# RESOLUTION OF THE NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD Navajo Nation Council---Second Year, 2016

#### AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ASA BEGAYE TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

## Section One. Findings

- A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606(A), as revised by the Navajo Nation Housing Authority Reform Act of 2014, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee has authority to appoint, and to reappoint, members of the Board of Commissioners. A resolution of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council as to the appointment or reappointment of any Commissioner shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of the Commissioner. See also CAP-26-14.
- B. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 602, there is established an Authority of the Navajo Nation known as the Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) whose purposes pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 604(A)-(D) are remedying unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals; alleviating the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income; providing employment opportunities through the construction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair and operation of low income dwellings; and promoting economic growth and development activities within and near the Navajo Nation.
- C. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 605 the affairs of the Authority shall be managed by a Board of Commissioners composed of eight persons.
- D. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606(B), a Commissioner shall be a member of the Navajo Nation, and no more than two Commissioners shall be members of the Navajo Nation

Council. Three of the Commissioners shall represent the tenants and homebuyers participating in programs administered by the Authority, one shall reside in the State of New Mexico, one shall reside in the state of Arizona, and one shall reside in the State of Utah. There shall be one representative on the Board from each of the five agencies comprising the Navajo Nation. These individuals shall have some formal education, or at least three years of leadership experience in a local unit of government.

- E. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606(B), the Navajo Nation confirmed Mr. Asa Begaye as the representative for the Western Agency for a term of one (1) year. See NABID-71-14 attached as Exhibit A.
- F. Mr. Asa Begaye has expressed interest in being re-appointed as a member of the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as the representative from the Western Agency. Letter of Interest and Résumé attached as Exhibit B and C.
- G. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 607, term of office shall be for four years and staggered. When the Board is first established, one member's term shall be designated to expire in one year, another in two years, a third to expire in three years, and the last two in four years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for four years.

## Section Two. Confirming Re-appointment

Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606(B), the Navajo Nation hereby confirms the re-appointment of Mr. Asa Begaye to serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as a representative for the Western Agency for a term of four (4) years.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Navajo Nation Council Chambers, Window Rock (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of in 15 favor and 4 oppose, this 14<sup>h</sup> Day of January, 2016.

Honorable LoRenzo Bates, Chairperson Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Herman Daniels Second: Walter Phelps

## **NAVAJO NATION**

RCS# 234

Naa'bik'iyati Committee

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**PASSED** 

**MOT Daniels** 

**SEC Phelps** 

Appointment of Asa Begaye to Serve on the NHA Board of

Commissioners for Term of 4yrs

Yea: 15

Nay: 4

**Not Voting: 5** 

Yea: 15

Begay, K

Begay, M

Begay, NM BeGaye, N Bennett

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> **Phelps** Slim

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Nay: 4

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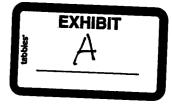
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NABID-71-14

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

22nd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2014

#### AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ASA BEGAYE TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

## Section One. Findings

- A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606(A), as revised by the Navajo Nation Housing Authority Reform Act of 2014, the Naabik'iyati' Committee has authority to appoint, and to reappoint, members of the Board of Commissioners. A resolution of the Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council as to the appointment or reappointment of any Commissioner shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of the Commissioner. See also CAP-26-14.
- B. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 602, there is established an Authority of the Navajo Nation known as the Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) whose purposes pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 604(A)-(D) are remedying unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals; alleviating the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income; providing employment opportunities through the construction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair and operation of low income dwellings; and promoting economic growth and development activities within and near the Navajo Nation.
- C. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. \$ 605 the affairs of the Authority shall be managed by a Board of Commissioners composed of eight persons.
- D. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. \$ 606(B), a Commissioner shall be a member of the Navajo Nation, and no more than two Commissioners shall be members of the Navajo Nation Council. Three of the Commissioners shall represent the tenants and homebuyers

participating in programs administered by the Authority, one shall reside in the State of New Mexico, one shall reside in the state of Arizona, and one shall reside in the State of Utah. There shall be one representative on the Board from each of the five agencies comprising the Navajo Nation. These individuals shall have some formal education, or at least three years of leadership experience in a local unit of government.

- E. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. \$ 606(B), Mr. As a Begaye is the representative for the Western Agency. See Letter of Interest and Resume attached as Exhibit A; and Certificate of Indian Blood attached as Exhibit B.
- F. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 607, term of office shall be for four years and staggered. When the Board is first established, one member's term shall be designated to expire in one year, another in two years, a third to expire in three years, and the last two in four years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for four years.
- G. Due to the fact that the issue of appointments to the Board have been in litigation for the past several years, and some terms for old Board members expired over thirteen years ago, the Board members shall be appointed at staggered terms in the spirit of compliance with 6 N.N.C.  $\S$  607.
- H. Therefore, the Board members' terms have been chosen at random at one-year, two-year, three-year and four-year intervals.
- I. Therefore, in the spirit of compliance with 6 N.N.C. § 607, Mr. Asa Begaye shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year.

## Section Two. Approval of Appointment

Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. \$ 606(B), the Navajo Nation hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. As a Begaye to serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as a representative for the Western Agency for a term of one (1) year.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 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 16 in favor and 0 opposed, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

LoRenzo Bates, Pro Tem Chairperson Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Nelson BeGaye

Second: Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd

EXHIBIT

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## Asa Begaye Post Office Box : Dennehotso, Arizona 86535

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Honorable Lorenzo Bates, NABI Chairperson Honorable Alton Shepherd, RDC Chairperson Honorable Benjamin Bennett, RDC Vice-Chairperson Honorable Davis Filfred, RDC Member Honorable Leonard Pete, RDC Member Honorable Walter Phelps, RDC Member Honorable Leonard Tsosie, RDC Member

## Dear Honorable Council Delegates, NNC

After a lengthy and serious consideration, it is my purpose to express my interest in being re-appointed as a member of the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Your 1 year appointment beginning in December, 2014 is greatly appreciated and the opportunity to serve as NHA BOC Vice-Chairman has been rewarding and challenging.

As a member, it has given me the opportunity to serve and seriously discuss matters that impact the Navajo Housing Authority and our ability to provide safe, sanitary and affordable homes for low income people on the Navajo Nation, including NHA service area. In our initial year, we have been able to revisit and revise policies and procedures that needed to be updated. We have also been able to develop approaches that best enhance our services to our Veterans and Elderly population.

Yet, there is still a number of initiatives that must be taken to ensure that we truly achieve our Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles and Goals. For this reason, it is my feeling that my understanding and abilities to work with people can greatly enhance this effort. Especially in policy development and strategic planning.

Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Asa Begaye

Cc: Mr. Ervin Chavez, Chairman, NHA BOC

Attachment: Resume (Asa Begaye)





#### Resume

## ASA BEGAYE Post Office Box , Dennehotso AZ

Summary of Qualifications

US Air Force (1972 to 1976)

**Education** 

Bachelor of Arts - Sociology (1983)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), Las Vegas, Nevada

Associate of Arts in Sociology (1979) Riverside City College, Riverside, California

Professional Work Experiences

William Holmes Begaye, Inc.

1997 to Present

Oversee activities directly related to providing facilitation and other organizational development services to clientele's throughout the Country. Designed strategic planning process referred to as Nahata Dziil, a strategic planning model. Facilitated 2 to 3-Day participatory strategic planning work session by using historical perspective, environmental scan, SWOT analysis, and Technology of Participation Method to assist clients arrive at their organizational strategic plan. Worked collaboratively with WHPacific and completed community-based land use plans for nine Chapters located in the Former Bennett Freeze area. Facilitated work session for respective Chapters in completing their Infrastructure and Capital Improvement plans. Asa has served as a peer reviewer for the Violence Against Women Office, Office of Justice Programs reviewing proposals. Asa served as a member of a design team comprised of individuals from organizations selected by the Northwest Area Foundation to provide on-site facilitation and delivery of showcased and community leadership programs to community clusters located in the Northwestern United States.

Asa has served as Consultant to MACRO, International and Circle Solution in being part of a group that helped to design the CSAP's Training System-State Capacity Building Training. The purpose of the State Capacity Building is to support and strengthen State and Territorial prevention training systems and to encourage inter-, intra-State collaboration in building systemic approaches to prevention training. The specific area developed was Facilitation Skills Development Project (FSDP). He served in an Advisory Group to the US Department of Labor in providing comprehensive employment and training programs to Native American grantees. Asa facilitated Training of Trainers in the area of Alcohol, Drug & Tobacco for the Arizona Prevention Resource Center. He also served as an Advisory member to the development of Comprehensive Federal Indian Education Policy Statement (has since become an Executive Order signed by US President Clinton) while a Board Member of the National Indian Education Association.

