

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

AN ACTION  
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'  
COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. NORBERT NEZ TO THE  
NAVAJO NATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSION

**Section One. Authority**

- A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has oversight authority with respect to communications and utilities. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C).
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has been empowered to confirm all appointments to boards and commissions. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(1).

**Section Two. Findings**

- A. The Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (Commission) is established under 2 N.N.C. §§ 3451-3455.
- B. The Commission consists of seven Commissioners appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation and confirmed by the appropriate committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §3454 (A)
- C. The appointment to the Commission shall be for a period of four (4) years. 2 N.N.C. § 3454 (B).
- D. The President of the Navajo Nation has appointed Mr. Norbert Nez to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2023. Appointment letter attached as **Exhibit A**, letter of interest as **Exhibit B** and resume as **Exhibit C**.

E. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to confirm the appointment of Mr. Norbert Nez to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2023.

### Section Three. Confirmation

The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, on the recommendation of the Resources and Development Committee, hereby confirms the President's appointment of Mr. Norbert Nez to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2023.

### CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of 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 13 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

  
Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Carl Slater

Second: Honorable Nathaniel Brown

Chairman Seth Damon not voting

# THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



November 7, 2019

Norbert Nez

Winslow, AZ 86047

**RE: Appointment as Commissioner for the Navajo Nation Telecommunications  
Regulatory Commission**

Dear Mr. Nez,

The Nez-Lizer Administration was elected on a mandate of change for the Navajo Nation. This change involves appointing qualified, motivated, and experienced individuals who will move the Navajo Nation forward by "Working Together" to serve the Navajo People.

This letter serves as formal notification of your appointment to serve as a Commissioner on the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NNTRC). This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §3454 (A).

As a Commissioner, you shall be responsible to exercise powers, authorities and duties as a commissioner to protect the public welfare, order, and security, to carry out the purpose and goals set forth in 2 N.N.C. §3453 (A) and (B). This delegation of authority shall be inclusive of the entire regulatory scheme, but exclusive of any telecommunications service or development activity, except where telecommunications regulatory may apply to such activities.

Again, we thank you for your willingness to serve the Navajo people. Ahéhee'.

Sincerely,

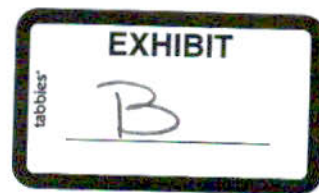
  
Jonathan Nez, President  
THE NAVAJO NATION

  
Myron Lizer, Vice President  
THE NAVAJO NATION



**Honorable Jonathan Nez**  
Navajo Nation President

March 25, 2019



Dear President Nez:

I am writing to express my interest in being re-appointed to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission as a Commissioner. I am thankful for having been selected to serve on the Commission during the 2017-2018 year. However, as you are aware, due to the staggered terms of commissioners, I only served for about a year before my term expired. I feel that the Commission had just started to get down to business and get things moving. I am ready to serve on the Commission and help get things moving again.

Even though the Commission I served on was only active for about 5 months, it began addressing some much needed issues like re-examining tower regulation on the Navajo Nation, examining the communications inventory for the entire Navajo Nation, reviewing necessary changes to the NNTRC plan of operation including reducing membership to five commissioners, establishing an expenditure plan for fees and fines that NNTRC will be collecting, addressing potential issues with E-rate for Navajo Nation schools, and reviewing recent FCC policy changes. Going forward, the NNTRC faces ever more challenging issues such as revamping the structure of telecommunications regulation on the Navajo Nation to meet current, modern requirements amid a projected lower revenue stream for the Nation. Telecommunications and technology are changing so fast that the NNTRC needs to move quickly to ensure that continued growth and provision of needed telecommunications services is available for the Navajo Nation.

There is a need to get a handle on the true picture of telecommunications infrastructure and service coverage on the Navajo Nation and bring services to the areas that don't currently have good coverage. There is a need to ensure that the proper infrastructure is in place to support 911 and Amber Alerts. There is a need for more competition among broadband providers so that the consumers get the best services and pricing available. These are all issues I am very interested in tackling along with the other Commissioners on the NNTRC.

Thank you for your consideration to re-appoint me and allow me to continue my service on the NNTRC Commission and I look forward to speaking with you or your staff about this important opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Norbert Nez".

