



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE	Monday, September 25 2023	TIME PLACE	6pm CDT Tribal HQ + Zoom	FACILITATOR	Roberta Smith
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MEMBERS			
Roberta Smith	Present	Scott B Goode	Not Present
Carrie Kneeland	Not Present	Angela Anglen Kelley	Present
Natalie Dixon	Present	Earlyne Gentry	Present
Diana Baker	Not Present	Jo Lynn Gentry	Present - Zoom
Yvonne Perryman-Matthews	Present	Others Present	Vincent Blile

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6:03pm	<p>Called to Order - Quorum established at the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's regular Constitution Committee meeting.</p>	
	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes – September 11, 2023 minutes read on the record; wording of Secretary's Recall changed to Secretary's Summary to avoid misinterpretation – minutes APPROVED</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CERTIFICATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">On __9/25/2023__ the minutes of __09/11/2023__ were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on __09/26/2023__.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attest: <u><i>Natalie Dixon</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Natalie Dixon, Secretary</p>	Natalie

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	<p>Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roll Call ii. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes – 11 SEPT 2023 iii. Confirmation of next meeting – 2 OCT 2023 	Natalie
	<p>Planned Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping • Claims Committee – Rescheduling • Secretary's Summary - Community Feedback • Town Hall Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canva Graphics ○ Communications Schedule ○ Town Hall Sheet 2 Drafting • Open Forum • Any Other Business 	
Minutes Begin		
	<p>Discussion on last meeting with Grievance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More debate on sanctions being added to Constitution • Discussion on the feelings of tribal citizens with regards to the current inability to sanction tribal politicians • Need established to get all tribal resolutions from Secretary-Treasurer of the Nation as they are tribal laws and our current knowledge/access of them is piecemeal • Further discussion on hypothetical Grievance procedures that include sanctioning 	
	<p>Discussion on meeting with all Committees prior to Town Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need recognized to meet with all Committees prior to Town Hall in order to have a good basis for discussion • Addition of Meetings for Scheduling (put chronologically) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oct 2 – Grievance Committee (2nd mtg) ○ Oct 16 – Natalie to email member of Tax Commission for possible meeting this day ○ Oct 23 – Natalie will ask Diana for Claims Committee Rescheduling ○ Oct 24 or 30 or 31 – Possibly Scott to contact BC for meeting us at one of our meetings or theirs • Meeting time for November 4th – Natalie will be at Community Building at 11am for set-up • Jo Lynn flying into town for this Town Hall meeting 	

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	<p>Discussion of Secretary's Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95 responses total to survey, about 75% are online ones • Review of community feedback written in surveys since last discussion on the topic 	
	<p>Discussion regarding November 4th logistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Zoom for digital platform – ask that participants remain muted as it will be too much to have 2 rooms of people making noise, need to allow for “raise hand” or chat box question participation • Secretary asks Vincent Blile if he will be present at Town Hall and able to help with Zoom monitoring/set-up, he replies possibly depending on work – rest of Committee discusses payment for requested helpers • Discussion on having a Code of Ethics in Constitution, currently only in Article XII of Grievance Ordinance, possible topic for future Town Hall • Discussion on other tribes’ implementation of their Codes of Ethics; Osage Nation, Prairie Band Pottawatomini mentioned • Discussion on the hypothetical restrictions and implementation of a Code of Ethics in our tribal community, including on elected officials and tribal administration • Committee reviews graphics made for Town Hall meetings – 1 general infographic on the meetings, what they are for and what ones we are planning & 1 specific flyer graphic for our November 4th Town Hall meeting • Following Communications protocol decided on to inform tribal members on Town Hall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1x/week notification for October, then 2x/week notification for week prior, incl Friday before ○ Notice to be given thru following arenas: text notification system, tribal Facebook pages, posting on tribal complex doors 	
	<p>Discussion over Town Hall handout sheets for community -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referendum vs resolution possibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resolution to give power to the floor at General Council Meetings, referendum to allow for at-large input on elections as well as other matters that would require the participation of at-large voters ○ Discussion on the historical balloted & other General Council Meeting elections ○ Discussion on the meaning and association of the word referendum – average voter will probably 	

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	<p style="text-align: center;">think of past Secretarial Referenda that require a 2/3rd vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the vague language in our Constitution and how historical court cases have led to a dismissal in Federal Court due to such language • Committee continues debate on the definition and layperson's understanding of the word "referendum" 	
7:54pm	Committee breaks	
7:58pm	Committee returns	
	Committee agrees table the definition of referendum	
8:03pm	Motion #10 (Angela/Earlyne) - to adjourn meeting - unanimous committee vote – motion carried	