



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE	Monday August 31, 2026	TIME PLACE	6 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		Curt Lawrence – Present via Zoom 4 members of the General Council

TIME	ITEM	OWNER
–	I. Call to Order II. Roll Call III. Reading and approval of minutes • Approval of Minutes August 17 and 19, 2026 IV Unfinished Business: A. Minutes from April 29, May 11 & May 25, 2026 B. Special Meeting of the General Council C. Suggested agenda items for Special Meeting A draft summary of proposed action regarding R01-060708 including proposed agenda items. V Open Forum Follow up regarding outstanding requests to the Secretary/Treasurer Melissa Morrison: 1. Itemized expense report for June 7, 2025-May 31, 2026 2. CC Budget inclusion and Process 3. Follow up on email correspondence to April Gonzalez regarding the request for itemized Constitution Committee expense report for June 7, 2025 to May 31, 2026 and the 2026 budget for the Constitution Committee.	Carrie Jo Lynn Carrie

	VI Announcements • • Next Constitution meeting 09/14/2026 @ 6 pm (CT) • Adjournment	
Approval of Previous Minutes – Minutes from April 29, 2026, May 11, 2026 and May 25, 2026 approved with minor corrections. Minutes from August 17 and 19, 2026 approved as amended. <u>CERTIFICATION</u> On August 31, 2026 the minutes of August 17 and August 19, 2026 were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on August 31, 2026 Attest:  _____, Secretary		
Minutes Begin		
6:03 p.m. (CT)	Roll Call. All Committee members present Discussion and agreement to approve minutes from Aug. 17 and 19, 2026. Also approve outstanding Minutes from meetings held on April 29, May 11 and May 25, 2026. The Committee began discussing a proposed agenda for a special meeting. Included on the agenda should be a resolution to rescind Resolution R-01 060708 and another to allow absentee voting.	Jo Lynn Carrie

	The committee also discussed including codification of Resolutions and Ordinances on the agenda. The codification process began and many of the laws have been codified but then the process stopped because the Secretary Treasurer will not allow access to resolutions on file. Codification is necessary and the need became more apparent when it was discovered there are two competing versions of Resolution 01-060708. There is at least one other example of two resolutions that bear the same number and in that other resolution, the discrepancy between the two versions is significant. Funding to complete the codification is available but will expire December 31, 2026 and the funds will be lost, at least for this grant period. The Committee requested several documents from the Secretary Treasurer but the documents have not been received. The Committee will email a list of requested documents to Curt Lawrence as our liaison to the Business Committee in an effort to try to get the information. A member of the General Council wondered why the Committee has not filed a grievance against the Secretary Treasurer due to the perceived failure to perform her duties. The Committee is trying to secure the format for a budget so we can submit a budget for 2027.	
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6:58 pm (CT)	Motion (Roberta/Carrie) – to adjourn meeting - unanimous committee vote to adjourn	