

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**  
Tracking No. 0076-19

**DATE:** March 22, 2019

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF SELECT MEMBERS OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S STATE TASK FORCE SUBCOMMITTEE

**PURPOSE:** Accepting appointments to the Naabik'iyati' Committee's State Task Force Subcommittee.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate review the proposed resolution in detail.

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2019

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RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ACCEPTING THE  
APPOINTMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF SELECT MEMBERS OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S STATE TASK FORCE SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to coordinate all state programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government. 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A) and 701 (A)(4).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council established the State Task Force as a sub-committee through the approval of Resolution NABIMY-32-15. See Exhibit A.

B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee subsequently approved Resolution NABIMY-42-17 amending Resolution NABIMY-32-15 to provide for six members; two from each state

1 (Arizona, New Mexico and Utah) and establish regular quarterly meetings. See Exhibit  
2 B.

3 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee State Task Force Sub-committee is charged with  
4 conducting regular interaction with Navajo Nation lobbyists, state legislatures, officials,  
5 employees and agencies to enhance the understanding between the Navajo Nation  
6 Council and the respective states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. See Exhibit B.

7 D. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council appoints the delegates to serve on the  
8 State Task Force. See Exhibit A.

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10 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT**

11 The Speaker of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council hereby appoints the following Delegates  
12 to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee State Task Force Sub-committee:

- 13 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Arizona  
14 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Arizona  
15 3. \_\_\_\_\_ New Mexico  
16 4. \_\_\_\_\_ New Mexico  
17 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Utah  
18 6. \_\_\_\_\_ Utah

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20 **SECTION FOUR. SUBCOMMITTEE TERM**

21 The Naabik'iyáti' Committee State Task Force Sub-committee shall exist until its  
22 assigned tasks are completed and shall report its recommendations to the Naabik'iyáti'  
23 Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186



NABIMY-32-15

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STATE TASK FORCE AS A OF THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'  
SUB-COMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' as a Navajo Nation standing committee and empowered the committee to "[t]o coordinate all...state programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most effective delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A)(4) (2012) see also CJA-03-13.
- B. Naabik'íyáti' Committee may establish the State Task Force sub-committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) see also CO-45-12.
- C. The Navajo Nation Council gave Naabik'íyáti' Committee the authority to delegate its authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to appropriate entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701(B) (2012) see also CJA-03-13.

Section Two. Naabik'íyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee  
Establishment

- A. The Navajo Nation establishes the Naabik'íyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee to advance the position and priorities of the Navajo Nation within the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. The Naabik'íyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee shall:



1. Conduct regular interaction with the Navajo Nation lobbyist(s), state legislatures, officials, employees, and agents, to enhance the understanding between the Navajo Nation Council and the respective states; and
  2. Report monthly to the Navajo Nation Council Speaker the Task Force's activities; and
  3. Transfer information and recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council Speaker, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, appropriate Navajo Nation Council standing committees, and appropriate Legislative Branch boards, commissions, agencies, offices and programs.
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee shall consist of nine members; three from each state (Arizona, New Mexico and Utah). The Navajo Nation Council Speaker shall appoint the delegates to serve on the sub-committee. The Navajo Nation Council Speaker appoints the following to the sub-committee, EXHIBIT A:
1. Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Arizona
  2. Jonathan Hale, Arizona
  3. Walter Phelps, Arizona
  4. Mel R. Begay, New Mexico
  5. Seth Damon, New Mexico
  6. Tom Chee, New Mexico
  7. Davis Filfred, Utah
  8. Nathaniel Brown, Utah
  9. Tsah bii Kin, Navajo Mountain, Shonto, Oljato Delegate, Utah
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee by majority vote shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve at the Sub-committee's pleasure; replacement shall be by majority vote.
- D. The Naabik'íyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee shall establish a regular meeting day(s) of the month and shall meet more frequently during a state legislative session.

- E. The Naabik'iyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee shall present a written report to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee after each state's legislative session.

**Section Three. Sub-committee Term**

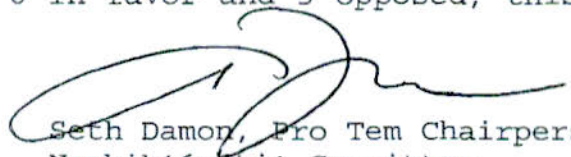
The Naabik'iyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee shall exist until their assigned tasks are completed and shall report on the recommendations to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) *see also* CJA-03-13.

**Section Four. Directives**

- A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the Naabik'iyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee.
- B. The Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staffers to assist the Naabik'iyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee.
- C. The Speaker shall determine a Sub-committee budget and identify the funds.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 8 in favor and 5 opposed, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

  
Seth Damon, Pro Tem Chairperson  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Jonathan Perry  
Second: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale

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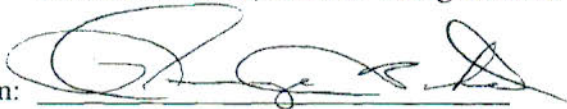
**HONORABLE LORENZO C. BATES**  
*Speaker, 23<sup>d</sup> Navajo Nation Council*



**Memorandum**

To: Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Council Delegate Arizona  
Jonathan Hale, Council Delegate Arizona  
Walter Phelps, Council Delegate Arizona  
Mel R. Begay, Council Delegate New Mexico  
Seth Damon, Council Delegate New Mexico  
Tom Chee, Council Delegate New Mexico  
Davis Filfred, Council Delegate Utah  
Nathaniel Brown, Council Delegate Utah

From:

  
LoRenzo Bates, Speaker  
Navajo Nation Council

Date: May 1, 2015

Re: Naabik'íyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee Appointments

I am pleased to appointment you to the Naabik'íyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee ("Task Force"). I appointed you because, as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate, you reside and represent the Navajo Nation in that particular state. The Naabik'íyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee's purpose is to advance the position and priorities of the Navajo Nation within the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

Your term as Commission member shall coincide with your term as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate and until your successor is appointed. Since the Naabik'íyáti' Committee needs to approve your appointment, you will serve at their pleasure.

