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	ii. Confirmation of next meeting – FEB 02, 2026	
--	<p>Planned Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping • Comments and Discussion on Jan 07, 2026 meeting • Secretary-Treasurer Duties • Facebook polling? • Open Forum • Next Constitution meeting 02/02/2026 @ 6pm 	
Minutes Begin		
	<p>Social Media Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible polling questions on the Facebook page <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should the Secretary-Treasurer position be split? ○ What do you believe a Business Committee member’s duties should be? ○ Does the Chief have a duty to delegate or direct other Officers to do their duties? ○ What do you think the Business Committee is for? 	
	<p>Review of Constitution Committee work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 31 deadline - General Council Resolution for each concept and also each amendment (eg. Secretary-Treasurer split, proposed duties, dual enrollment etc.) • Corporate Charter was mentioned in original 1937 Constitution to include Business Committee purposes • There is no accountability on elected officials when campaigning or once they are in office • General Council member states they believe Standing Committees should be able to run on their own • Lack of accountability in Business Committee seen recently when Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budgets were not passed until 3 months in, as well as prior FY2025 budgets were not passed until long after the start of FY2026 • Lack of accountability seen when employees have no oversight by elected officials and mistakes are made that result in tribal operations funds being spent 	

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	<p>instead of federal grant monies that were already earmarked for that purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes missing draw-down deadlines and paying grant funds back with tribal funds on goods that were mistakenly ineligible to be bought with grant money ● General Council member and prior employee during administration in 2010s noted a \$100,000 discrepancy during routine accounting reviews ● Business Committee member present states that current Accounting Department handles grant reporting, audit prep, distributions from enterprises into all accounts ● The Nation is currently thinking about hiring CFO for many enterprises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Former CFO from years ago was prosecuted for alleged embezzlement from the Nation ○ Constitution Committee member asks what's the point of paying a CFO and a Treasurer ● Constitution Committee member states that the Treasurer position needs to be more than an auditor, a Treasurer needs to be able to function with or without processes already in place and to be able to look at the big picture including doing tribal budgets and market research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accounting Department also regularly does budgets ● Financial duties of the Corporate Charter reviewed : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To deposit corporate funds in either (1) a National Bank within the State of Oklahoma (2) in the Postal Savings Bank or (3) with a bonded disbursing officer of the US (Corporate Charter 3g) ○ To borrow money from any governmental agency (Corporate Charter 3f) ○ All corporate debts due at that time must be paid before citizens may receive distributions (Corporate Charter 4f) ● A separate Secretary and a separate Treasurer would be able to work in tandem as checks and balances for grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For federal agency online portals it is typically 	

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	<p>the Chief or Secretary-Treasurer who has access to said portals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary-Treasurer does provide documents to Business Committee members when asked • Discussion on Constitution Article II – Object of the Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently reads: “The object shall be to promote the general welfare of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation.” ○ It has been suggested to add “and its members.” after the name of the Nation to ensure there is accountability to the Nation’s citizens ○ This can be another amendment if other amendments cannot be finished before the self-imposed March 31 deadline • Need identified for a severalty clause that allows for any Constitution or By-Laws provisions that are declared unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable to be severed to allow for the rest of the Constitution and By-Laws to remain in effect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can be placed close to the section for a tribal legislative hierarchy • Job experience and/or education as a qualification for a Secretary and/or Treasurer office suggested • Salary tiers for elected officers suggested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chief and Treasurer – Tier 1 ○ Secretary and 2nd Chief – Tier 2 ○ Councilpeople – Tier 3 • Most recent Special Meeting of the General Council included a proposed General Council Resolution on nepotism that defined immediate family and required public notification and immediate recusal • There is both a difference and an overlap between the job of Chief’s duties as Chairperson of the Business Committee and a Chairperson for a Standing Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This can be addressed via separate sections for duties of Chairs that are encountered across all Committees and the specific Business Committee Chair duties being under Chief’s duties 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="440 184 1182 254">• The Election Committee is an appropriate Committee to do a quorum count 	
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8:06pm	Motion #17 (Jo Lynn/Roberta) – to adjourn - unanimous committee vote – motion carried	