

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0167-20

DATE: July 24, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT K. BLACK, JR TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT AS EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

PURPOSE: This resolution will confirm the nomination of Robert K. Black, Jr. to the Commission on Navajo Government Development as Executive Branch Representative.

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: Johnson
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Eligible for Action: 08-13-20

Naabik'iyáti' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY



Herman M. Daniels, Jr.

(Prime Sponsor)

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITIES

A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
2 N.N.C. § 700(A). Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9), a proposed resolution that requires
final action by the Navajo Nation Council must be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee
before it is considered by the Navajo Nation Council. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(5),
the committee oversees commissions under the legislative branch.

B. The Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §972(A), confirms appointments to
the Commission on Navajo Government Development.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS

A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development consists of 12 Navajo
members. Regarding appointments to this commission, Navajo Nation law mandates -
"Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated

1 scholarship, a strong sense of public interest, knowledge of Navajo history and cultural
2 heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo government and abilities likely to
3 contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the Commission." 2 N.N.C. § 972(D).

4 B. Once appointed, members of the Commission on Navajo Government Development are
5 confirmed by and serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §
6 972(A).

7 C. Concerning nomination and qualifications for the Commission on Navajo Government
8 Development, Navajo Nation law provides - "One member shall be nominated by the
9 Executive Branch through the President of the Navajo Nation to serve a term of two years
10 from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council." 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(1).

11 D. The President of the Navajo Nation nominates Mr. Robert K. Black, Jr. to serve on the
12 Commission on Navajo Government Development as provided at 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(1). See
13 **Exhibit A**. The nominee meets all the necessary qualifications to serve on the Commission.
14 See **Exhibit B**, letter of interest/resume.

15 16 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

17 Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(1), the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the
18 nomination of Mr. Robert K. Black, Jr. to the Commission of Navajo Government
19 Development as the Executive Branch representative. The term shall be served consistent
20 with Navajo Nation law.

THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



October 30, 2019

Commission on Navajo Government Development
P.O. Box 220
Window Rock, Arizona 86515



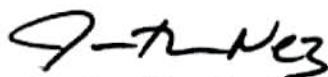
RE: Executive Branch nomination to the Commission on Navajo Government Development

Dear Commission Members,

This letter serves as notice of the nomination of Robert K. Black, Jr., Executive Director of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office, as the representative of the Executive Branch to the Commission on Navajo Government Development pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §972 (A)(1). Our Administration believes Mr. Black's background and experience will be a valuable asset to the Commission.

Should you have any questions please contact Chris Bahe, Executive Staff Assistant, Office of the President and Vice President, at 928-871-7900.

Sincerely,


Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION


Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

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JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



November 4, 2019

Edward Dee, Executive Director
Office of Navajo Government Development
P.O. Box 220
Window Rock, AZ 86515



Dear Mr. Dee,

I am writing to express my interest to serve as a Commissioner to the Commission on Navajo Government Development representing the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(1). This position is of great interest to me because my professional goal is to work with the Navajo people and to advance the interest of the Executive Branch through the President of Navajo Nation.

I am poised to offer creative thinking by looking at problems or situations from a fresh perspective and offering new ways of solving problems in the context of Navajo government reform in the era of declining Navajo general fund revenues. Moreover, I bring a wealth of experience as an administrator with the Shonto Community Governance while improving the quality of life for our community and being an agent-of-change in economic development and tourism activity for the greater Shonto community.

Though the many functions of the Commission on Navajo Government Development, I believe my skills, experiences, and interests combined with my leadership background makes me an ideal nominee for this position.

Enclosed is a current copy of my resume. If you have any questions regarding how my skills and experiences please call me at (928) 429-3889. I may also be reached through e-mail at rblack@navajochapters.org. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert K. Black Jr.".

Robert K. Black Jr.

Attachment

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RESUME

Robert K. Black, Jr.
P.O. Box 7522
Shonto, AZ 86054
928-429-3889
robertblackjr@navajo-nsn.gov

OBJECTIVE:

To contribute to a local or national tribal organization by using my experience. Using my professionalism and background to initiate, develop, coordinate and implement policies; using local laws, ordinances, and policies, which are approved by the local grassroots people. To promote the general well-being of its habitants. To promote self-reliance within our local Navajo communities.

SKILLS:

- Able to communicate in Navajo and English efficiently during public presentations, interpretations and in providing services. This requirement is crucial for all my jobs held on the Navajo Nation, including elected positions.
- Raised in a traditional environment thus able to communicate with community members that are still traditionalist using the Navajo Clanship protocol.
- Experiences in working with Organizations settings where there is an oversight of administration. This includes experiences with the Navajo Election Administration, Navajo Nation Chapters and Navajo Nation School Boards. I have experienced both sides of the public policy making and administration functions.
- Familiar with the use of technology to perform duties and communications and continue to expand my knowledge through affiliations with personal and public contacts.
- In current employment and elected positions, participated and contributed to the amendments of laws, policies and regulations.
- Lobbied for national law amendments for local school boards and participated in numerous ventures for issues to the State of Arizona.
- Wrote proposals, resolutions, reports, letters, memos, etc. for all my employments; Participated or individually prepared and implemented budgets; supervised staff of one to 10; worked after hours to attend meetings or to carry out assignments.
- Working with Navajo Nation Government divisions & departments for advocating for projects including Shonto economic, community and social developments.
- Working with architects, engineers, construction companies, governmental compliance agencies, county officials & staff, non-profit and for-profit corporations for local and regional projects.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Executive Director, Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office Jan. 28, 2019 – Present
P.O. Box 2549
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Governance Manager / Shonto Community Governance (Chapter) July 10, 2006 – Jan. 25, 2019
P.O. Box 7800
Shonto, AZ 86054

