

RESOLUTION OF THE  
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council --- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE  
REAPPOINTMENT OF BELINDA ERIACHO TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL  
UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF  
THREE YEARS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee ("RDC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such gave the Committee oversight authority over public utilities. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A), (C).
- B. RDC has the authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to enterprise boards. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (9).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority ("NTUA") as an enterprise. 21 N.N.C. § 2.
- B. The NTUA is authorized to acquire, construct, operate and maintain utility systems throughout the Navajo Nation. See 21 N.N.C. § 1 (B).
- C. The general purpose of NTUA is to operate, maintain and promote existing utility systems furnishing electric, gas, water, sewer utility services; generation, and telecommunications and information services for the benefit of residents of the Navajo Nation; including the establishment, ownership, operation and maintenance of electric generating, telecommunications and information services on or off the Navajo Reservation; and to provide utility generation, telecommunications and information services on a non-profit basis and at a reasonable cost to residents of the Navajo Nation consistent with the economical operations of the Enterprise. See 21 N.N.C. § 5 (A) (1)-(6).

- D. The NTUA Management Board shall have the delegated authority and responsibility for the management and operation of the Enterprise. See 21 N.N.C. § 7 (A)(1).
- E. The management board shall consist of seven persons, all of whom shall be appointed by the [Naabik'iyáti'] Committee of the Navajo Nation Council whose authority to confirm appointments to enterprise boards has been delegated to the Resources and Development Committee. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (A); See also 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B)(9).
- F. Members of the board shall be called directors, and shall have the following qualifications: (1) [f]our of the directors shall be members of the Navajo Nation who speak English with fluency and who have sufficient education and experience to qualify them for learning utility business practices and procedures and making sound judgements; (2) [f]our of the directors shall be persons having not less than 10 years experience in business management of substantial character and at least two of such persons shall have had such experience in the management and operation of a utility business. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B)(1)-(2).
- G. Directors shall be eligible for reappointment. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C)(1).
- H. Ms. Belinda Eriacho was formerly appointed to the NTUA Management Board of Directors for a term of three years that expired at the annual board meeting in October 2018. See RDCAP-23-16.
- I. Ms. Belinda Eriacho has expressed her continued interest in being reappointed as a Director to the NTUA management board in her Letter of Interest and is attached as **Exhibit A**; See also 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C)(1).
- J. The Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority recommends to the Resources and Development Committee that Belinda Eriacho be reappointed as a member of the Management Board for a 3-year term, which shall commence at the annual meeting of the Management Board in October 2018. See NTUA Resolution attached as **Exhibit C**.
- K. In December 2018, Ms. Belinda Eriacho was selected, by an interview panel composed of Resources and Development Committee members, to be reappointed to the NTUA manage board. No appointment letter was provided.

- L. Ms. Belinda Eriacho meets the qualifications as required by 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) (1)-(2), Résumé is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- M. The reappointment of Ms. Belinda Eriacho will be for a period of three years with the term expiring at the annual board meeting in October 2021. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C) (2).

### **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING RE-APPOINTMENT**

The Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee finds that Ms. Belinda Eriacho meets the requisite qualifications to be reappointed as a director for the NTUA management board as set forth in 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) (1)-(2), and hereby reappoints Ms. Belinda Eriacho for a term of three years, with the term expiring at the annual board meeting in October 2021 pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C) (2).

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at the Navajo Nation Council Chambers, Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, and 0 opposed, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.



Alton Joe Shepherd, Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred  
Second: Honorable Walter Phelps

Chairperson Alton Joe Shepherd not voting.



Attn: Walter Haase  
General Manager  
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority  
P.O. Box 170  
Fort Defiance, Arizona 86504

Mr. Haase,

This letter serves to express my interest in the position as a member of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) Management Board.

I have over 26 year of experience in the electrical utility industry. In addition, I bring a wealth of knowledge and experience related to environmental, occupational health and safety, department of transportation as it impacts the utility industry.

I may be contact at [redacted] for additional information. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to be of serve to the Navajo people.

