

RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the 23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2023

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; CONFIRMING MELISSA BEGAY, M.D., TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS REPRESENTING CHINLE AGENCY

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §500 (A).
- B. The President of the Navajo Nation appoints and the Resources and Development Committee confirms the directors to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry. 5 N.N.C. §1603 (A); CO-45-12, Section Five, References to previous Standing Committees.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. §1603 (B), the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) "Board of Directors shall set policy including, but not limited to, establishing personnel policies, procurement policies and financial policies for NAPI. The Board of Directors shall hire and supervise the Chief Executive Officer who shall hire under contract a Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall be accountable to the Board of the Directors and to the Chief Executive Officer and shall be supervised by the Chief Executive Officer in conformity with job descriptions established for the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Executive Officer, and with Navajo Agricultural Products Industry's approved policies and procedures. The Chief Financial Officer shall submit all monthly, quarterly and annual reports to the Chief Executive Officer and Board of Directors simultaneously."
- B. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. §1604, "[t]he Navajo Agricultural Products Industry shall operate under the legislative oversight of the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council . . . NAPI shall operate pursuant to a Plan of Operation recommended by the NAPI Board of Directors in consultation with the President of the Navajo Nation and adopted by the Resources and Development Committee of the

Navajo Nation Council." CO-45-12, Section Five, References to previous Standing Committees.

- C. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. §1603 (A), "[n]o elected official of the federal, state or Navajo Nation government shall be a member of the Board of Directors. No employee of the federal, state or Navajo Nation government shall be a member of the Board of Directors." See also RDCS-049-19.
- D. Pursuant to RDCS-049-19, the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry's Amended Plan of Operation Article 5 (A), "NAPI shall be managed by a Board of Directors that shall provide governance and oversight of the organization, subject to the restrictions of this Plan of Operation and applicable law. The Board shall consist of five (5) members from the Western, Chinle, and Eastern Agencies of the Navajo Nation. At least one Director shall be from District 13 and one Director shall be from District 19.
- E. Pursuant to RDCS-049-19, the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry's Amended Plan of Operation Article 5 (C) and (D) state the qualifications and term of service: "Each Director shall have substantial business experience which shall include, but not be limited to agribusiness and/or business marketing, livestock, agricultural economics and finance, irrigation and P.L. 93-638 contracting. It is preferred that each Director shall have knowledge of corporate and/or business financial statements and capital investment planning and shall possesses a Bachelor's degree from a recognized and accredited four-year institution of higher learning. . . . Directors shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years and may be reappointed to serve additional terms."
- F. The President of the Navajo Nation, by memorandum dated April 4, 2023, attached as Exhibit A, has appointed Melissa Begay, M.D., to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industrial Board of Directors to represent the Chinle Agency.
- G. Melissa Begay, M.D.'s letter of interest, her résumé, and her Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood are attached hereto as Exhibits B, C, and D, respectively.
- H. Melissa Begay, M.D., meets the qualifications to be a Director for the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry.


SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING MELISSA BEGAY, M.D., AS A DIRECTOR

The Resource and Development Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Melissa Begay, M.D., to the Navajo Agricultural

Products Industry Board of Directors representing Chinle Agency for a term of three years.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at St. Micheals, (Navajo Nation) Arizona, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, on this 5th day of July 2023.



Brenda Jesus, Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
Of the 25th Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Casey Allen Johnson
Second: Honorable Danny Simpson



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*
Yideeskáądi Nitsáhákees **RICHELLE MONTOYA** *VICE PRESIDENT*



April 4, 2023

Melissa Begay

Re: Official Appointment to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors.

Dear Ms. Begay,

I am pleased to appoint you to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors. I am confident you have the background, experience and education to represent the interests of this Administration on this Board of Directors. This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. This appointment represents the Navajo people of the Chinle agency of the Navajo Nation.

I appreciate your desire to serve the Navajo Nation and the Navajo People. If there are any questions, please contact Patrick Sandoval, Chief of Staff at (928) 871-7244.

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Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

Jan 31, 2023

Dear President Nygren,

I have attached my Curriculum Vitae for your consideration in an appointment to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board for the Chinle Agency.

As a physician and entrepreneur, I am keenly interested in food systems and its impact on human health. Access to healthy, climate-friendly foods is essential for any successful city or community. I have experience predominantly in the beverage industry with Bow & Arrow where our products are sold in over 6 states and national outlets such as Whole Foods and Total Wine & More.

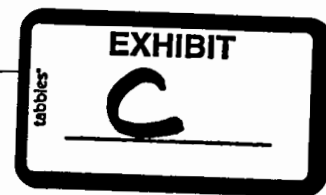
We strive to partner with tribal enterprises and local farms whenever possible using heritage blue corn from the Santa Ana Pueblo Mills in one of our core products. We have used sumac berries from NAPI in the past as well. It is partnerships like these that make the future of NAPI exciting as we strive to both create more sustainable food systems in line with our traditional Navajo farming history and also strive to become a more profitable organization.

Further, I'd like to add my experience in my journey as a farmer. My grandparents who lived near Canyon de Chelly grew corn, squash and grain. I began to grow corn while in medical school and continue this tradition today on my own homestead in New Mexico.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Begay, MD



MELISSA BEGAY, MD

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING:

Sleep Medicine Fellowship Program	07/2016-06/2017
Department of Internal Medicine	
University of New Mexico Hospital	
Albuquerque, New Mexico	

Internal Medicine Residency	07/2013-06/2016
Department of Internal Medicine	
University of New Mexico Hospital	
Albuquerque, New Mexico	

EDUCATION:

University of New Mexico School of Medicine	08/2008 - 05/2013
Albuquerque, New Mexico	
Doctor of Medicine	

Stanford University	09/1997-01/2001
Stanford, California	
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology	

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS:

New Mexico Medical License, Active, MD2017-0997	11/2017
Board Eligible for Internal Medicine	06/2017
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	09/2016
Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers	09/2016
NPI Number 1053654079	07/2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES:

UNM SOM Committee on Student Promotion & Evaluation	2021-present
UNM SOM Executive Diversity Officer Search Committee	2021-2022
SW Region 1 AI/AN Healthcare Workforce Committee	2021-present

CDC Healthy Brain Initiative National Advisory Committee	2021-present
Board of Directors, Association of American Indian Physicians	2020-present
Board of Directors, We Are Healers	2016-2020
Member, American Academy of Sleep Medicine	2016-present
Member, American College of Physicians	2013-present
Member, Association of American Indian Physicians	2013-present

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Physician, NMVAMC, Albuquerque, New Mexico Staff Physician in the Sleep Medicine Department	04/2018-present
Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine	04/2018-present
Co-Founder, Bow & Arrow Brewing Co., Albuquerque, New Mexico. Co-Founder and Creative Director of the first Native American female Owned craft brewery in the US. 15 bbl production of craft beer with National distribution in 6 states	03/2016-present
Operations Assistant, Flywheel Ventures, Albuquerque, New Mexico Managed venture capital firm's marketing database	07/2006-08/2007
Intern, Navajo Nation Legislative Services, Window Rock, Arizona Assisted the Navajo Nation Permanent Fund Committee to develop a proposal to the Navajo Nation Tribal Council on expenditure of a \$11 million investment fund. Traveled to community meetings throughout the Navajo Nation and collected community needs assessment data. Provided statistical and data analysis. Average Hours/Week: 40	05/2003-09/2003
Community Health Outreach Coordinator and HIV Counselor, Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley, San Jose, California Coordinated monthly events, classes, youth group sessions focused on violence/gang prevention and provided free confidential HIV counseling and harm/risk reduction. Average Hours/Week: 40	06/2001-06/2002

HONORS AND AWARDS:

American College of Physicians – NM Chapter Community Service and Volunteerism Award	10/2020
Hometown Hero Recognition, Office of US Senator Martin Heinrich	06/2020
NMVAMC Quality Improvement Project 1 st place Veteran Experience – “Get Back to Sleep”	11/2019
Gold Humanism Honor Society	02/2016
Virginia LeFlore Marshall Foundation Award	2009-2015

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UNM Khatali Alumni Award for Assistance to the Underserved	05/2013
UNM Diversity Award for Excellence in Community Service	05/2013
American Indian Graduate Center Fellowship	09/2007
Gathering of Nations Foundation Scholarship	04/2007

RESEARCH/PUBLICATIONS:

