

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FOURTH YEAR, 2022

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING  
THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. RACHEL BROWN TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO  
GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, AS THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN  
SERVICES COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee has legislative oversight over the Commission on Navajo Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and is empowered to recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 701(A)(3).
- C. One (1) member shall be nominated by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council; the nominee shall be an enrolled graduate student from any accredited college or university located in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, or Utah. Such member shall serve so long as said nominee is a full-time graduate student, but no longer than four (4) years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(7).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Commission is established within the Legislative Branch. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is a special entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the People's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable, responsible, ethical, and equally representative government. 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- B. The Commission consists of twelve (12) members confirmed by and serving at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A).

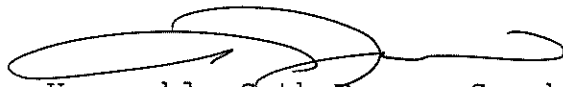
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- D. Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated scholarship, a strong sense of civic interest, knowledge of Diné history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the commission. 2 N.N.C. § 972(D).
- E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee nominates and recommends Ms. Rachel Brown to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(7).
- F. Ms. Rachel Brown's letter of interest and resumé are attached as Exhibit A.

### SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION

The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms Ms. Rachel Brown to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development as the Health, Education and Human Services Representative, so long as Ms. Rachel Brown is a full-time graduate student, but no longer than four-years from the date of confirmation.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 24<sup>th</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 20 in Favor, and 02 Opposed, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2022.

  
 Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker  
 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council  
April 29, 2022  
 DATE

Motion: Honorable Nathaniel Brown  
 Second: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka  
 Speaker Seth Damon not voting

Rachel Brown

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**HEHS Committee**

**Window Rock, AZ**



Dear HEHS committee,

I am writing a letter of interest in regards to Health, Education, and Human Services Committee Representative on the Commission on Navajo Government Development. With my educational and work experience, I will deliver confidence, passion and knowledge my people.

Currently, I am working in my Master's degree in Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education from Fort Lewis College. While working on my Master's degree, I have been employed with Central Consolidated Schools in Shiprock, NM. I work in Intercultural & Community Outreach Program. We work with all eighteen schools in our school district, local chapter government, parents and community members. Working with CCSD has increased my awareness on parental, student and community voice. Our Dine' people need encouragement to get involved with their children's education and support their future endeavors. As I spoke with chapter officials on various projects within their community, I was motivated to continue my voice for my people.

As mentioned previously, I am currently working with our local chapters. I have attended meetings (in person and virtually), presented to them, collaborated on getting supplies to community members. The more I engage in meetings with them, I gain knowledge on important issues that our people face. Although, Navajo Nation is considered a sovereign nation. I personally think are not because we still receive funds from the government and still have to comply with their "rules". Our ancestors did not back down in Hwcedli for our people to get permission on moving forward. Our nation is resilient and strong. We have overcome so many obstacles.

Please consider my resume and completed application as a sincere intent of interest. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and further discuss the available position. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Warm regards,

Rachel Brown

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# RACHEL BROWN

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## EXPERIENCE

**7/16-PRESENT**

**CULTURE SPECIALIST, CENTRAL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS**

My duties are to counsel students and parents with Dine Teachings with Mental/ Behavioral Health concerns, District PAX Partner (Positive Behavior), and assist School Social Workers with counseling. Also, Cultural presentations to all 16 schools (staff and students). Oversee, the Community Pantry/Closet for CCSD students and working with non-profit organizations to fill the pantry for families.

**7/15-6/16**

**1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> TEACHER, DREAM DINE' CHARTER SCHOOL**

My position consisted of lesson plans, reading, math, science, language arts lessons and most importantly Dine Language and Teachings. Professional Development, Parent Involvement and Staff meetings were required as well.

## EDUCATION

**08/20-PRESENT**

**CULTURALLY LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE, FORT LEWIS COLLEGE  
GRADUATE STUDIES**

**08/07-05/09**

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Elementary Education Courses

**08/07-05/09**

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, DINE COLLEGE**

Courses required by Arizona State University

## SKILLS

- Hold NAV 520 licensure with NM PED
- Fluent Dine speaker
- Student Success Advisor License with NM PED
- Hardworking
- Determined
- 7-year Elementary Coach

## **ACTIVITIES**

I love running, spending time with my family and siblings, outdoor activities and learning Dine' Teachings from elders or mentors.

# NAVAJO NATION

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4/21/2022

Navajo Nation Council 2022 Spring Session

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MOT Brown	the Appointment of Ms. Rachel	
SEC Wauneka, E	Brown to the Commission of	
	Navajo Government Development...	

Yeas : 20

Nays : 2

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 1

## Yea : 20

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Begay, K	Freeland, M	Stewart, W	Walker, T
Begay, P	James, V	Tso	Wauneka, E
Brown	Nez, R	Tso, C	Yazzie
Charles-Newton	Slater, C	Tso, D	Yellowhair

## Nay : 2

Halona, P	Henio, J
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Presiding Speaker: Damon