Voter Registration Specialist / WNA March 29, 1999 - July 07, 2006
Navajo Election Administration
Legislative Branch/Navajo Nation
Tuba City, AZ 86045

Community Services Coordinator / Inscription House Chapter July 10, 1995 - March 26, 1999
Community Services Program / Western Navajo Agency
Tonalea, AZ 86044

Youth Counselor / Shonto Chapter May 15, 1995 - July 7, 1995
Navajo Department of Employment and Training
Summer Youth Employment Program / WNA
Tuba City, AZ 86045

HAZMAT Worker 1994 - May 1995
Spray Systems
Tempe, AZ

HAZMAT Worker July 1993 - 1994
Republic Floors
Phoenix, AZ

Community Services Coordinator / Sawmill Chapter February 1991 - July 1993
Community Services Program/Fort Defiance Agency
Sawmill, AZ

Sales Clerk - Supply and Equipment - Delivery Driver August 1987 - February 1991
Hogan Tso Enterprises
Window Rock, AZ

Package Delivery Driver - Warehouse (HUB) Worker 1981 - 1986
United Parcel Service (UPS)
Phoenix, Arizona

OTHER (ELECTED/APPOINTED POSITIONS):

County Supervisor - Navajo County Board of Supervisors - District 1 May 2015 - Dec. 2016
Executive Board Member - Dine' Bi Olta Sch. Board Association February 2006 - Jan. 2009
Secretary/Treasurer - Shonto Community Governance January 2005 - July 2007
School Board Member - Governing Brd. Shonto Preparatory School October 1996 - Dec. 2008
Executive Board Member - Native American Grants School Assoc. January 1997 - Dec. 2004

EDUCATION:

University of New Mexico - Gallup January 1988 - 1989
Major: Construction Technology
Courses: Lumber Framing & Layout, Plumbing, Concrete, Welding & Cabinet Building

DeVry Institute of Technology March 1983 - February 1984
Phoenix, AZ
Major: Electronics Technology
Courses: Electronics I & II, Digital, Circuit Analysis, Algebra, & English

Phoenix College

January 1981 - 1982

Phoenix, AZ

Major: Liberal Arts

Courses: Algebra, Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy, French and PE Electives

Arizona State University

August 1979 - December 1980

Tempe, AZ

Major: Administrative Services

Courses: Required Freshman classes including Economics, Communications, & Psychology

Monument Valley High School

August 1975 - June 1, 1979

Kayenta, AZ

HS Diploma (Graduation) - June 1, 1979

Courses: Required Courses for Graduation

Upward Bound - Southern Utah College, Cedar City, UT (College Courses - 3 summers)

Sports: Football (4 years/Lettered 3 years); Wrestling (2 years/Lettered 1 year)

REFERENCES:

Available Upon Request

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
NAVAJO NATION**



HONORABLE SETH DAMON
Speaker 24th Navajo Nation Council

July 1, 2020

Herman Daniels Jr., Council Delegate
24th Navajo Nation Council
PO Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Honorable Delegate Daniels,

The Commission and Office of Navajo Government Development ("Commission") respectfully requests your assistance to sponsor legislation to confirm the Executive Branch's nominee, Mr. Robert K. Black Jr., as its representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 972(A)(1).

The Office of Navajo Government Development (ONGD) received a letter of interest and resume from Mr. Black on December 30th, 2019 indicating that he has been designated as the Commission representative to the Executive Branch. Additionally, a letter dated October 30, 2019, from the Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer was received to denote Mr. Black is the Executive Branch nominee.

The Commission continues its work to "...accomplish the Council's project of instituting reforms of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government." Pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 970. Therefore, it is the Commission's priority to ensure that all positions are filled in order to continue this important work.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (928) 871-6378. Thank you for your time and consideration on behalf of the ONGD.

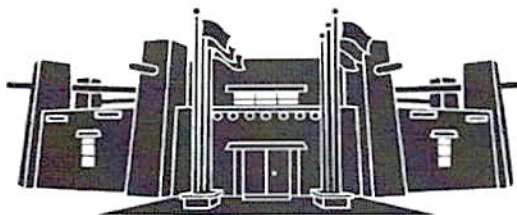
Sincerely,

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Edward K. Dee, Executive Director
Office of Navajo Government Development

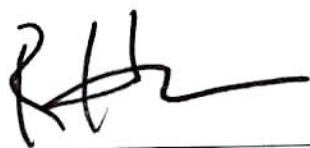
cc: JoAnn Dedman, Chairperson Commission on Navajo Government Development

Attachments: Letter of Interest, Resume, and OPVP letter



MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Herman Daniels, Jr., Delegate
Navajo Nation Council

From : 
Ron Haven, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date : July 24, 2020

Re : AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION
COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT BLACK, JR
TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT
AS EXECUTIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. The resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with any legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Also, understand that the Speaker is authorized to refer this proposed resolution to other committees than those stated in the title.

You are advised and encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction. 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'.

OLC # 20-240-1

THE NAVAJO NATION
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INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



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SPONSOR: Herman M. Daniels

TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Nomination of Robert K. Black, Jr to the Commission on Navajo Government Development as Executive Branch Representative

Date posted: August 7, 2020 at 2:40PM

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Written comments may be mailed to:

Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(928) 871-7586

Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.

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INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY**

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SPONSOR: Honorable Herman M. Daniels

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Posted: August 7, 2020 at 2:40PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: August 12, 2020

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inconclusive Comments	<i>None</i>



**Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services**

08/13/20 8:21 AM

Date/Time