

RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
23rd Navajo Nation Council --- Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE
APPOINTMENT OF MR. NORBERT NEZ TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE
NAVAJO NATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSION

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Resources and Development Committee has authority over telecommunications and the authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to enterprise boards; Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission; and entities under the authority of the Committee requiring appointments. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(C) and 501(B)(9).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission is established under the Office of the President and Vice-President within the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government for the purpose of acting upon and regulating any and all matters of the telecommunications industry. 2 N.N.C. §§ 3451 and 3452.

B. Mr. Nez's letter of appointment is attached as **Exhibit A**, resume is attached as **Exhibit B**, and letter of interest is attached as **Exhibit C**.

C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 3454(B), each appointment will be for a period of four (4) years. Mr. Nez's reappointment term is from September 7, 2014 to September 6, 2018.

D. No Commission member shall have a financial, political or any other interest or motive in any sector of the telecommunications industry on the Navajo Nation, as provided for in the Navajo Nation Ethics in Government Law. 2 N.N.C. § 3454(C).

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTMENT

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirm the reappointment of Mr. Norbert Nez to serve as a Commissioner on the Navajo Nation Telecommunications

Regulatory Commission for the term beginning on September 7, 2014 and ending on September 6, 2018.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Navajo Technical University, Crownpoint, Navajo Nation (New Mexico), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained on this 27th day of June, 2017.

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Benjamin Bennett, Vice Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred
Second: Honorable Jonathan Perry



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE
JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT



May 23, 2017

Norbert Nez

Re: Official Appointment to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

Dear Mr. Nez:

It is my distinct pleasure to appoint you to the Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission pursuant to my authority under 2 N.N.C. § 1204(B).

Your appointment to the Commission is subject to confirmation by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 3453 (A). **The term shall be from 9/7/2014 to 9/6/2018.**

Thank you for your desire to serve on the NNTRC and for the Navajo Nation. If you have any questions relating to your appointment, please contact Karis N. Begaye, Legal Counsel, Office of the President and Vice President at (928) 871-7004.

Respectfully,

THE NAVAJO NATION

Russell Begaye, *President*

Jonathan M. Nez, *Vice President*





Norbert Nez

Phone:

E D U C A T I O N

Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire

B.A. Computer Science

Coursework:

Microprocessor Design
Software Engineering and Design Concepts
Compiler Design
Graphics Programming

Minor:

Native American Studies

E X P E R I E N C E

Navajo Nation Division of Community Development • Computer Operations Manager
Window Rock, Arizona • June 1998-Current

Responsible for management of all technology matters for the Division, Agencies, and Chapters; Managed multiple technology grants totaling over \$10 million, including a series of Gates Foundation computer and Internet grants for Chapters and a U.S. Department of Commerce grant to initiate web-based training and content distribution projects for the Chapters; Grant management activities included grant development, budget development and management, planning, reporting, records management, procurement, contract development and administration, project management and coordination of grant activities with Navajo Nation offices; managed several e-government web application projects for electronic delivery of services to Navajo communities for capital project management, infrastructure planning and management, budget development, community resource and information database management, the DCD web portal system, computer and technology policy development; responsible for developing a 5-year technology plan for the division; headed the Division's Information Management team for division-wide technology planning; supervised technology personnel and grant-funded personnel; Oversaw tech support activities at 110 Chapters, agency offices, and central offices; Managed division server and network infrastructure systems; Managed division technology procurement activities; Maintained contacts with strategic partners and leveraged partners for division projects; Researched and developed additional grants for technology projects; As part of the Division's budget team, helped prepare the annual Division budget and helped present budget to the Division's oversight committee.

Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission • Commissioner
Window Rock, Arizona • August 2002-September 2007 • September 2012-2015

Worked on establishing a plan of operation for the commission and the administrative office; helped develop rules and regulations to begin oversight of telecommunications activities on the Navajo Nation; helped develop rules of procedure to govern Commission meetings; Worked closely with attorneys to develop legislation that clarified commission authority and powers and strengthened the Commission's authority over telecommunications; Met with various telecommunications entities including FCC and state regulatory bodies to develop working relationships and to gather information for policy-making; Made major inroads at the FCC level through continuous interaction with policy makers and submission of responses to requests for comments; Worked with attorneys to develop a fund management plan for processing incoming fee payments from telecom providers; Helped draft policy statements for Navajo

Nation and FCC requests; Helped provide reports to Navajo Nation oversight committees; Resolved telecommunications-related issues; Oversaw overall telecommunications-related activity on the Navajo Nation; and worked on developing the annual commission budget.

