



# SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

## CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

<b>DATE</b>	Sunday, April 14, 2024	<b>TIME PLACE</b>	6:30pm CT Zoom	<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Carrie Kneeland
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MEMBERS			
<b>Roberta Smith</b>	Present later - Zoom	<b>Scott B Goode</b>	Present – Zoom
<b>Carrie Kneeland</b>	Present – Zoom	<b>Angela Anglen Kelley</b>	Not Present
<b>Natalie Dixon</b>	Present – Zoom	<b>Earlyne Gentry</b>	Present – Zoom
<b>Kristi Birdsong Blansett</b>	Present – Zoom	<b>Jo Lynn Gentry</b>	Present – Zoom
<b>Yvonne Perryman-Matthews</b>	Present later - Zoom	Others Present	n/a

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6:32pm	<p><b>Called to Order</b> - Quorum established at the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's special Constitution Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting.</p>	Carrie
	<p><b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b> – April 12, 2024 minutes not reviewed on April 14, 2024 due to time constraints, minutes reviewed and approved on April 16, 2024 with minor corrections to the record– <b>minutes APPROVED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CERTIFICATION</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">On <u>04/16/2024</u> the minutes of <u>04/12/2024</u> were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on <u>04/19/2024</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Attest:</b> <u>Natalie Dixon</u>  <b>Natalie Dixon, Secretary</b> </p>	Natalie

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	<p><b>Housekeeping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Roll Call</li> <li>ii. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes – APR 12, 2024</li> <li>iii. Confirmation of next meeting – APR 29, 2024</li> </ul>	Natalie
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<b>Minutes Begin</b>		
	<p><b>CAC discusses distribution of Initial Advisory Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report first going to the BC as they created our subcommittee</li> <li>• Important for the General Council to read and understand their Constitution and By-Laws and any changes or recommendations made to them</li> </ul>	
6:39pm	<p><b>Yvonne and Roberta enter the meeting within 2 minutes of each other</b></p>	
	<p><b>CAC continues discussing the distribution of the Initial Advisory Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 4, 2024 Town Hall is planned for one purpose, going over the Initial Advisory Report with tribal citizens</li> <li>• We will have a conversation with the Business Committee (BC) regarding releasing said report at our Town Hall meeting on May 4, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If prohibited by the BC then we will have to cancel the Town Hall</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<p><b>CAC continues 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.</b></p>	
	<p><b>CAC agrees that the following should be added to the Language/Culture section</b></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The words "protect, preserve and perpetuate" should be used in any future rewrites when referencing our language and culture.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>CAC continues reviewing the Initial Advisory Report paragraph-by-paragraph</b></p>	
	<p><b>CAC agrees to add the following to the Sanctioning and Due Process section</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due process rights include the right to a fair trial and an impartial finder of fact</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>CAC debates the use of naming conventions regarding a potential Code of Ethics and Ethics Ordinances as Tribal Legislation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ordinance would cover policy and procedure; a Code of Ethics is grander and seems more absolute</li> <li>Standardization of the use of Ordinance may be necessary</li> <li>CAC agrees that a Code of Ethics should be under the Tribal Governing Document section of a Tribal Legislation hierarchy, and an Ethics Ordinance would be considered an Ordinance</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>CAC continues reviewing the Initial Advisory Report paragraph-by-paragraph</b></p>	
	<p><b>CAC reviews Constitution Article VIII – Annual Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Motion #25 (Scott/Natalie)</b> - to include [previously] drafted paragraphs in Initial Advisory Report regarding the timing of the Annual Meeting- <b>split committee vote – motion carried 5Y to 3N – yeas were Carrie, Yvonne, Scott, Natalie, Jo Lynn / nos were Kristi, Roberta, Earlyne</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bulletpoint was added to the Initial Advisory Report via Motion #25, passing with 5 yeas and 3 nos, with 1 CAC member absent. The 5 yes votes were Carrie, Yvonne, Scott, Natalie, and Jo Lynn, and the 3 no votes were Kristi, Roberta, and Earlyne. Angela was absent for this vote. Those who voted no did not want the Annual Meeting of the General Council to be moved to August.</li> </ul>	
7:57pm	<p><b>Scott, Jo Lynn, Roberta leave the meeting</b></p>	
	<p><b>CAC discusses previously drafted Code of Ethics document and its purposes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some CAC members present are not sure they want to include the Code of Ethics in the Initial Advisory Report</li> </ul>	

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	email if there are further changes to be made to the document before it moves forward	
8:28pm	<b>Quorum lost when Earlyne's device drops</b>	
8:32pm	<p><b>Earlyne returns to meeting via phone call with Kristi, who relays questions and comments as necessary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All CAC members present have reviewed Code of Ethics and like what is in it</li> <li>• CAC members present discuss necessary watermarks and disclaimers for the Code of Ethics if distributed to the Business Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CAC agrees that a Disclaimer front page and watermark on each page is necessary</li> <li>○ Disclaimer includes the name of those who had reviewed the Code of Ethics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
10:02pm	<b>Meeting Adjourned by Group Consensus</b>	