Norbert Nez

## Norbert Nez

- [nnez@gmail.com](mailto:nnez@gmail.com)
- Winslow, AZ 86047

### EDUCATION

**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

### EXPERIENCE

**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 and securing grant funding to begin pilot projects; 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 from the federal, state, and local governments, private sector and non-profit organization 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; Served on the Division's strategic planning team; Increasingly took on more responsibility for Division administration through delegation of Executive Director authority leading to a standing delegation of authority to manage the Division when the Executive Director wasn't available in the office; Met with Navajo Nation officials, council delegates, and members of the public to find solutions for difficult problems regarding services and processing of documentation; Helped departments with updating and streamlining their plans of operation and developing new policies; Responsible for publishing the monthly DCD Newsletter; Responsible for the Census Information Center activities for the Navajo Nation; Currently designated as the Census Liaison for interfacing with the U.S. Census Bureau on any number of matters regarding census bureau products, policy making, resolving issues, and increasingly the 2020 Census count on the Navajo Nation.

**National Census Information Center Steering Committee • Member**  
*Suitland, MD • June 2016-Current*

As a member of the U.S. Census Bureau's Census Information Centers program, I was selected to serve on the CIC Steering Committee. The Steering Committee discusses and sets the agenda for topics of discussion, training, and to address issues that the CIC's encounter in their work. I was able to use the platform to bring attention to Native American and Navajo issues regarding the existing Census data,



resources, and the census counts. Being on the Steering Committee brings you closer to the main leadership at the Census Bureau and allows for a more candid discussion on issues important to Native Nations and the Navajo Nation.

**Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission • Commissioner**  
*Window Rock, Arizona • Aug 2002-Sept 2007 • Sept 2012-2015 • June 2017-Sept 2018*

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 officials at USDA to include new provisions into grant funding programs that would benefit Native Nations including the Navajo Nation; 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; Helped develop amendments to the NNTRC plan of operation to clarify NNTRC's role in the Navajo Nation government and to allow oversight over 911 policies and activities; and worked on developing the annual commission budget.

**Dilcon Community School, Inc. • Governing Board Vice-President**  
*Dilcon, 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**  
*Dilcon, 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 for road and infrastructure construction.

## SKILLS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 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 and programs from inception, to implementation, and close-out, that included tasks such as grant writing, contracting, payments, budgeting, staff management, project management, and grant reporting. Includes funding and resources of over \$10 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, National Science Foundation, states of New Mexico and Arizona, and USDA.
  - Successfully developed partnerships with local, state, federal, and international organizations and educational institutions, including USGSA, USDOC, USDA, NMPPRC, ACC, New Mexico State Library, New Mexico State University, Northern Arizona University, University of New Mexico, Dine College, Navajo Technical University, AZ GITA, ARIN, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, New Mexico State Data Center, Arizona State Data Center, U.S. Census Bureau, USAC, and the Federal Communications Commission.
  - Planned, developed and implemented the Navajo Nation WIND System, an online suite of e-government applications that help chapters and departments deal with budgeting, project management, reporting, document tracking and workflow automation, and access to data resources from the Navajo Nation and the U.S. Census Bureau.
  - Restarted the Navajo Nation Census Information Center (CIC); The CIC activities include disseminating Navajo-related Census Bureau information and data to chapters and partners; Developed the Navajo Profile, an online data repository for Navajo Nation data and Census data.
  - Planned and implemented a semi-annual technology conference for Navajo Chapters that included dissemination of Census Bureau data and program information. Also brought in key partners such as Google, Apple, U.S. Census Bureau, PLUS Codes, and numerous other resource groups.
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Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting

12/12/2019

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Amd# to Amd#	Consent Agenda: Legislations	PASSED
MOT Slater, C	0322-19; 0361-19; 0363-19;	
SEC Brown	0364-19; 0365-19; 0326-19;	
	0353-19; 0354-19; 0355-19...	

Yea : 13

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 10

## Yea : 13

Begay, E	Halona, P	Tso, C	Tso, O
Begay, P	Henio, J	Tso, D	Walker, T
Brown	Slater, C	Tso, E	Yellowhair
Charles-Newton			

## Nay : 0

## Excused : 0

## Not Voting : 10

Begay, K	Freeland, M	Smith	Wauneka, E
Crotty	James, V	Stewart, W	Yazzie
Daniels	Nez, R		

Presiding Chair: Damon