Dilcon Community School, Inc. • Governing Board Vice-President

Dilkon, Arizona • February 2002-May 2005

Provided management and decision-making capacity to restore a good foundation for overall school operation including: fiscal management, personnel management, policy development, planning, curriculum development, and project management; Provided direction for technology personnel and technology projects; Helped the school to secure much needed federal funding to replace the aging school campus; Met with key leadership at the state and federal level to accelerate and prioritize school construction in order to complete construction activities in record time; Provided vision and leadership for the revision of several foundational school policies and procedures;

Navajo Housing Services Department • Housing Specialist

Window Rock, Arizona • December 1995-December 1997

Worked closely with department leadership and attorneys to redesign and develop a comprehensive set of Navajo Nation Housing Program policies and regulations; Performed public presentations to disseminate literature, information, and training on new housing rules and regulations; Provided general computer technical support for department staff including troubleshooting, network management, application support, and training.

Dartmouth College, Medical School Multimedia Center • Consultant

Hanover, New Hampshire • October 1993-March 1994

Served as a lead consultant on matters relating to Navajo culture for a large multimedia project on health issues; developed computer code on multimedia project; gathered information relating to Navajo-related medical multimedia project and contacted key field contacts and resource people to gather needed information.

Dartmouth College Office of Instructional Services • Operations Staff

Hanover, New Hampshire • January 1992-December 1998

Assisted clients in the use of video and audio facilities; maintained security of building; provided backup and support for field staff; maintained daily computer database records for operations.

Navajo Department of Employment and Training • Counselor

Dilkon, Arizona • Summer 1991, Summer 1993

Managed Summer Youth Employment Training activities at Chapter; wrote memos, progress reports, handled payroll and timesheets; planned and directed youth activities; supervised summer youth employees.

Navajo County Engineering Department

Engineering Aid

Holbrook, Arizona

April 1988-February 1989

Helped the department with research and procurement for computer systems to be used for developing and deploying a rural addressing system; identified and helped digitize a number of office business processes; helped field survey crew with information gathering and field layouts.

SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Proficient in software development using a variety of programming languages, in web page design and layout using a variety of software tools, in graphical design using a variety of graphics design software, network administration, desktop computer support and troubleshooting, database design and implementation using a variety of software packages, and proficiency in a variety of office software suites.
 - Strategic planning and grant writing for technology and information management projects resulting in several awarded grants
 - Successful management of the entire spectrum of several grants from inception, to implementation, and close-out, that included tasks such as grant writing, contracting, payment, budgeting, staff management, project management, and reporting
 - Successfully developed partnerships with local, state, federal, and international organizations and educational institutions, including USGSA, USDOC, USDA, NMPRC, ACC, New Mexico State Library, New Mexico State University, Northern Arizona University, University of New Mexico, AZ GITA, ARIN, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Federal Communications Commission.
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Honorable Russell Begaye
Navajo Nation President

April 4, 2017

Dear President Begaye:

I am writing to express my interest in being re-appointed to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission as a Commissioner. I previously served on the Commission from 2002-2005 and again from 2012-2015.

During my term on the Commission, I helped begin the process of establishing a foundational set of procedures and policies that the Commission could use for its subsequent actions and rulings and which would provide a sense of stability and legitimacy. Additionally, I have been a constant champion of the need to engage the Federal Communications Commission and critically examine all policies coming from them. I am happy to say that with this constant interaction with the FCC, many of the changes that the NNTRC has advocated for over the years have been incorporated into new FCC policies and even adopted wholesale as model policies.

Over the years, I have watched the Commission grow and try to face challenges as best as it could amid the uncertainty of federal and state regulation and in the ever-changing world of telecommunications policy. I see issues come before the Commission that have been addressed during my previous terms, and with which I could provide some helpful background information and context. I have gained a depth of experience and significant knowledge about telecommunications policy as it applies to the Navajo Nation both during my time as Commissioner and in my line of work as an Information Technology professional. This experience and knowledge can best benefit the Navajo Nation through my renewed membership on the Commission.

This is a critical time for telecommunications on the Navajo Nation. I wish to contribute to the development of a full and robust telecommunications regulatory body in the coming years, one that will provide the necessary leadership and ensure the fair provision of telecommunications services for all our Navajo people.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to speaking with you or your staff about this important opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Norbert Nez".

Norbert Nez