

RESOLUTION OF THE
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2023

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND
ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE'S PRIORITIES FOR THE FOUR-YEAR TERM
OF THE 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Budget and Finance Committee ("BFC") is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that is authorized to review, and make recommendations concerning budgeting and management of all Navajo Nation funds. 2 N.N.C. § 300(A), 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(2).
- B. The BFC also coordinates, oversees, and regulates the Navajo Nation's financial, investment, contracting, and audit policies. 2 N.N.C. § 300(A), 2 N.N.C. § 300(C)(1).
- C. The BFC is extensively involved in the Navajo Nation's annual Comprehensive Budget process. 12 N.N.C. §830 and §840.
- D. The BFC has authority over the Navajo Nation's Procurement Regulations, as delegated by the Navajo Nation Council in the Navajo Nation Procurement Act. 12 N.N.C. § 320(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The BFC met on May 16, 2023 and the Committee members discussed and deliberated on the BFC's overall priorities for matters within the Committee's authority.

The Committee members agreed upon the following list of overall priorities, as shown in the attached **EXHIBIT 1**, titled: "25th Navajo Nation Council Budget and Finance Committee Priorities:"

1. procurement reform;
2. appropriation reform;
3. prioritize funding based on return on investment;
4. eliminate earmarks;
5. identify and act upon revenue streams.

SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE'S PRIORITIES FOR THE FOUR-YEAR TERM OF THE 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

- A. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby approves and establishes the Committee's priorities, as shown above and in the attached **EXHIBIT 1**, titled: "25th Navajo Nation Council Budget and Finance Committee Priorities."
- B. The EXHIBIT 1 list of priorities shall remain in effect during the term of the 25th Navajo Nation Council unless and until the BFC rescinds or amends the list.

SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Action shall become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 301, and 2 N.N.C. § 221(C).

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting held at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed, this 6th day of June 2023.



Carl R. Slater, Vice Chairperson
Budget and Finance Committee

Motion: Honorable Seth A. Damon
Second: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty

25th Navajo Nation Council Budget and Finance Committee Priorities

OVERALL PRIORITIES:

- Procurement Reform
- Appropriation Reform
- Prioritize funding based on ROI
- Eliminate earmarks
- Identify and Act Upon Revenue Streams



GOALS:

Short-term goals:

- Moratorium on spending until government priorities are established
- 105(l) Lease Task Force
- Address Navajo Nation Water Management contracts, capacity, and buildings

Monthly goals:

- Navajo Nation financial reporting

Quarterly goals:

- Navajo Nation reports on external funding (State and federal)
- OOC: Revenue Projections

Bi-Annual goals:

- Identify new external funding for the Navajo Nation (State and federal)

Annual goals:

- Lower fringe benefit rates
- Navajo Nation budget

Year 1 goals:

Theme: Procurement Reformation and ARPA Expenditures

(By December 2023)

- Reform the Navajo Nation Procurement Code
- Research Methods for Simplifying the Navajo Nation Budgeting Cycle
- Spend and consider reallocation of ARPA, PTF, Sih Hasin Dollars

Year 2 goals:

Theme: Procurement Reformation and Budgeting Reformation

(By December 2024)

NOTE: FRF incumbrance deadline: December 31, 2024

- Reform the Navajo Nation Procurement Code
- Reform Navajo Nation Appropriations Process: Two-Year Budgeting Cycle
- Reform Navajo Nation Appropriation Process: Simplify Budgeting Cycle
- Develop a new 5-Year PTF plan

Year 3 goals:

Theme: Navajo Nation Investments

(By December 2025)

- Develop fund for Navajo Nation Public Safety
- Develop bonds for Navajo Roads
- Develop direct investment for Housing
- Pass a new 5-Year PTF plan

Year 4 goals:

Theme: The Future of the Navajo Nation – Investments, Procurement, Budgeting
(By December 2026)

NOTE: FRF period ends December 31, 2026

- Navajo Nation Banking options
- Navajo Nation Investment Manager options
- Navajo Nation Financial Officer options
- Navajo Nation Money Manager options

IDENTIFIED NEEDS:

- Hire professional support to assist BFC
- Hire professional support to assist OMB and OOC
- Hire professional support to assist DCD
- Hire professional support for FRF

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 6, 2023

Regular Meeting

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Legislation No. 0116-23: An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Establishing the Committee's Priorities for the Four-year Term of the 25th Navajo Nation Council *Sponsored by Shaandiin Parrish, Council Delegate*

Motion: Seth A. Damon


Second: Amber K. Crotty

Vote: 4-0, Vice Chairperson not voting


Final Vote Tally:

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| Lomardo Aseret | yea | |
| Norman M. Begay | | |
| Amber K. Crotty | yea | |
| Seth A. Damon | yea | |
| Shaandiin Parrish | yea | |
| Carl R. Slater | | |

Absent: Norman M. Begay



Carl R. Slater, Vice Chairperson
Budget & Finance Committee



Peggy Nakai, Legislative Advisor
Budget & Finance Committee