SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE	Monday, October 12, 2026	TIME PLACE	6:00 p.m.. CT Zoom	FACILITATOR	Carrie Kneeland

MEMBERS			
Roberta Smith	Present	**Yvonne Perryman**	Present
Carrie Kneeland	Present	**Jo Lynn Gentry**	Present
Kristi Blansett	Present	Others Present:	**1 member of General Council**

TIME	ITEM	OWNER
–	**Planned Agenda** • Approval of Minutes • Website/Social Media • Unfinished Business Budget submitted • Housekeeping • Open Forum • • Next Constitution meeting 10/12/2026 @ 6pm • Adjournment	

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from September 14, 2026 approved as amended.

CERTIFICATION

On September 28, 2026, the minutes of September 28, 2026 were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on October 14, 2026

Attest: _____, Secretary

Minutes Begin		
6:00 p.m (CT)	Meeting called to Order	Carrie
6:00 (CT)	o Roll Call	Jo Lynn
	o Approval of Minutes. Unanimous Committee vote in favor.	Carrie
	o The Constitution Committee will have a working meeting with the Business Committee before the Special Meeting that is scheduled for Nov. 7. The meeting is scheduled October 20, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (CT). Future action items will be discussed. Proposed topics include 1) the power of committees, i.e. the Claims Committee; 2) Oversight of the GC committees; 3) the Election Committee and 4) defining the General Council. The Oath of Office used following the most recent election was not the oath proposed by the Constitution Committee. The oath has not yet been adopted so that is likely why it was not used. The Committee will raise the Oath at the October 20 meeting. Information for the November 7 meeting needs to be posted so the membership has an opportunity to read the proposed resolutions prior to the meeting. If the Resolution 01-060708 is rescinded, is the election ordinance that goes back into effect the one passed in 2004? If so, absentee voting is allowed BUT the procedure outlined assumes paper ballots. In order to allow electronic absentee votes, the ordinance will need to be amended or the Resolution approving absentee voting will need to state that absentee voting is allowed regardless of the method of voting used. At the working meeting with the Business Committee, we also need to discuss whether the election committee is appointed or elected. Another topic is how the Benefits staff work with the	

	Benefits Committee. Reportedly, staff gather the required information and once an application is complete, it is referred to the Committee for approval. What happens if the Elections Committee (or any other committee) decides not to do their job? Who has oversight? There is a policy and procedure manual that was adopted in 2010 but reportedly it is not followed as it is out-of-date. Rather than update it, it was essentially just set aside. Does it need to be updated? A final topic to be addressed is the difference between the General Council vs the General Council meeting. The use of the terms is confusing. Confirmation of meeting with the Business Committee is October 20, 2026. Confirmation of next Committee meeting on October 26, 2026 @ 6 p.m.(CT).	

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6:53 p.m. CT	Roberta moves to adjourn. Yvonne seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent	