



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE	Tuesday, April 09, 2024	TIME PLACE	6:30pm CT Zoom	FACILITATOR	Carrie Kneeland
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MEMBERS			
Roberta Smith	Present later – Zoom	Scott B Goode	Present – Zoom
Carrie Kneeland	Present – Zoom	Angela Anglen Kelley	Present – Zoom
Natalie Dixon	Present – Zoom	Earlyne Gentry	Present later – Zoom
Kristi Birdsong Blansett	Present – Zoom	Jo Lynn Gentry	Present – Zoom
Yvonne Perryman-Matthews	Present – Zoom	Others Present	n/a

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6:30pm	<p>Called to Order - Quorum established at the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's regular Constitution Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting.</p>	Carrie
	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes – April 01, 2024 minutes spoken to, several minor corrections to the record for ease of understanding and scheduled start time – minutes APPROVED</p> <p>Motion #22 (Angela/Scott) - to approve the minutes as corrected - unanimous committee vote – motion carried</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CERTIFICATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">On <u>04/09/2024</u> the minutes of <u>04/01/2024</u> were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on <u>04/11/2024</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attest: <u>Natalie Dixon</u></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Natalie Dixon, Secretary</p>	Natalie

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	Housekeeping <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roll Call ii. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes – APR 01, 2024 iii. Confirmation of next meeting – APR 12, 2024 	Natalie
--	Planned Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping • Finalizing the Initial Advisory Report • Any Other Business • Next Constitution meeting 04/12/2024 @ 6:30pm 	
Minutes Begin		
	After the Approval of the Minutes, CAC begins reviewing and approving paragraph-by-paragraph the Initial Advisory Report. Document includes 30+ pages and is not outlined paragraph-by-paragraph in these minutes due to upcoming distribution.	
6:35pm	Earlyne and Roberta arrive within a minute of each other after the Approval of the Minutes with all others listed present.	
	Discussion regarding May 4, 2024 scheduled Town Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davey Blansett may be unable to help with set-up due to prior work commitment • Matter tabled 	
	CAC continues reviewing the Initial Advisory Report paragraph-by-paragraph	
7:38pm	Discussion regarding the possible naming conventions for our Nation and our people and the usage of each name <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian or American Indian – government identification • Native American – referring to Turtle Island/North America based communities, can be confusing in context • Indigenous – being tied to the land • Hodinhsō:nīh – Cayuga language for Haudenosaunee • Onqodowá'ga:' - Gayogohó:nq' Gohwejo'dę:' - Cayuga language for "Seneca-Cayuga Nation" • Qgwehoweh – Cayuga language for "Real Peoples," meaning American Indian/Native American peoples 	

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	CAC continues reviewing the Initial Advisory Report paragraph-by-paragraph	
	<p>CAC discusses Standing Committee recommendations in Initial Advisory Report, agrees to the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Standing Committees should have 5 members, except for the Enrollment Committee. • No Standing Committee, Business Committee, or subcommittee should have immediate family members on the same committee. • All Standing Committees be governed by the General Council. 	
	<p>CAC discusses Grievance Committee recommendations, agrees to add the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No tribal funding or property will be used to defend against a Grievance, the accused will use their personal funds for this matter. 	
	<p>CAC discusses Claims Committee recommendations, agrees to add the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Claims Ordinance should always have an appellate process for denied Claims. 	
8:56pm	<p>CAC discusses Election Committee recommendations, agrees to add the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal citizenship cannot be redetermined at the time of application for candidacy 	
	<p>CAC discusses Enrollment Committee recommendations, agrees to the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers of the Enrollment Committee include the processing of all enrollment applications and citizenship decisions, including the final determination of eligibility which can be appealed only to the General Council • With a Secretary-Treasurers split, the Secretary would be the Business Committee liaison for the Enrollment Committee, as well as a non-voting member 	
	CAC agrees to resume reviewing the Initial Advisory Report on Friday, April 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm and possibly Sunday April 14, 2024 @ 6:30pm if needed	

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	Confirmation of next meeting on April 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm	
9:27pm	Meeting Adjourned by Group Consensus	