Reviewer. Supporting the Health and Well-Being of Indigenous Communities: A Position Paper From the American College of Physicians. <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i> . https://doi.org/10.7326/M22-1891	11/2022
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Begay, M; Kakol M, Sood A, Upson D. Strengthening digital health technology capacity in Navajo communities to help counter the COVID-19 pandemic. <i>Annals of the Am Thor Soc</i> Published online: February 12, 2021 as DOI: https://doi-org.libproxy.unm.edu/10.1513/AnnalsATS.202009-1136PS .	02/12/2021
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Begay, M., Manral. A, Navajo Herbal Plant Mobile App, a categorical Navajo herbal plant database with general medical information. University of New Mexico Department of Internal Medicine Residency Research Project.	01/2017
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Begay, M., Parker. T, Identifying Depression in Urban Native American Women: A Qualitative Study on the Experiences of Primary Care Providers in an Urban Health Setting. University of New Mexico Center for Native American Health.	09/2009
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PRESENTATIONS / LECTURES:

Realizing an Indigenous Workforce UNM HSC Native American Heritage Month	11/22/2022
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2022 BNGAP National Conference Designing Pre-Faculty Competencies for Diverse Medical Students, Residents, and Fellows	11/04/2022
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Sleep Health Didactics VA Behavioral Health	09/23/2022
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Society of American Indian Dentist 32nd Annual Meeting Optimizing Sleep for Wellness	06/02/2022
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Finding Balance after COVID-19 in the Navajo Southwest CUGH 2022 Plenary: Planetary Health & Environmental Justice	03/21/2022
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American Medical Women's Association 107th Annual Meeting Overcoming Blindspots	03/26/2022
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Optimizing Sleep for Cardiovascular Health, American Heart Association 02/04/2022
Go Red for Heart Health Summit

Promise of digital technology and vaccination in Navajo mining communities' fight against COVID-19, UNM Project ECHO Miners' Wellness TeleECHO Clinic 01/26/2022

Guest Lecturer, Diasporic and Indigenous Health, Cornell University 12/07/2021

Featured Speaker, UNM Native American Alumni, UNM Native American Heritage Month 11/11/2021

COVID-19 in the Remote Navajo Southwest, UNM Ambulatory Practice Providers Education Session 10/06/2021

Guest Lecturer, Diasporic and Indigenous Health, Cornell University 05/11/2021

COVID-19 and the Navajo Nation, UNM Physician Advisory Group Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Session 04/08/2021

COVID-19 in the Southwest Native Population, UNM Critical Care ECHO Session 03/04/2021

COVID-19 in the Remote Navajo Southwest, 49th Annual New Mexico Lung Disease Symposium 03/27/2021

Guest Speaker, SNMA Chapter Carle Illinois College of Medicine 01/22/2021

Oregon Health Sciences University Department of Medicine Grand Rounds: COVID-19 in the Remote Navajo Southwest 11/10/2020

Sleep in Indigenous Populations, Center for Indigenous Cancer Research Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center 11/05/2020

New Mexico Chapter of Society of Hospital Medicine: Conversations on Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Hospital Medicine 09/30/2020

Project ECHO: Improving Perinatal Health TeleECHO Program, Cultural and Health Services Aspects of Addressing COVID-19 on Navajo Nation 06/01/2020

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UNM Department of Internal Medicine Grand Rounds: COVID-19 in the Remote Navajo Southwest	05/14/2020
Delivering Legal Services to Indigenous Communities during COVID-19, Forum on Increasing Access to Justice, Legal Services Corporation, Washington DC	08/05/2020
Emerging Therapies in Insomnia, 48th Annual New Mexico Lung Disease Symposium	03/07/2020
Sleep in 2019, Annual IM/FM Conference for Indian Health Service	03/08/2019
Sleep and Wellness, UNM Internal Medicine Resident Bootcamp	08/09/2018
Getting A Better Night's Sleep, UNM Resident Wellness Program	02/21/2018
Care of Diverse Patient Populations, UNM Internal Medicine Hospitalist Training Track Group	03/16/2017
Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome and Sleep Apnea. 45th Annual New Mexico Lung Disease Symposium	02/25/2017
Overview of Normal Sleep. Continuum of Care: Essentials in Sleep Medicine Conference	11/11/2016
End of Life Issues Among the Navajo, UNM IM Cultural Diversity Initiative Rounds	11/18/2015
Analysis of the Biochemical Variables used to Differentiate Familial Hypocalciuric Hypercalcemia & Primary Hyperparathyroidism. Endocrine Case Conference	09/09/2015
Pulmonary Hypertension. Internal Medicine Resident Morning Report	04/26/2015
Case Report: Glucocorticoid Induced Osteoporosis. Rheumatology Case Conference, Department of Internal Medicine	07/07/2014
VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:	
Mentor, UNM Association of Native American Medical Students	01/2022-present
Mentor, Pre-medical Matriculation Program (PrEP) UNM School of Medicine Office of Diversity	08/2020-08/2022

