

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2024

AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NORBERT NEZ TO THE NAVAJO TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has oversight authority with respect to communications and utilities. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C).
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to confirm all appointments to boards and commissions. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 701(A)(1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (or the "Commission") is established under 2 N.N.C. §§ 3451-3455.
- B. The Commission consists of seven (7) Commissioners appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation and confirmed by the appropriate committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 3454(A).
- C. An appointment to the Commission shall be for a period of four (4) years. 2 N.N.C. § 3454(B).
- D. The President of the Navajo Nation has reappointed Norbert Nez to the Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission. The appointment letter is attached as Exhibit A, Mr. Nez's letter of interest is attached as Exhibit B and Mr. Nez's resume is attached as Exhibit C.
- E. Mr. Nez has previously served on the Commission, with his previous term ending on September 30, 2023.
- F. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to confirm the reappointment of Mr. Norbert Nez to the Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2027.

SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION

The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, on the recommendation of Resources and Development Committee, hereby confirms the reappointment of Norbert Nez to the Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a term beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2027.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 17 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 11th day of April 2024.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Chairwoman
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

4/12/2024

Date

Motion: Honorable Curtis Yanito
Second: Honorable Shaandiin Parrish

Chairwoman Crystalyne Curley not voting



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** / PRESIDENT
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December 11, 2023

Norbert Nez
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Nez:

Thank you for submitting a letter of interest to serve another term on the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NNTRC). I am pleased to reappoint you to the NNTRC for another four-year term.

With your background and expansive experience in the industry and with the Navajo Nation, I believe you are qualified and will continue to do good work for the Navajo Nation and Navajo people as a Commissioner on the NNTRC.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Naabi'k'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the Navajo Nation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

Honorable Dr. Buu Nygren
Navajo Nation President

September 1, 2023

Dear President Nygren:

I am writing to express my interest in being re-appointed to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission as a Commissioner. I want to thank you for selecting me to serve on the commission during the 2017-2018 year. However, as you are aware, due to the staggered terms being re-introduced, my term ends in September 2018, hardly a year after confirmation. I wish to continue what we at the NNTRC have just begun and continue working toward making the telecommunications regulatory landscape on the Navajo Nation one that supports both the businesses and the Navajo people alike.

I know you have placed trust in me by selecting me for the commissioner seat and I wish to continue what we have started in the Commission. Even though the Commission has only been active for about 5 months now, we have begun addressing some much needed issues like re-examining tower regulation on the Navajo Nation, examining the communications inventory for the entire Navajo Nation, reviewing necessary changes to the NNTRC plan of operation including reducing membership to five commissioners, establishing an expenditure plan for fees and fines that NNTRC will be collecting, addressing potential issues with E-rate for Navajo Nation schools, and reviewing recent FCC policy changes. Going forward, the NNTRC is planning on taking on more challenges and revamping the structure of telecommunications regulation on the Navajo Nation to meet the current, modern requirements. Telecommunications and technology are changing so fast that the NNTRC needs to move quickly to ensure that continued growth and provision of needed telecommunications services is available for the Navajo Nation.

Thank you for your consideration to re-appoint me and allow me to continue my service on the NNTRC Commission and I look forward to speaking with you or your staff about this important opportunity.

Sincerely,



Norbert Nez, Commissioner
Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

Norbert Nez

Phone: [REDACTED]

EDUCATION

Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire

B.A. Computer Science

Coursework:

Microprocessor Design
Software Engineering and Design Concepts
Compiler Design
Graphics Programming

Minor:

Native American Studies

EXPERIENCE

Navajo Nation Division of Community Development • Computer Operations Manager
Window Rock, Arizona • June 1998-Current

Responsible for management of all technology matters for the Division, Agencies, and Chapters; Managed multiple technology grants totaling over \$10 million, including a series of Gates Foundation computer and Internet grants for Chapters and a U.S. Department of Commerce grant to initiate web-based training and content distribution projects for the Chapters; Grant management activities included grant development, budget development and management, planning, reporting, records management, procurement, contract development and administration, project management and coordination of grant activities with Navajo Nation offices; managed several e-government web application projects for electronic delivery of services to Navajo communities for capital project management, infrastructure planning and management, budget development, community resource and information database management, the DCD web portal system, computer and technology policy development; responsible for developing a 5-year technology plan for the division; headed the Division's Information Management team for division-wide technology planning; supervised technology personnel and grant-funded personnel; Oversaw tech support activities at 110 Chapters, agency offices, and central offices; Managed division server and network infrastructure systems; Managed division technology procurement activities; Maintained contacts with strategic partners and leveraged partners for division projects; Researched and developed additional grants for technology projects; As part of the Division's budget team, helped prepare the annual Division budget and helped present budget to the Division's oversight committee.

Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission • Commissioner
Window Rock, Arizona • August 2002-September 2007 • September 2012-Present

Worked on establishing a plan of operation for the commission and the administrative office; helped develop rules and regulations to begin oversight of telecommunications activities on the Navajo Nation; helped develop rules of procedure to govern Commission meetings; Worked closely with attorneys to develop legislation that clarified commission authority and powers and strengthened the Commission's authority over telecommunications; Met with various telecommunications entities including FCC and state regulatory bodies to develop working relationships and to gather information for policy-making; Made major inroads at the FCC level through continuous interaction with policy makers and submission of responses to requests for comments; Worked with attorneys to develop a fund management plan for processing incoming fee payments from telecom providers; Helped draft policy statements for Navajo

Nation and FCC requests; Helped provide reports to Navajo Nation oversight committees; Resolved telecommunications-related issues; Oversaw overall telecommunications-related activity on the Navajo Nation; and worked on developing the annual commission budget.

Dilcon Community School, Inc. • Governing Board Vice-President
Dilkon, Arizona • February 2002-May 2005

Provided management and decision-making capacity to restore a good foundation for overall school operation including: fiscal management, personnel management, policy development, planning, curriculum development, and project management; Provided direction for technology personnel and technology projects; Helped the school to secure much needed federal funding to replace the aging school campus; Met with key leadership at the state and federal level to accelerate and prioritize school construction in order to complete construction activities in record time; Provided vision and leadership for the revision of several foundational school policies and procedures;

Navajo Housing Services Department • Housing Specialist
Window Rock, Arizona • December 1995-December 1997

Worked closely with department leadership and attorneys to redesign and develop a comprehensive set of Navajo Nation Housing Program policies and regulations; Performed public presentations to disseminate literature, information, and training on new housing rules and regulations; Provided general computer technical support for department staff including troubleshooting, network management, application support, and training.

Dartmouth College, Medical School Multimedia Center • Consultant
Hanover, New Hampshire • October 1993-March 1994

Served as a lead consultant on matters relating to Navajo culture for a large multimedia project on health issues; developed computer code on multimedia project; gathered information relating to Navajo-related medical multimedia project and contacted key field contacts and resource people to gather needed information.

Dartmouth College Office of Instructional Services • Operations Staff
Hanover, New Hampshire • January 1992-December 1998

Assisted clients in the use of video and audio facilities; maintained security of building; provided backup and support for field staff; maintained daily computer database records for operations.

Navajo Department of Employment and Training • Counselor
Dilkon, Arizona • Summer 1991, Summer 1993

Managed Summer Youth Employment Training activities at Chapter; wrote memos, progress reports, handled payroll and timesheets; planned and directed youth activities; supervised summer youth employees.

Navajo County Engineering Department
Engineering Aid
Holbrook, Arizona
April 1988-February 1989

Helped the department with research and procurement for computer systems to be used for developing and deploying a rural addressing system; identified and helped digitize a number of office business processes; helped field survey crew with information gathering and field layouts.

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4/11/2024

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Regular Meeting

11:17:03 AM

Amd# to Amd#

New Business: Item A.

PASSED

MOT Yanito, C

CONSENT AGENDA > 0069-24,0078-24

SEC Parrish, S

0040-24,0062-24,0064-24,0065-24

0066-24,0074-24,0077-24

Yeas : 17

Nays : 0

Excused : 6

Not Voting : 0

Yea : 17

Aseret, L

Johnson, C

Simonson, G

Tso, O

Begay, H

Nez, A

Simpson, D

Yanito, C

Crotty, A

Notah, N

Slater, C

Yazzie, C

Daniels, H

Parrish, S

Tolth, G

Yazzie, L

James, V

Nay : 0

Excused : 6

Arviso, S

Charles-Newton, E

Jesus, B

Nez, R

Begay, N

Claw, S

Not Voting : 0

Presiding Speaker: Curley, C