



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE	Friday, July 10, 2026	TIME PLACE	4 pm CT Zoom	FACILITATOR	Carrie Kneeland
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MEMBERS			
Roberta Smith	Present	Yvonne Perryman	Present
Carrie Kneeland	Present	Jo Lynn Gentry	Present
Kristi Blansett	Present	Others Present:	Curt Lawrence – Present via Zoom 3 members of the General Council

TIME	ITEM	OWNER
–	Planned Agenda • Approval of Minutes • Unfinished Business: - Review of General Council Resolution - Follow up on Outstanding Request to Secretary Treasurer Melissa Morrison-Recourse for continued lack of response. • Review of proposed Constitution amendments. • Status of signature collection for Special Meeting • Review Resolution 01-060708 Discuss next steps • Housekeeping • Open Forum • • Next Constitution meeting 07/19/2026 @ 11 am (CT) • Adjournment	Carrie

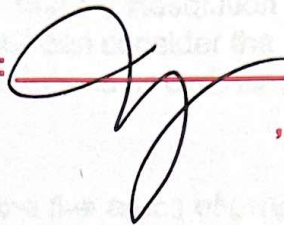
Approval of Previous Minutes – postponed until July 19, 2026.
Minutes pending approval are April 29, 2026, May 11, 2026 and May 25, 2026.

Minutes from June 22, 2026 approved as amended.

CERTIFICATION

On July 10, 2026 the minutes of June 22, 2026 were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on July 10, 2026.

Attest:



, Secretary

Minutes Begin

**4:06 p.m.
(CT)**

Roll Call. All Committee members present.

Discussion and agreement to approve outstanding minutes on July 19, 2026. Outstanding Minutes are from meetings held on April 29, May 11 and May 25, 2026.

Minutes from June 22, 2026 approved as amended.
(Roberta/Carrie)

The Committee will work with the Elections Committee to address Resolution R-01 060708. A copy of the Resolution will be mailed to both the Constitution and Elections Committee prior to the August 17 meeting. The Committee (Roberta) and Chief will attempt to locate minutes from the meetings June 7, 2008 and June 21, 2008 so the intent of the Resolution can be determined.

On June 15, 2026, the Committee chair sent a letter to the Secretary Treasurer via email requesting several documents. The requested documents include information on Constitution Compensation and Budget, Zoom purchase reimbursement and the signed Resolution creating the Constitution Committee. There has been no response so a follow up letter will be sent. If our requests for information continue to be ignored, the Committee will determine what recourse will be appropriate.

Jo Lynn

Carrie

The Committee discussed meeting with the Business Committee to determine if any of the proposed changes to the Constitution can be accomplished via a Resolution or Ordinance. All of the proposed changes were determined in response to happenings and events that occurred within the tribe in recent years and so are considered essential but the Committee also recognizes that too much change to the Constitution may be overwhelming to do at one time so if some of the changes can be accomplished via Resolution or Ordinance, the General Council can consider the changes over time as the Resolutions or Ordinances are implemented.

The Committee will examine the five areas of proposed change and determine which should proceed by constitutional amendment and which may be appropriate to enact via Resolution or Ordinance.

Prior to any meeting with the Business Committee, the Constitution Committee will draft a summary of why each amendment is proposed and the intent of the suggested language.

The first proposed amendment is the word change to the Membership section. The Committee proposes to add the word "biological" to clarify that membership in the tribe is limited only to biological lineal descendants and not to those adopted by tribal members but who, on their own, are not biological descendants of anyone on the 1937 roll.

To demonstrate why this change is necessary, Roberta will prepare a summary of families that have submitted applications for enrollment following an adoption but whose applicant is not a biological lineal descendant. Confidentiality will be maintained as family names will not be disclosed.

If and when this proposed change is enacted either by constitutional amendment or otherwise, the Enrollment ordinance will need to be updated to reflect the change.

Other proposed changes are to adopt a standardized oath of office for all incoming officers and committee members to take.

	A third area of amendment is to define duties and responsibilities of each office. The Committee proposes to create a questionnaire for each position on the Business Committee and request each current office holder to complete the questionnaire in advance of meeting with the Committee. Old Business: At the June 22, meeting, the Committee discussed making an effort to determine when absentee voting began and under what authority. Committee discussed on-going collection of signatures for a Special Meeting. Prior to the next meeting, committee members will review Google Docs and past election ordinances. Confirmation of next meeting on July 19, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m. (CT)	
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TIME	ITEM	OWNER
5:38 pm (CT)	Motion (/Roberta/Kristi) – to adjourn meeting - unanimous committee vote to adjourn	

Seneca–Cayuga Nation Constitution Committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: July 10, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m. CT

Location: Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes

A. Review and approval of outstanding meeting minutes

B. Approval of the June 22, 2026, meeting minutes

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Review of General Council Resolution

B. Follow-Up on Outstanding Request to Secretary/Treasurer Melissa Morrison

- Discussion and possible action regarding the outstanding response to the committee's request.

C. Constitution

- Review of existing amendment proposals
- Discussion of special meeting and signature list

V. New Business

A. Discussion of potential constitutional amendments

VI. Open Forum

VII. Announcements

A. Next Meeting: July 19, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment