

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2023

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MARCUS DENETDALE TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THE 6 N.N.C. § 606(B) POSITION OF THE "CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OR ENGINEERING OR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OR EQUIVALENT FIELD EXPERIENCE WITH BACKGROUND IN INDIAN HOUSING OR FEDERAL HOUSING"

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606(A), [t]he Board Members shall be appointed, and may be reappointed, by the Nominations Committee composed of the Navajo Nation President, Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, Resources and Development Committee designee, and confirmed by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
- B. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606(A), 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.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 602(A), the Navajo Nation established a public body of the Navajo Nation known as the Navajo Housing Authority (Authority) to: remedy unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals; alleviate the acute shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income; provide employment opportunities through the construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair operation of low income dwellings; and promote economic growth and development activities within and near the Navajo Nation. See 6 N.N.C. § 604(A) - (D).
- B. The affairs of the Authority shall be managed by a Board of Commissioners composed of five persons. 6 N.N.C. § 605; CJA-13-17.
- C. "One Commissioner shall have construction management or engineering or business management or equivalent field

experience with background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing." 6 N.N.C. § 606(B); CJA-13-17.

- D. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606 the Nominations Committee, composed of the Navajo Nation President, Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, Resources and Development Committee designee, has appointed Mr. Marcus Denetdale. The appointment letter is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- E. Mr. Denetdale's résumé is attached as **Exhibit B**. Mr. Denetdale's résumé states that he was the Program Manager of Construction in Indian Country with Arizona State University, The Del E. Webb School of Construction for six years. One of his duties included "[c]onstruction management training and education for tribal government, housing authorities, education departments & facilities managers."
- F. A majority of the Commissioners shall be members of the Navajo Nation. 6 N.N.C. § 606(B); CJA-13-17. Mr. Marcus Denetdale's Navajo Nation Certificate of Indian Blood is attached as **Exhibit C**.
- G. "The term of office shall be four years and staggered. When a Board is first established, one member's term shall be designated to expire in one year, another to expire in two years, a third to expire in three years, and the last two in four years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for four (4) years, except that in the case of a prior vacancy, an appointment shall be only for the length of the unexpired term. Each member of the Board shall hold office until his successor has been duly appointed." 6 N.N.C. § 607.
- H. The previous term of Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners member filling the position of "construction management or engineering or business management or equivalent field experience with background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing" was to expire on July 8, 2025. NABIJY-16-21. Title Six N.N.C. § 607 states that "in the case of a prior vacancy, an appointment shall be only for the length of the unexpired term." Therefore, Mr. Marcus Denetdale's term will expire on July 8, 2025.

### SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT

- A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. 606(B), the Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. Marcus Denetdale to serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to fill the 6 N.N.C. § 606(B) position of the "construction management

or engineering or business management or equivalent field experience with background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing."

- B. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 607, Mr. Marcus Denetdale's term will expire on July 8, 2025.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 25<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 14 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.



Honorable Vince R. James, Chairman Pro Tem  
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

10/17/2023  
Date

Motion: Honorable George H. Tolth  
Second: Honorable Curtis Yanito

Chairman Pro Tem Vince R. James not voting



June 22, 2023

Marcus E. Denetdale


**RE: Official Appointment to the Navajo Housing Authority ("NHA")**

Dear Mr. Denetdale,

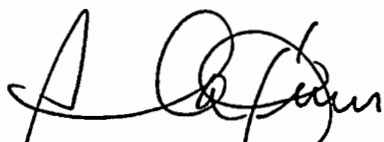
It is our distinct pleasure to appoint you to the Board of Directors for NHA. You have extensive experience in business management operations. After reviewing your resume, we strongly believe you have the background and experience to competently represent on this Board. **You are hereby appointed for a term of four (4) years.** This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

Thank you for your desire to serve as a Board member with NHA. If you have any questions relating to your appointment, please contact Office of the Speaker at (928) 871-7160.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Buu Nygren, President  
THE NAVAJO NATION

  
Crystalyne Curley, Speaker  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

