

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

AN ACTION
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. B. ALEX MONTOYA 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. B. Alex Montoya 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. B. Alex Montoya 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. B. Alex Montoya to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning October 1st, 2019 and ending September 30, 2023.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 24th 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 12th day of December 2019.



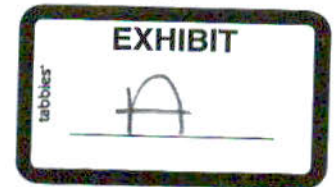
Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

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

Mr. B. Alex Montoya

Sanders, AZ 86515

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

Dear Mr. Montoya

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Nez".

Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Lizer".

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

B. Alex Montoya

Sanders, AZ 86512

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Johnathan Nez, President
The Navajo Nation
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission

Dear Honorable Nez:

I am submitting this letter of interest for one of three vacancies on the Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (NNTRC). I have served as a commissioner for several years during the Ben Shelley and Russell Begaye administrations. My last appointment to NNTRC was shortened by inaction by the Navajo Nation Council's Resource and Development Committee. The committee took almost two years to confirm appointments.

I served as NNTRC chairperson when our terms expired September 2018. We had several important issues on our docket during our tenure. Broadband, rural addressing, Next generation 911, telecom towers inventory and other pressing issues were before the commission.

I would like another opportunity to work with NNTRC as one of its commissioners. Continuity and history is important for an organization to move forward within the Navajo Nation government. Whatever plans you have for this commission, the NNTRC office and the commissioners should follow your lead and develop plans to move this important commission forward.

Please consider this letter and my attached resume' for appointment to the NNTRC. I am looking forward to working with Mr. Christopher Becenti, NNTRC Executive Director, if I should be appointed. Thank you Mr. President.

Sincerely,

B. Alex Montoya



Resumé

B. Alex Montoya

Post Office Box

Phone:

Email:

EDUCATION

Fall 2002- 2003 The University of Arizona, graduate work; American Indian
Studies Program, Tucson, AZ

May 2002 Bachelor of Community Health, New Mexico State University, Las
Cruces, New Mexico

EMPLOYMENT

February 2010-April 2011 **Public Information Officer** - Division of Community
Development, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ.

Researched, developed, wrote, and coordinated media campaigns; coordinated associated public relations activities; researched, outlined, and prepared speeches; furnished information and photographs for the press, periodicals, radio, television, education, and training use; reviewed and determined needs, defined goals and recommended steps needed to carry out a planned public information program. Managed assigned public information marketing programs; developed and coordinated the illustration and printing of publications; prepared, reviewed, and edited news conferences, releases, newsletters, publications, and scripts; advised constituents concerning public relations aspects of policies, practices, procedures, programs, and actions. Arranged and participated in scheduling, briefing, and broadcasting of radio programs; produced news, public service, and educational programs for radio; recruited and arranged public appearances with subject experts, elected officials, dignitaries, and other individuals; assisted in conference, convention, and special event arrangements.

Jan 2008- Nov 2009 **Capacity Building Specialist**- Navajo AIDS Network, Inc.,
Chinle, AZ

Networked with Indian Health Service Hospitals to trained Physicians, Licensed Nurses, Pharmacists, Dentists and paraprofessionals in protocols pertaining to Native Americans living with AIDS/HIV. Collaborated with Howard University, the funding agent, as the only Native program under the nationally recognized National Minority AIDS Education and

Training Center in the United States headquartered in Washington, D.C.

January 2007- October 2007 **Certified Male Health Educator**-Navajo Family Health Resource Network, Inc., Window Rock, AZ

Developing Male Health education materials, assisting family planning counselors with public reproductive health presentations in communities, schools, colleges and businesses. Work within federal government guidelines as prescribed in Title X.

January 2006- June 2006 **Recruiting Coordinator**- American Indian Programs, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Coordinate recruiting efforts for major land grant university targeting Native Americans residing in New Mexico portion of the Navajo Nation. Also coordinated meetings, negotiations, and recruiting and retention efforts between the university and Navajo Nation education officials.