Again, I am pleased to appoint you to the Naabik'íyáti' State Task Force Sub-committee.





NABIMY-42-17

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'İYATI' COMMITTEE OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23<sup>RD</sup> Navajo Nation Council - Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'İYATI' COMMITTEE; AMENDING NABIMY-32-15,  
ESTABLISHING THE NAABIK'İYATI' STATE TASK FORCE AS A NAABIK'İYATI'  
SUB-COMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee and empowered the committee to "[t]o coordinate all . . . state programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most effective delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A) (4) (2012).
- B. Naabik'iyáti' Committee may establish the State Task Force Sub-Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council gave Naabik'iyáti' Committee the authority to delegate its authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to appropriate entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701 (B) (2012).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Resolution NABIMY-32-15, established the State Task Force as a Naabik'iyáti' Sub-Committee, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701 (B) (2012). Resolution NABIMY-32-15 is attached as Exhibit A.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' State Task Force Sub-Committee to advance the position and priorities of the Navajo Nation within the States of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.
- C. The State Task Force is delegated the authority to:
  - 1. Conduct regular interaction with the Navajo Nation lobbyist(s), state legislatures, officials, employees, and agencies, to enhance the understanding between the Navajo Nation Council and the respective states; and
  - 2. Report monthly to the Navajo Nation Council Speaker the Task Force's activities; and



3. Transfer information and recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council Speaker, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee, appropriate Navajo Nation standing committees, and appropriate Legislative Branch boards, commissions, agencies, offices and programs.
- D. Currently, the State Task Force consists of nine members, three from each state (Arizona, New Mexico and Utah) and regularly meets each month.
- E. The amendment to Resolution NABIMY-32-15 changes the membership of the State Task Force from nine members to six members, resulting in two members from each state (Arizona, New Mexico and Utah); and amending the meetings of the State Task Force from monthly to quarterly to coincide with the Navajo Nation Council Session.

### SECTION THREE. AMENDMENT TO NABIMY-32-15

The Navajo Nation hereby amends NABIMY-32-15 as follows:

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#### Section Two. Naabik'iyáti' State Task Force Sub-Committee Establishment

- B. The Naabik'iyáti' State Task Force Sub-Committee shall consist of ~~nine~~ six members; ~~three~~ two from each state (Arizona, New Mexico and Utah). The Navajo Nation Council Speaker shall appoint the delegates to serve on the sub-committee. The Navajo Nation Council Speaker appoints the following to the sub-committee, EXHIBIT A:

1. ~~Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Arizona~~
1. ~~Jonathan Hale, Arizona~~ Dwight Witherspoon, Arizona
2. ~~Walter Phelps, Arizona~~
3. ~~Mel R. Begay Peterson Yazzie, New Mexico~~ Steven Begay, New Mexico
4. ~~Seth Damon, New Mexico~~
6. ~~Tom Chee, New Mexico~~
5. ~~Davis Filfred, Utah~~
6. ~~Nathaniel Brown, Utah~~
9. ~~Teah bii Kin, Navajo Mountain, Shonto, Oljato, Delegate Herman Daniels, Utah~~

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- D. The Naabik'iyáti' State Task Force Sub-Committee shall establish a regular quarterly meeting day(s) ~~of the month~~ shall meet more frequently during a state legislative session. A quorum shall consist of one (1) representative from each of the three respective states (Arizona, New Mexico and Utah), in conformance with 2 N.N.C. § 183 (E).

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SECTION FOUR. APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO NABIMY-32-15

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the amendment to NABIMY-32-15, *Establishing the Naabik'iyáti' State Task Force as a Naabik'iyáti' Sub-Committee*, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Act shall become effective in accord with 2 N.N.C. § 221 (C).

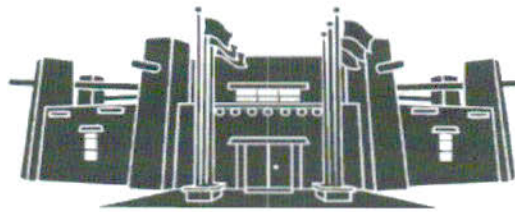
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23rd 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 12 in favor and 05 oppose, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.



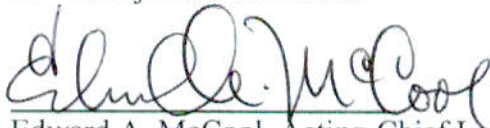
Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Seth Damon  
Second: Honorable Edmund Yazzie



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**FROM:**   
Edward A. McCool, Acting-Chief Legislative Counsel  
Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE:** March 22, 2019

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENTS BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF SELECT MEMBERS OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S STATE TASK FORCE SUBCOMMITTEE

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§500, 501. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.



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SPONSOR: Seth Damon

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