

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0140-15

**DATE:** April 29, 2015

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. DEBORAHE BOONE TO THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

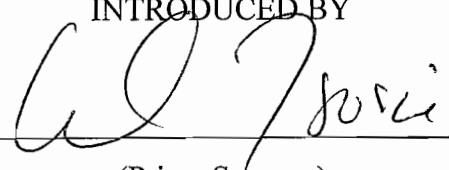
**PURPOSE:** This resolution will confirm the appointment of Ms. Deborahe Boone to the Navajo Nation Board of Education

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 to review each proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: None  
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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2015

INTRODUCED BY

  
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TRACKING NO. 0140-15

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONFIRMING  
THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. DEBORAHE BOONE TO THE NAVAJO NATION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

BE IT ENACTED:

**Section 1. Findings and Purposes**

A. The Navajo Nation Board of Education consists of eleven (11) members. 10 N.N.C. §106(B). Five (5) members are elected at-large, one from each of the five (5) agencies. Six (6) members are appointed positions. *Id.*

B. Regarding appointments to the Navajo Nation Board of Education, the law provides:  
"Six Board members shall be appointed to six year terms by the President of the Navajo Nation and confirmed by the [Health, Education and Human Services] Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. These members will be appointed in order to ensure that a variety of experience and knowledge is present on the Board." 10 N.N.C. §106(B)(3).

C. Qualifications for the six appointed positions are stated as follows:  
1. Two appointed Board members will be individuals who are recognized for their knowledge of traditional Navajo culture;

1 2. One appointed Board member will be a school administrator working on the Navajo  
2 Nation;

3 3. Two appointed Board member will be parents of at least one child enrolled in a  
4 Kindergarten, elementary, or secondary program on the Navajo Nation;

5 4. One appointed Board member will be a teacher employed in a Bureau of Indian  
6 Affairs funded or state public school operating on the Navajo Nation.

7 10 N.N.C. §106(C)(1).

8 D. Pursuant to appointment provisions applicable to the Navajo Nation Board of  
9 Election, President Ben Shelly has appointed Ms. Deborah Boone as a parent  
10 representative. See Exhibit A, letter of appointment. Ms. Boone's qualifications and  
11 interests are stated in Exhibit B.

12 E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee serves as oversight for the  
13 Navajo Nation Board of Education. 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(3). The committee has authority to  
14 confirm appointments to the Board. 10 N.N.C. §106(B)(3).

## 15 16 **Section 2. Confirmation of Appointment**

17 The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council  
18 hereby confirms the appointment of Ms. Deborah Boone to the Navajo Nation Board of  
19 Education. Ms. Boone shall serve in one of the two parent representative positions on the  
20 Board, as provided in 10 N.N.C. §106(C)(1)(c). She shall serve a term consistent with 10  
21 N.N.C. § 106(B).

# THE NAVAJO NATION



BEN SHELLY PRESIDENT  
REX LEE JIM VICE PRESIDENT

April 15, 2015




Deborah Boone  
P.O. Box .  
Page, AZ 86040

Dear Ms. Boone:

Pursuant to 2 NNC § 3451, I am appointing you to serve as a board member to the Navajo Nation Board of Education as the *Parent Representative* for duration of four years effective immediately. As a board member you shall meet when the Board of Education meets. The roles are included in the statute in Navajo Nation code and your presence on the board will be valuable. Your role as a parent representative will be to offer advisement that will ensure our schools give our Navajo students quality education. Accordingly, your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Naa bik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Please work with Mr. Deswood Tome, *Chief of Staff* of the Navajo Nation Executive Branch, *immediately* in getting your confirmation hearing set. He can be contacted at (928) 871-7000.

Sincerely,

  
Ben Shelly, President  
THE NAVAJO NATION

cc: Rex Lee Jim, Vice President, THE NAVAJO NATION  
The Honorable LoRenzo Bates, Speaker, THE NAVAJO NATION  
The Honorable Jonathan Hale, Chairman, HEHSC NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
Deswood Tome, Chief of Staff, Navajo Nation Executive Branch  
Dr. Tommy Lewis, Superintendent, Department of Diné Education

*We hold the future in our hands on a daily basis and there is a great need to create that relationship between the community, the school board and the school personnel so that the children have the potential to become great leaders.*



4/24/2015

## **Boone, Debrahe**

Home-Living Assistant

Administrative Assistant to Supervisor Lena Fowler



Yá'át'ééh shi Dine'é, shi'kéh, dóó táhanoítso! Shi'eiya Debrahe Boone yinishyé. Kinlíchíí'nii nishłí, dóó Tł'izi Lani báshíshchiin. Naasht'ézhi Tabaaha dashíchei dóó Honágháahnii dashínáí. I was raised in a Christian setting but kept culture alive in my heart along with my memories of growing up on grandmas sheep camp during the holidays and summer vacations. I am currently living in Kaibeto, Arizona where I hold a position as a home-living assistant at the local boarding school. With this position I have been able to attend trainings in New Mexico and Arizona that are geared towards Childhood Education to create a livelier curriculum. At the moment I am learning the extensive curriculum that is being enforced in Arizona, Common Core. When I first started with this position I didn't know anyone in the community, now I have become a role model and teacher of the community that I serve. I have benefitted from this position in more ways than I can count.

