motion by Sherrole Benton to reject item 4.A.2. Resolution entitled "Investigation in Oneida Seven Generations Corporation". Seconded by Donna Metoxen. **Motion carried by hand count: 655 support; 347 opposed; 69 abstentions**

Motion to vote on the call for the question by Linda Dallas. **Motion failed by show of hands**

EXCERPT FROM AUGUST 10, 2016: Motion by Nancy Barton to recess at 9:58 p.m.; to reconvene within 60 days, with the Tribal Secretary mailing out the meeting materials with the agenda. Seconded by Cathy Metoxen. **Motion carried by voice vote**

3) Enforcing salaries for Oneida Seven Generations Corporation

EXCERPT FROM OCTOBER 2, 2016: Motion by Tehassi Hill to reject item 4.A.3. Resolution entitled "Enforcing salaries for Oneida Seven Generations Corporation". Seconded by Howard Cooley. **Motion carried by show of hands**

4) Freedom of speech, press, and assembly

EXCERPT FROM OCTOBER 2, 2016: Motion by Madelyn Genskow to adopt item 4.A.4. Resolution entitled "Freedom of speech, press, and assembly". Seconded by Nancy Skenandore. **Motion failed by show of hands**

EXCERPT FROM OCTOBER 2, 2016: Motion by Carole Liggins to direct the OBC to review the word count limitation regarding opinion letters published in the Kalihwisaks. Seconded by LouAnn Green. **Motion failed by show of hands**

5) Imposing a tax on the OBC

EXCERPT FROM OCTOBER 2, 2016: Motion by Becky Webster to reject item 4.A.5. Resolution entitled "Imposing a tax on the OBC". Seconded by Sherrole Benton. **Motion carried by show of hands**

EXCERPT FROM OCTOBER 2, 2016: Motion by Frank Cornelius that the Tribal Treasurer reimburse the GTC representative, Frank L. Cornelius, for any and all costs incurred or will incur for the work related to the dissolution of the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation. Seconded by Cathy Metoxen. **Motion failed by show of hands**

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Petitioner Madelyn Genskow: Review and consider one (1) resolution regarding Fee-to-Trust Process

Item not addressed.

B. Petitioner Madelyn Genskow: Review and consider (3) resolutions

1) Business Committee Accountability

EXCERPT FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2016: Motion by Madelyn Genskow to adopt resolution 5.B.1. Business Committee Accountability. Seconded by Joey Christjohn. **Motion failed by show of hands**

Amendment to the Main Motion by Nancy Barton that all resolutions adopted by the BC be reported at the Annual and Semi-annual GTC meetings. Seconded by Gina Powless. **Motion failed by show of hands**
Amendment to the Main Motion by Nancy Barton that Secretary Lisa Summers and Treasurer Trish King be immediately suspended for 90 days without pay. Seconded by Madelyn Genskow. **Motion ruled out of order by Chairwoman Tina Danforth**

Motion to appeal the decision of the Chairwoman by Nancy Barton. **Appeal carried by hand count overturning Chairwoman's decision to rule amendment out of order: 517 support; 611 oppose; 62 abstentions**

Amendment to the Main Motion by Nancy Barton that Secretary Lisa Summers and Treasurer Trish King be immediately suspended for 90 days without pay. Seconded by Madelyn Genskow. **Motion failed by hand count: 444 support/ 762 opposed; 75 abstentions**

2) Open Records and Open Meetings Law

EXCERPT FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2016: Motion by Gina Powless to deny the resolution 5.B.2. Open Records and Open Meetings Law. Seconded by Sandy Schuyler. **Motion carried by show of hands**

3) Repeal Judiciary Law

EXCERPT FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2016: Motion by Madelyn Genskow to adopt resolution 5.B.3. Repeal the Judiciary Law and associated motions found on pages 73-75; with two amendments (in resolve on p. 74 add "family court will continue and other cases will go to original hearing bodies until the BC comes back to GTC with a better plan"). Seconded by Joey Christjohn. **Motion failed to meet 2/3 majority by hand count: (total 1264 yes/no votes, 842 required for 2/3 majority vote) 32 support; 1187 opposed; 51 abstentions**