Sincerely,

//Belinda Eriacho

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# BELINDA P. ERIACHO, CPEA, CPSA, REM



## PROFILE

Accomplished professional with over 26 plus years of experience in community health, occupational health, safety, department of transportation and environmental requirements, internal controls, risk management, vendor audit programs, management systems auditing, and project management. Practical experience and knowledge associated with industry, primarily utility operations including: service centers, nuclear, gas & oil, and coal generating power plants. She has a proven ability to work with multi-discipline teams to achieve results associated with compliance, identification of risk, and migration strategies.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ni'HOODZDZAAAN SHIMA CONSULTING – TEMPE, Arizona

November 24, 2017 - Present

### **Principal/Owner**

- Created Limited Liability Company and establish management system for operations.
- Develop marketing instruments for business
- Monitor financial aspects of the the business

PINNACLE WEST CAPITAL CORPORATION/ ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE – Phoenix, Arizona

1991 - July 21, 2017

### **Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Leader**

- Oversee audit and consultant engagements and the environmental, health, and safety (EHS) and other operating auditing life cycle, including risk analysis, managing schedules of teams, budgets, team assignments, review engagement memo, material data requests, work papers and perform quality assurance on auditing process.
- Track metrics for engagements to overall department metrics and targets related to budgets, productive time, etc.
- Hire and manage professional auditing personnel, create development and career plans, ensure accountability and motivate employee to meet department metrics.
- Create EHS trends reports (include recommendations) and provide a verbal report on the results with Executive and Senior management
- Monitor and provide recommendations to business units to address auditing findings and recommendations from self-assessment, compliance audits, and consulting engagements. These recommended actions address corrective and preventive actions.
- Interact and communicate frequently with generation, transmission and distribution operational management, front-line personnel on compliance related matters and management system initiatives.
- Maintains on-going communications with line management, director and executive level management, as well as with the Law Department regarding compliance matters.
- Collaborate with other professional organizations to perform benchmarking in order to identify strengths and improvement opportunities.
- Work collaboratively with ASD management team to perform benchmarks and develop strategic direction for the future and in-line with the Company's business model.
- Provide executive management with timely information and advice regarding compliance issues associated with various business units and operations of the company.
- Performed self-assessment and compliance audits of utility operations related to environmental, health, safety (EHS), department of transportation, and affirmative action.
- Provide consulting engagements related to ISO 14001 management systems audits and OSHA Voluntary Protection Program, Corporate Sustainability Reporting, Vegetation Management, Water Resource Reporting.
- Provide guidance, review, and oversight of contractor on the development of risk mapping process and a 5 year Audit Plan.
- Project manager for compliance and consulting engagements throughout the audit life cycle.



- Perform internal quality assurance assessments associated with the audit life cycle and monitor audit activities progress towards departmental metrics.
- Interface with clients on EHS and Department of Transportation with frontline employees, EHS/DOT professionals and various level of management, including Executive Management.
- Identify improvement opportunities and implement creative solutions to improve department efficiencies.

### **Senior Scientist**

- Functioned as an EHS Auditor and assist with the development and implementation of EHS programs in order to meet regulatory requirements company-wide.
- Provided recommendations to procedures, processes, internal controls, and operational changes to help ensure compliance Federal, State and local EHS laws, regulations, licenses, and permits.
- Perform EHS audits and self-assessment of the generating plants, transmission and distribution operations, and administrative business offices.

### **Environmental Scientist**

- Progressive responsibilities associated with monitoring, auditing, assessing compliance and providing recommendations in industrial hygiene and waste management programs, including: hazardous, special, solid waste, used oil, underground storage tanks, and polychlorinated biphenyls.
- Development of EHS audit protocols, audit reports and track findings to closure.
- Conducted company-wide audits of various EHS programs, including performing gap analysis and providing recommendations to management for implementation.
- Developed, coordinated and implemented a company-wide Vendor Audit Program in order to reduce risks and liabilities to the company.
- Provided guidance and assistance with corporate wide occupational health programs to achieved regulatory compliance objectives.
- Communicated and advised personnel about hazards in the work place, safe use and substitution of various chemical and physical agents.
- Provided technical support to generation operations on sealed source radiation. Maintained the hazardous chemical tracking systems and managed the Hazard Communication Program.
- Assisted with the development of training curriculum, design of training facilities, and performed Confined Space training for Transmission and Distribution field personnel.
- Updated and maintain the compliance guidelines relative to Occupational Health.
- Provided technical support to personnel on various environmental programs.
- Conducted quality assurance and control of environmental laboratories performing analytical results for the company, calibrated and maintained industrial hygiene equipment.