While working with students daily, I also hold a part-time job with Coconino County Supervisor Lena Fowler as an assistant attending meetings on her behalf or I facilitate the meetings when needed. As an assistant, it has helped me to expand my knowledge and provide better direct services to all of Northern Coconino County. For example with the help of Senator Begay and Senator Hale we were able to pass the HB 2157 (Delayed Birth Certificate Process) which will greatly help those who don't have a birth certificate due to evidence. Projects similar to this have given me great experiences and helped build a relationship with the community and with government officials. I have been able to create great relationships within the Navajo Nation and in the state of Arizona due to the duties that the job requires. Both jobs have created a unique and creative style of communication, where I acquired significant interest for education and government.

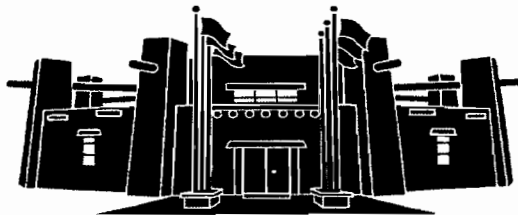
Being a single parent I started my education while raising my four children. Deciding that I needed more education to succeed and provide for my household I started with obtaining my GED with Coconino Community College in Page, Arizona. With completion I then received my first 3 free credits to start on my Associates in general education. Keeping my GPA at a 4.0 through the first and half year of college I was inducted into Phi Theta Delta, while being on the Dean's lists and the Presidents list. In 2011 I was given high honors from the college and decided to transfer to NAU to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Today I am enrolled at BYU-Idaho with the hopes in graduating with a Bachelor in Elementary Education and a minor in Political Science.

Currently I am in the process of setting up trainings that will serve my community and surrounding communities such as C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) to help produce a safer community. Past involvements I have been a part of or currently serve are: the PTA Board, a reserve with the JOM Program, active in the PAC in Kaibeto, 8<sup>th</sup> grade sponsor,

tutoring in the community, active chapter member in Coconino County District 5 communities, Community Action Team in Tuba City, Page Chamber of Commerce and City Council in Page.


With the recent activity that has been happening in my community I have decided to use my resources from both my jobs to create a Community Action Team to help educate the community about the resources that are at hand to create a safer community. On my down time I go out into the community and raise awareness about the downfall of not being educated, financially literate, and the hardships that accompany it.

On a personal level I am enjoyable and easy to work with a positive attitude at all times. I am self-driven with the capability of accomplishing projects with determination.



## MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Leonard Tsosie, Delegate  
Navajo Nation Council

From :   
Ron Haven, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date : April 29, 2015

Re : AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN  
SERVICES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. DEBORAHE  
BOONE TO THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. As to format, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. Regarding substance, as with any legislation, 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.

If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment. 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. Ahéhee'.

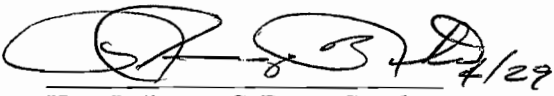
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April 29, 2015

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** *Honorable Members*  
Health, Education and Human Service Committee

**FROM :**   
Hon. LoRenzo C. Bates, *Speaker*  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**SUBJECT :** **ASSIGNMENT OF LEGISLATION**

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Pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 164 (A)(4), this memorandum serves to inform and advise you that I assign the following legislation to the Health, Education and Human Service Committee;

**Legislation No. 0140-15**

**RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. DEBORAH BOONE TO THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

As the Committee assigned to consider the legislation, Legislation No. 0140-15 must be placed on the Health, Education and Human Service Committee's agenda at the next regular meeting for final consideration.

ATTACHMENT: Legislation No. 0140-15

xc: Hon. Ben Shelly, *President*  
The Navajo Nation  
Harrison Tsosie, *Attorney General*  
Robert Willie, *Controller*  
Dominic Beyer, *Executive Director, OMB*  
Honorable Leonard Tsosie, Council Delegate (*Prime Sponsor*)



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LEGISLATION NO: \_0140-15\_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR: Leonard Tsosie

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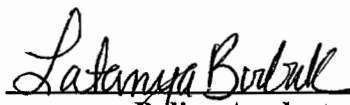
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