

# SENECA - CAYUGA NATION

ELECTION COMMITTEE

## Election Notice Annual Meeting of the General Council 6-7-25 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Seneca-Cayuga Nation Community Building

### Candidates:

Secretary/Treasurer

Kristi Birdsong Blansett  
Nina Short  
Melissa Morrison

4th Grievance

Shawn Stovall

Benefits Committee


Jackie Sanchez  
Lori Mcanally  
Kiamichi Saulter  
Gwynn Perry  
Francis Foreman

This will be an in person election. No absentee voting per Resolution #077-012825.



Raylene Hackler, Election Committee Chairperson

3-24-25  
Date



Enrollment Officer

3-24-25  
Date

Kristi Birdsong Blansett

I have filed for the Secretary-Treasurer position, and I am asking for your support in the upcoming election. With several years of experience as a revenue auditor, accounting clerk, and compliance officer, I've developed a strong understanding of regulatory requirements and risk management. My professional journey has been built on a foundation of integrity and attention to detail. In addition to my professional career, I'm a co-owner of a small business, where I apply my skills and entrepreneurial spirit while embracing any challenges that may arise.

In the past I have had the privilege of serving on the Constitution Advisory Committee, and I am currently serving as Secretary on the Ad Hoc committee that was created in 2024 to follow up on a motion that was presented at the June 2024 annual meeting of the General Council.

I am a member of the Birdsong-Logan family. I grew up in Jay and have resided in Grove for the past 15 years, I am married to my husband of 14 years Davey Blansett, who is a member of the Brown-Charloe-Diebold family. Above all, I am deeply connected to my tribal nation, a source of strength, pride, and unwavering love.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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My name is Melissa "Miss" Morrison and I am honored to announce my candidacy for the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's Secretary-Treasurer position. I take great pride in my family heritage. I am of the Deer Clan (Southside), great-granddaughter of the late David "Babe" Logan, granddaughter of the late Frances "Jackie" Birdsong (Logan), and daughter of Lisa Morrison (Birdsong). I also have three children: Jairdan, Keirdyn and Kaeson.

I attended NEO A&M College then proceeded to OSU to obtain a degree in Business. In addition to my degree, have also obtained numerous certificates for various educational purposes. I am also a licensed Medical Micropigmentationologist.

I worked for our Nation for approximately 8 years. My first position with the Nation was the Resource and Referral for the CCDF program. I later became the Receptionist/Travel Coordinator/LIHEAP Coordinator. During that time, I was also cross-trained to be the backup person for the Tag Office, Enrollment Office and the Community Health Representative. In addition to these roles, I also assisted other various tribal programs as needed.

After departing the tribe, I worked for an accounting services company for 10+ years. I was the Executive Assistant to the President prior to being promoted to the Treasury Associate.

Throughout my career, I have developed numerous skills including budgeting, financial reporting, record-keeping, and fostering collaboration within teams.

I am committed to improving the financial health of our Nation by implementing efficient financial systems, maintaining accurate records, and ensuring all financial dealings are handled with the utmost accountability.

If elected, my focus will be on:

1. **Financial Accountability:** Ensuring transparent budgeting and reporting to the tribal members to the best of my ability.
2. **Efficiency & Integrity:** Streamlining financial operations and implementing policies to safeguard our resources.
3. **Community Engagement:** Actively communicating with tribal members to ensure their voices are heard in financial matters and decisions.
4. **Sustainability:** Working to create long-term strategies that will help us grow financially and ensure the prosperity of future generations.

The Secretary-Treasurer also acts as the Chairman of the Enrollment Committee. I believe that the enrollment process is a cornerstone of tribal identity and I will be committed to ensuring that all eligible members are accurately enrolled, with respect for the history and heritage of our Nation. If elected, I will also focus on maintaining the integrity of the enrollment process, fostering clear communication, and working collaboratively with the members to address any concerns that may arise.

Our Nation needs a lot of work in various aspects. Change can be difficult, however, change needs to happen in order for us to grow. And it's time for us to grow!

With dedication and purpose, I humbly ask for your vote as I feel I have a lot to contribute to serving our people while upholding the Constitution and By-Laws of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation.

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Melissa "Miss" Morrison

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer, Seneca-Cayuga Nation



## **Nina Short**

I am honored and excited to announce my candidacy for Secretary-Treasurer of our great Nation. As a proud and passionate member of our tribe and a dedicated business owner, I bring hands-on experience in financial management, budgeting, and economic development—skills that are essential for the responsible stewardship of our Nation's resources.

Owning and operating my own business has given me a deep understanding of financial responsibility, strategic decision-making, and long-term sustainability. My involvement in our traditions keeps me grounded in the values that define us as a people, and these principles will positively guide my decision-making as we strive for growth on the business side. By blending our rich heritage with smart economic planning, we can create a future that honors who we are while expanding opportunities for our Nation.

My vision is to ensure that our tribe's resources are managed wisely, with a focus on sustainability, growth, and the well-being of our people. I am passionate about working alongside the Business Committee and, most importantly, with you—the members of our Nation—to improve financial stability and make decisions that reflect our shared values.

Together, we can honor our traditions while building a strong, secure future for generations to come.

Thank you for your support—I'm excited to see everyone in June!