## DNA-Peoples Legal Services 1996 to 1997

Direct and coordinate DNA's financial and budget activities to fund operations, maximize investments, and increase efficiency. Confer with DNA Board and staff members to discuss legal service issues, coordinate activities, and resolve problems. Direct, plan, and implement policies, objectives, and activities of DNA to ensure continuing operations and to increase productivity. Review reports submitted by staff members to recommend approval or to suggest changes. Appoint department heads or managers and assign or delegate responsibilities to them. Direct human resources activities, including the approval of human resource plans and activities, the selection of directors and other high-level staff, and establishment major functions.

## Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation 1994 to 1996

Working cooperatively with the Indian Education Committee of the Ft McDowell Yavapai Nation, implemented the Educational plan in conjunction with the Tribal community, Education Committee, Local School Districts and Tribal Council. In coordination with the School District and respective stakeholders to provide educational support services to students that are members of FMYN. Directed and participated in the development, interpretation, evaluation, and recommendation of education policies, procedures, rules, and regulations for the effective operations of the programs. Directed and participated in the establishment, administration, and evaluation of programs or services. Worked collaboratively with staff, IEC and Tribal Council in preparing and obtain Council's approval of Department's annual budget.

Kayenta Unified School District /At-Risk Program 1987 to 1994

Provided counseling to clients, individually and in group sessions, to assist in overcoming ATOD dependencies, adjusting to life, and making changes. Completed and maintain accurate records and reports regarding the patients' histories and progress, services provided, and other required information. Developed client treatment plans based on research, experience, and client histories. Interviewed clients, review records, and confer with other professionals to evaluate individuals' mental and physical condition, and to determine their suitability for participation in a specific program. Intervene as advocate for clients or patients to resolve emergency problems in crisis situations. Provide clients or family members with information about addiction issues and about available services and programs, making appropriate referrals when necessary. Coordinate counseling efforts with mental health professionals and other health professionals such as doctors, nurses, and social workers.

Navajo Nation Division of Social Services - Kayenta Sub-Office

Under supervision of MSW assess reports of children alleged to be victims of abuse, neglect, abandonment or exploitation. Initiate and complete prompt investigation through interviews with alleged victims, family members, medical professionals, witnesses, if necessary the alleged perpetrators and others deemed necessary regarding reports of alleged maltreatment of children through direct contacts, police reports, other agency reports to determine if allegations exist. Conduct safety/risks/needs and family strengths assessments of victim utilizing appropriate assessment tools. Arranges for medical attention and collect any documents or statements as evidence of alleged maltreatment. Refers family to resources, such as law enforcement, case management services, peacemaking court, mental health counseling, others, for continued protection, safety and the well being of the victims. Meet with victim's family to provide education and/or counseling on preventive measures, rehabilitative, or other special services to encourage and assist the victims in preventing reoccurrences of the abuse and/or neglect, whether physical, sexual, emotional, mental or financial exploitation. Complied with protocol to complete all required case management forms, document case activities, social summary and client progress. Participated in monthly case reviews with supervisor to ensure timely, professional, ethical and culturally-relevant client services. Submitted caseload data and narrative reports to identify client/program needs, clinical assistance, and accomplishments during reporting period. Provide professional community presentation on prevention of child abuse/neglect/exploitation.

## AS IT RELATES TO HOUSING:

- Currently President of Dennehotso Chapter Community Land Use Planning Committee
- Representative to Sweat Equity Project for Kayenta, Dennehotso & Chilchinbeto Chapters
- Completed Stategic Plan for Navajo Housing Authority
- Facilitated Environmental Scan for Navajo Housing Authority

- Completed Strategic Plan for Resident Services Organization Shiprock Homeowners
- Completed Peer Review for US Department of Justice Office Violence Against Women's Transitional Housing Grant Program
- · Have been resident of Moapa Housing Authority Rental Housing and NHA Dennehotso Home
- Ownership
- Facilitated in collaboration with WHPacific in completing Former Bennett Freeze Area Recovery Plan
- Completed Strategic Plan for Former Bennett Freeze Area Task Force
- Familiar with NHA Indian Housing Plan and recent NHS Housing Survey
- Member of Navajo Housing Authority

## **Housing Training**

- NAHASDA Essentials
- Board Training on NHA Policies & Procedures
- Environmental Reviews & Lead Based Paint
- Low Income Housing

## **Direct Involvement**

- VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing)
- NHA Veterans Housing Policy
- CEO Evaluation Tool Development
- NHA Policy Revision