C. Petitioner Gina D. Powless: To Create a support system for Tribal members engaged with the Oneida Judiciary

EXCERPT FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2016: Motion by Gina Powless to direct the OBC to establish a legal office consisting of advocates and an advising attorney for GTC, and be elected at the 2017 General Election, to represent employees employed by Oneida Nation, and Tribal enrolled members that have any type of litigation at the Oneida Judiciary, and to retain legal counsel specifically for GTC to advise during duly called GTC meetings, this office will not report to the OBC, but to GTC on an Annual and Semi-Annual schedule. Seconded by Robert Steffes. **Motion carried by hand count: 827 support; 201 opposed; 80 abstentions**

On November 14, 2016, Chairwoman Tina Danforth departs at 9:00 p.m. Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth assumes responsibility of the Chair.

Amendment to the main motion by Lloyd Zeise that rule changes and scheduling issues for gaming employees be reviewed. **Motion ruled out of order by Vice-Chairwoman Melinda J. Danforth**

On November 14, 2016, Chairwoman Tina Danforth returns at 9:08 p.m. and assumes responsibility of the Chair.

Amendment to the main motion by Linn Cornelius to revise the timeframe to the 2017 General Election. Seconded by Don Miller. **Motion carried by show of hands**

Amendment to the main motion by Linda Dallas to have training on a bi-annual basis that includes but is not limited to training in Judiciary laws, processes, procedures, and tribal laws that apply to it (representation of matters in front of the judiciary), to be opened to all Tribal Members; and to begin FY2018. Seconded by Brad Graham. **Motion carried by show of hands**

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Petitioner Nancy Barton: To Open an Emergency Food Pantry

EXCERPT FROM OCTOBER 2, 2016: Motion by Nancy Barton to open an emergency food pantry at the former Tower Foods building; that it be opened in 45 days; that the following be donations – buffalo, grass fed beef, apples, corn; that all food line items budgeted for programs, Boards, Committees, and Commissions be directed to the food pantry; to hire a manager and 2 warehouse workers for the pantry who are enrolled Oneida members; that the manager report quarterly to the OBC and directly to GTC at the Semi-Annual and Annual meeting; to reinstate the 2008 budget for this food pantry when the program was terminated; their supplies listed in the petition (a van for delivery and pick up, a fork lift, 2 dollies, computer software, office supplies, freezers, and refrigerators; and that one of the requirements to be eligible for food pantry would be that at least one member of the household is an enrolled Oneida member. Seconded by Mike Debraska. **Motion carried by hand count: 651 support; 387 opposed; 41 abstentions**

Amendment to the main motion by Dylan Benton that instead of pulling the food budgets from where they are now, that we pull them from the GTC stipends. **Motion ruled out of order by Chairwoman Tina Danforth**

Amendment to the main motion by Katie Hladilek to create a position who would oversee a program that helps Oneida members in financial planning and budgeting of shopping for everyday needs; and would also provide classes held at the food pantry. Seconded by Judy Jourdan. **Motion failed by show of hands**

Amendment to the main motion by Madelyn Genskow that Oneida Tribal Members or anyone to have a place to take good, used condition clothing for our people at the same facility. Seconded by Nancy Barton. **Motion failed by show of hands**

EXCERPT FROM OCTOBER 2, 2016: Motion by Nancy Barton to recess at 4:58 p.m. with a continuation meeting in 60 days or less; and that the mailing contain all of the documents regarding the rest of the petitions to be mailed to GTC. Seconded by Mike Debraska. **Motion carried by voice vote**

7. ADJOURN

EXCERPT FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2016: Motion by Linda Dallas to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. Seconded by Dylan Benton. **Motion carried by voice vote**