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US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
 NAVAJO AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES: OSHMB – *Window Rock, Arizona*

1990

### **Junior Health Administrative Officer**

- Conducted occupational health surveys; inspected medical facilities against National Fire Protection Life Safety Code requirements.
- Revised the Hazard Communication manual and performed inspections of medical facilities.

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VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

1987-1990

### **Health Educator and Training Coordinator**

- Grants writing for health promotion programs. In addition, implement objectives, monitoring of progress and reporting of activities to meet grant requirements.
- Develop health education materials including, training curriculum, brochures, and provide training.
- Case management and site visits of clients in in-patient facilities.

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## EDUCATION

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ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, TEMPE, ARIZONA <i>Master of Technology, Emphasis: Hazardous Materials &amp; Waste Management</i>	1995
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, <i>Summer Institute in Occupational Epidemiology</i>	1992
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, HONOLULU, HAWAII <i>Master of Public Health, Emphasis: Environmental &amp; Occupational Health</i>	1990
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, TEMPE, ARIZONA <i>Bachelor of Science, Emphasis: Health Sciences</i>	1986

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## REGISTRATIONS/CERTIFICATION

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CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITOR  
*Board of Environmental, Health and Safety Auditing Certification, Health and Safety*  
No. 26

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY AUDITOR  
*Board of Environmental, Health and Safety Auditing Certification, Environmental*  
No. 147

CERTIFIED PROCESS SAFETY AUDITOR  
*Board of Environmental, Health and Safety Auditing Certification, Environmental*  
No. 94

CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS WASTE OPERATIONS WORKER  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY POLYTECHNICAL

ISO 14001: 2004 EMS LEAD AUDITOR  
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REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER  
*National Registry of Environmental Professionals*  
No. REM 08973

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, TEMPE, ARIZONA  
*Certificate of Hazardous Materials*

EXECUTIVE PROGRAM IN SAFETY MANAGEMENT  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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- Health, Safety, Environmental and Department of Transportation compliance, operational, and vendor due diligence auditing
- Internal Auditing
- Risk assessment methodologies and trending
- Knowledge and application of OSHA, EPA, and DOT requirements
- Project management, scheduling and budgeting
- Management systems auditing
- Utility business operations



**RESOLUTION  
OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
OF THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY**

**NTUA-37-18**

**Recommending the Reappointment of Belinda Eriacho to the  
Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA or Authority) has been advised that the term of Belinda Eriacho will expire in October 2018; and
2. 21 NNC §9 within NTUA's Plan of Operation states that the Management Board shall consist of seven (7) persons serving staggered 3-year terms; and
3. The Plan of Operation provides for the reappointment of members and Belinda Eriacho was previously selected by the Resources and Development Committee for her qualifications to be appointed to the NTUA Board; and
4. In view of the complexities of the utility industry and the challenges facing NTUA and to maintain continuity of experience and leadership on the Management Board, it is important to the Management Board that Belinda Eriacho be reappointed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority strongly recommends to the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council that Belinda Eriacho be reappointed as a member of the Management Board for a 3-year term, which shall commence at the annual meeting of the Management Board in October 2018.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a meeting of the Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority conducted by conference call at which a quorum was present and the same was duly approved by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposing, and 2 abstaining this 21<sup>st</sup> of September, 2018.

  
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Arash N. Moalemi, Secretary



**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**

**ROLL CALL**  
**VOTE TALLY SHEET:**

**Legislation # 0412-18:** Confirming the Reappointment of Belinda Eriacho to Serve on the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Management Board of Directors for a Term of Three Years. *Sponsor: Honorable Benjamin Bennett*

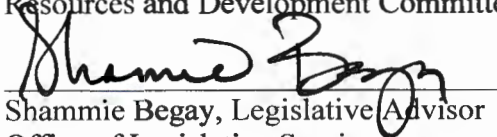
**MAIN MOTION:**

M: Davis Filfred                      S: Walter Phelps                      Vote: 4-0-1 (VCNV)  
YEAS: Benjamin Bennett, Walter Phelps; Leonard Pete and Davis Filfred  
NAYS:  
EXCUSED: Jonathan Perry

Date: December 26, 2018 – Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Navajo Nation Council Chambers, Window Rock, Arizona



Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd, Presiding Chairman  
Resources and Development Committee



Shammie Begay, Legislative Advisor  
Office of Legislative Services