  
Honorable Brenda Jesus, Chair  
Resources and Development Committee  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council



**Marcus E. Denetdale, M.Ed.**

office:

• mobile:

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**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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- Tribal affairs experience: tribal colleges and universities (TCUs) liaison and student recruitment, tribal affairs liaison, government-to-government relations, K-12 education, tribal enterprises, tribal economic development, tribal veteran affairs, Indian gaming, tribal health, tribal leader advising and consultation, tribal law & policy advocacy, executing contracts and agreements.
- Tribal relations: citizen of Navajo Nation, recognizes & understands American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) cultural sensitivity, connected with Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes, including in Southern California, New Mexico, Washington, and Oklahoma.
- Advocacy and advisory for federal and state funding for tribal projects and initiatives.
- Information management experience: marketing, maintaining distribution lists, maintaining databases, data mining, researching, communication, preparing reports, CRM systems (Salesforce), IT liaison in communicating/reporting/troubleshooting.
- Over 20 years of nonprofit leadership and management experience: executive board leadership management, advisory board management, event planning, fundraising, project coordinating, group organizing, staff & volunteer management, scheduling, presenting, workforce training, hiring, performance evaluations, supervising, mentoring, financial management, and project management.
- Over 11 years of counseling and youth services experience: mentoring, counseling, youth program development & implementation.
- 10 years in higher education experience: graduate student advising, student affairs liaison, faculty, advising mentoring, policy development & implementation, graduate degree program implementation, academic student support, student recruitment, project management, donor relations, teaching, budgeting, hiring, and federal & nonprofit grant proposals.
- Clerical skills: answering phone calls, photocopying, emailing, mail merging, sorting mail, filing, preparing supply orders, prioritizing tasks, demonstrating effective time management and organizational skills, professional written and verbal communication, hosting virtual meetings.
- Research experience: Native American (NA) enrollment, NA student retention, tuition costs, and institutional analysis and data tools.
- Diversity and inclusion liaison: LGBTQ+, distant learning students, ADA students; underrepresented minorities (URMs), veterans, and active-duty military.

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**EDUCATION**

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**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** (Civil, Environmental, and Sustainable Engineering)  
*Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ*

In Progress

**Master of Education (M.Ed.)** (Higher and Postsecondary Education Administration)  
*Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ*

August '14

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A)** (Psychology)  
*Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ*

December '11

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Home Base Arizona

Regional Associate Director, Southwest & Tribal relations

Phoenix, AZ

04/23 to Present

Home Base is a national nonprofit dedicated to healing the invisible wounds of war for Veterans of all eras, Service Members, Military Families and Families of the Fallen through world-class, direct clinical care, wellness, education and research – all at no cost to them – regardless of era of service, discharge status or geographical location. The program was founded by Massachusetts General Hospital and the Boston Red Sox Foundation. My duties include:

- Supporting the program initiatives, mission, and vision
- Program development for veteran mental & behavioral health, physical fitness, nutrition and wellness.
- Strategic planning and dealing with complexities
- People and performance management
- Financial planning, strategy, and budgeting
- Fundraising, donor relations, grant proposals
- Community, tribal & intergovernmental relations
- Supporting Veteran community outreach and mental health awareness
- Executing contracts and agreements with public institutions, private & public organizations, and federal, municipal, state & tribal governments

### Arizona State University – The Del E. Webb School of Construction

Program Manager, Construction in Indian Country (CIIC)

Tempe, AZ

01/17 to 04/23

The Del E. School of Construction (DEWSC) is a growing academic department. DEWSC leads the nation in construction management, construction engineering, research and sustainability. I am committed to these high-level standards. At DEWSC, I worked in a fast-paced environment where problem solving, student engagement, industry outreach, building partnerships, and developing philanthropic support were the concentration of my position. Additionally, I developed partnerships and relationships with tribal entities at the highest levels to move projects and goals forward. Managing the Construction in Indian Country program at DEWSC was rewarding. We served and brought together the Indigenous communities and the construction industry throughout North America. We supported building construction management capacity through education and training. My duties include:

- Supporting the program initiatives, mission, and vision
- Construction management training and education for tribal government, housing authorities, education departments & facility managers.
- Support the academic unit, industry affiliates, executive & advisory board
- Strategic planning and dealing with complexities
- People and performance management
- Financial planning, strategy, and profitability
- Fund raising, donor relations, grant proposals
- Principal Investigator and analyzing information
- Instructor (CON 494/598): "Construction Management in Indigenous Communities"
- Supporting student success, recruitment, and retention
- Advising student organizations

- Tribal & intergovernmental relations and affairs
- Executing contracts and agreements with federal, state & tribal governments

**Arizona State University – School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment**      **Tempe, AZ**  
**Academic Success Specialist**      **11/14 to 01/17**

At the School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment, I work in a fast-paced environment where problem solving and student engagement are the essence of my position. I contribute support to my colleagues, and to high-level constituencies within the University. In this department, flexibility and adaptability are key where it allows for faster and efficient student support. I have demonstrated trustworthiness and integrity by successfully accessing the student records without compromise. I adhere to professionalism when tasked with academic affairs. Lastly, I provided technical and analytical academic support to the Director, Advising Assistant Director, Graduate Program Chairs and faculty of SSEBE. Duties include:

- Graduate student advising.
- Student programs and engagement.
- Instructor, CEE-ASU 101 freshmen course
- Student organizations advising.
- Advises faculty and staff in student academic affairs.
- Provides graduate student plan of study support & degree completion planning.
- Demonstrated leadership skills in training new student Research and Teaching Assistants.
- Recommends, develops, and establishes policies and procedures.
- Additional duties; assist with hiring procedures; and employee development.

**Arizona State University – Graduate College**      **Tempe, AZ**  
**Student Support Coordinator (Promoted from Administrative Associate)**      **01/14 to 10/14**

A Student Support Coordinator is a liaison on behalf the Dean of Graduate Education (GE). In this role, I have demonstrated trustworthiness and integrity by successfully accessing the student database without compromise. I adhered to professionalism when tasked with high-level projects with efficiency and alacrity. I provided student affairs support between GE and academic units, faculty and support staff without compromising Graduate Education or ABOR policy and procedures, to insure the best possible resolution for the student and their academic unit.

- GE liaisons assisted academic units with student policy issues, business process guidance, technical issues, and general student and staff inquiries.
- Processed documents for graduate student's thesis/dissertation committee member nominations.
- Within PeopleSoft, I created, updated, and changed graduate academic degree programs according to the specifications on academic degree plan proposals approved by the University Graduate Counsel and the Provost office's implementation team.
- Provided graduate degree and curriculum technical support (troubleshooting & implementation)
- Demonstrated leadership skills by training new liaisons and graduate support staff.
- Provided technical and analytical support to the Provost Office's graduate curriculum implementation team, and our Executive Director of Graduate Program Services.
- Recommended, developed and established policies and procedures for the entire university.
- Additional duties: assisted with the hiring process, new hire interviews, employee development, performance and training management, conducted new graduate support staff orientation.

**Arizona State University – Graduate College****Tempe, AZ****Administrative Associate (Promoted from Administrative Assistant)****07/13 to 1/14**

- Coordinator for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education/Western Region Graduate Program (WICHE/WRGP).
- Salesforce implementation team.
- Support our Graduate Customer Service area with student issues and inquiries.

**Arizona State University – Graduate College****Tempe, AZ****Administrative Assistant (promoted from Office Specialist)****11/12 to 07/13**

- Created data queries using *MyReports* and *PeopleSoft* Query Manager
- Support our Graduate Customer Service area with student issues and inquiries

**Arizona State University – Graduate College****Tempe, AZ****Office Specialist****02/12 to 11/12**

- Clerical functions; emails, phones, photocopying, scanning, order supplies, travel itineraries
- Assist with student inquiries
- Generate reports
- Assist with event planning and graduation commencement
- Miscellaneous job duties as assigned



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## MILITARY EXPERIENCE

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**United States Air Force**  
Aircraft Avionics Specialist  
Rank: Senior Airman (E-4)

Tyndall AFB, FL  
10/97 to 10/01

I provided aircraft avionics maintenance support. I assisted the Avionics Section with performing daily maintenance with an impressive 73% actual fixed maintenance rate. I became mid-shift Supervisor in less than 3 years which is above and beyond normal achievement in ranks. I provided field avionics training. I was the OSHA section representative. I, periodically, gave safety briefings and maintained our section's OSHA records and statistics.