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<p>Pilot Proposal Reviewer, National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN), Boston, MA. Review proposals and provide written critiques for NRMN - a nationwide consortium of biomedical professionals and institutions collaborating to provide enhanced networking and mentorship experiences in support of the training and career development of individuals from groups identified by the NIH as under-represented in biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and social science research careers.</p>	<p>05/2015-06/2015</p>
<p>Panelist, U.S. National Library of Medicine, Washington, DC. Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness. Panelist on exhibit regarding the views of health and illness among Native Americans in the U.S.</p>	<p>05/2013 - 06/2013</p>
<p>President, Association of Native American Medical Students, Oklahoma City, OK. Provided leadership for the largest national student organization comprised of Native American medical students throughout the United States and Canada. Assisted in development of mentoring programs and bi-monthly lecture series on issues related to Native American health.</p>	<p>05/2011-06/2012</p>
<p>Co-Founder, Society of Native American Health Professionals, Albuquerque, NM. Founded a student organization focused on supporting Native American students in the health professions, promoting awareness of Native American health issues, and advocacy for the establishment of the Dr. Ervin Lewis Native American Student Center on the University of New Mexico Health Sciences campus.</p>	<p>05/2009 - 05/2013</p>
<p>Board Member, Center for Native American Health Advisory Council, Albuquerque, NM. Developed recommendations and goals for the professional development needs of medical students on issues relating to minority students in academic medicine, cultural identity, and professionalism.</p>	<p>05/2009 - 05/2010</p>



THE NAVAJO NATION

KELSEY A. BEGAYE
PRESIDENT

TAYLOR MCKENZIE, M.D.
VICE PRESIDENT

UNACCEPTABLE IF ALTERED

CERTIFICATE OF NAVAJO INDIAN BLOOD

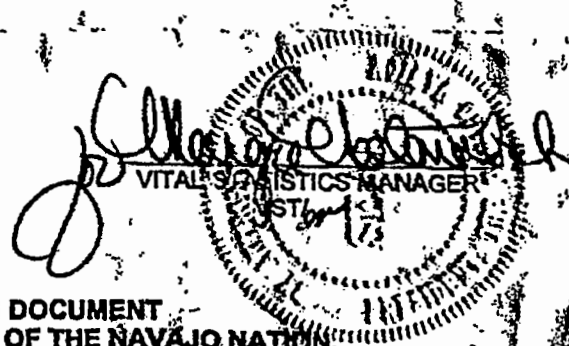
PART A (To be used if applicant is enrolled)

CROWNPOINT
AGENCY

May 08, 2000
DATE

I certify that Melissa Begay is listed on the Navajo Indian Census Roll, dated JANUARY 01, 1940, which is an official record of this office as being of 4/4 degree Navajo Indian blood, with Roll Number _____ date of birth _____

RECORDED: August 29, 1989.



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25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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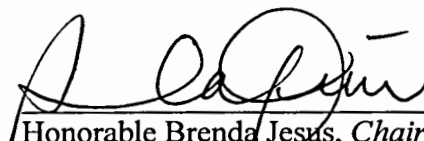
**ROLL CALL
VOTE TALLY SHEET**

LEGISLATION #0143-23: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; CONFIRMING MELISSA BEGAY, M.D., TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS REPRESENTING CHINLE AGENCY. Sponsor: Honorable Shawna Ann Claw

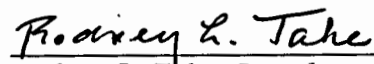
Date: July 05, 2023 – Regular Meeting (St. Michaels, Arizona and Teleconference)
Location: Navajo Nation Land Department – 2B Taylor Road, Building #8966 – St. Michaels, Arizona.
Resources and Development Committee called in via teleconference from their location within the boundary of the Navajo Nation.

Main Motion:

M: Casey Allen Johnson **S:** Danny Simpson **V:** 5-0-1 (CNV)
In Favor: Casey Allen Johnson; Shawna Ann Claw; Rickie Nez; Danny Simpson; Otto Tso
Opposition: None
Excused: None
Not Voting: Brenda Jesus, *Chairperson*



Honorable Brenda Jesus, *Chairperson*
Resources and Development Committee



Rodney L. Pahe, *Legislative Advisor*
Office of Legislative Services