Nov. 2003- August 2005 **Executive Director**- Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Office of the President/Vice-President, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ

Directed the Navajo Nation's telecommunications regulatory office responsible for the regulation of all telecommunications activities on the Navajo Nation. Office activities included approving construction of cellular phone towers, deployment of the Internet, satellite, radio broadcasts, two-way radios, landline phones, and development of policies for telecom activities, throughout the Navajo Nation. Collaborated with state and federal regulatory commissions on a daily basis.

June 2003- October 2003 **Executive Staff Assistant**- Office of the President/Vice-President. The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ

Responsible for assisting the Chief Executive, Chief of Staff and Executive Staff within the Office of the Navajo Nation President/Vice-President. Implementation of Executive administration's platform including prioritizing education, healthcare funding, public safety concerns, and government reform issues. Worked with the legislative branch by introducing legislation to reach goals and objectives within the Navajo Nation government.

July 2000- July 2001 **Student Intern**, Dona Ana County Health Care Department, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Responsible for assisting health care planner with coordinating communications between the Dona Ana County Health Care Council, Health Council Committees, County

Commissioners, and the New Mexico State University. Assisted health care director in preparing executive summaries, annual reports, researched health care status of county population including budget analysis.

May 1999- December 1999 **Records Technician**, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Worked with community college students, matriculating them into a four year institution of higher learning. Followed established procedures of NMSU in arranging, sorting, and filing summer student program records related to the Bridges to the Native Americans Program within the Biochemistry department at the NMSU campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico

March 1995- March 1996 **Program Director**, Office of Self Governance, Office of the President/Vice-President, Window Rock, AZ

Directed a Navajo Nation federally funded office established for purposes of evaluating Public Law 638 contracts. Position required extensive travel, meetings with federal officials, tribal leaders, and Navajo governmental programs. Assisted Navajo Nation executive office in developing the Local Governance Act that subsequently became Navajo law in 1998.

Community and Public Service

- 1996-1998 - Board President, Navajo Health Foundation, Ganado, AZ.
- 1996-1998 - Board President, Fort Defiance Indian Hospital, Inc., Fort Defiance, AZ
- 1997-1998 - Member, Navajo Area Indian Health Advisory Board, St. Michaels, AZ
- 2003-2005 - Member, Navajo Area Indian Health Advisory Board, St. Michaels, AZ
- 1996-1998 - Miss Navajo Nation Pageant Committee, Window Rock, AZ
- 1997-1998 - Board President, Ganado Fire District, Ganado, AZ
- 1994-1998 - Board President, Navajo AIDS Network, Inc., Chinle, AZ
- 1984-1986 - Member, Wide Ruins BIA School Board, Wide Ruins, AZ
- 2007-2009 - Board Chair, Gallup Dine' Health Care Corp., Gallup NM
- 2008-2009 - Board Chair, Navajo Area Indian Health Advisory Board, St. Michaels, AZ
- 2012- Recipient of Indian Health Service Regional Service Award/ Board Membership.
- 2012-2014- Vice-Chair, Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, Office of the President/Vice-President, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ.
- Board member- Fort Defiance Indian Health Board, Inc. 2014-2017.

Additional Accomplishments

- 1999-2000 - Video development on the Navajos Long Walk, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
- 2001 - Passed the University of Texas at Austin Standardized Grammar-Spelling-

Punctuation (GSP) Examination for Journalism Majors, NMSU, Las Cruces, NM

REFERENCES

(Available upon Request)

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Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting

12/12/2019

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Consent Agenda: Legislations

PASSED

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SEC Brown

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0353-19; 0354-19; 0355-19...

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Henio, J

Tso, D

Walker, T

Brown

Slater, C

Tso, E

Yellowhair

Charles-Newton

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Begay, K

Freeland, M

Smith

Wauneka, E

Crotty

James, V

Stewart, W

Yazzie

Daniels

Nez, R

Presiding Chair: Damon