- Provided aircraft avionics maintenance, such as preventative maintenance operational checks and troubleshooting.
- Scheduled Maintenance Coordinator.
- Mid-Shift Avionics Section Supervisor.
- Scheduled Maintenance Coordinator.

### Awards and Achievements

- Squadron Airman of the Quarter
- Base Aircraft Maintainer of the Quarter
- Jefferson Citizen Award Nominee for High School Mentorship
- Honorably Discharged

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## COMPUTER APPLICATIONS EXPERIENCE

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- MyReports, PeopleSoft (Oracle), Salesforce, dashboards, BlackBoard, CurricUNET, Analytical Support Tools, Canvas, Zoom, Adobe Acrobat, fundraising platforms, and various digital clouds.
- Microsoft Office Suite (I.e. Teams, MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, One Note, & Outlook)

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, VOLUNTEER, AND ACTIVITIES

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- Member of ASU Veterans Alumni Chapter
- Member of ASU Native American Alumni Chapter
- Professional Member of American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
  - Member of AISES Tribal Advisory Council
- Executive Board Member of Construction in Indian Country

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## MEDIA MENTIONS

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Denetdale, ME. "ASU project to expand clean water access for Navajo Nation." ASU News. Media release. 2021. Source: <https://news.asu.edu/20211220-all-hands-pump>

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Denetdale, ME. "Veterans aim at highest target in academia." ASU Now. Arizona State University. Media release. 2017. Source: <https://asunow.asu.edu/20170323-navajo-veteran-explores-engineering-pathways-mentors-native-students-asu>

Denetdale, ME. "SVA Voices: Featured student veteran." Student Veterans of America. Media. 2015. Source: Student Veterans of America Media. Washington, D.C.

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## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Available Upon Request.



## THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE  
PRESIDENT

JONATHAN NEZ  
VICE PRESIDENT

UNACCEPTABLE IF ALTERED


### CERTIFICATE OF NAVAJO INDIAN BLOOD

PART A (To be used if applicant is enrolled)

FORT DEFIANCE  
AGENCY

I certify that MARCUS ELLISON DENETDALE Is listed on the Navajo Indian Census Roll, dated \_\_\_\_\_, Which is an official record of this office as being of \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Navajo Indian Blood, with Roll Number, \_\_\_\_\_, Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_.

Record: \_\_\_\_\_

  
(For) VITAL STATISTICS MANAGER

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS DOCUMENT  
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VITAL RECORDS & TRIBAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM  
THE NAVAJO NATION ♦ P.O. BOX 3240 ♦ WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA 86515

## NAVAJO NATION

## Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Regular Meeting

10/12/2023  
03:32:25 PM

Amd# to Amd#      New Business: Item H.  
MOT Tolth, G      Legislation #0222-23: Confirming  
SEC Yanito, C      the Appt. of Marcus Denetdale to  
                                 Serve on the NHA Board of Dir...

PASSED

Yeas : 14

Nays : 0

Excused : 4

Not Voting : 5

## Yea : 14

Arviso, S  
Begay, H  
Begay, N  
Charles-Newton, EClaw, S  
Curley, C  
Johnson, C  
Nez, ANotah, N  
Simonson, G  
Simpson, DSlater, C  
Tolth, G  
Yanito, C

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## Excused : 4

Daniels, H

Jesus, B

Nez, R

Parrish, S

## Not Voting : 5

Aseret, L  
Crotty, A

Damon, S

Tso, O

Yazzie, C

Presiding Speaker: James, V