

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' ARIZONA GAMING SUB-COMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' as a Navajo Nation standing committee and empowered the committee to "[t]o coordinate all...state programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most effective delivery of services to the Navajo Nation." 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A) (4) (2012) see also CJA-03-13.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council gave Naabik'íyáti' Committee the authority to delegate its authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to appropriate entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701(B) (2012) see also CJA-03-13.
- C. Naabik'íyáti' Committee holds the authority to establish the Arizona Gaming Subcommittee and such subcommittee shall exist until its assigned tasks are completed and a report and recommendation is made to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) see also CJA-03-13.
- D. Indian Gaming in Arizona includes 19 Tribes who, collectively, have contributed close to Seven hundred and fifty million dollars (\$750,000,000) to the State of Arizona and support Tribal operations and programs to benefit reservation communities; it is vital that the Navajo Nation continue to remain involved in state gaming issues. See Arizona Indian Gaming Association, 2012 Annual Report.

- E. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to establish an Arizona Gaming Subcommittee of dedicated members to stay active in the gaming issues related to the Navajo gaming.

Section Two. Naabik'íyáti' Arizona Gaming Subcommittee Establishment

- A. The Navajo Nation establishes the Naabik'íyáti' Arizona Gaming Subcommittee to negotiate the renewal of appropriate amendments to the current gaming compact between the Navajo Nation and the State of Arizona and to address related issues to protect Navajo gaming.
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Arizona Gaming Subcommittee shall:
1. Work in cooperation and in coordination with the Navajo Nation President, Attorney General, and the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise or the designees from these respective offices; and
 2. Report monthly to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council on the Task Force's activities; and
 3. Transfer information and recommendations to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, appropriate Navajo Nation Council standing committees, and appropriate Legislative Branch boards, commissions, agencies, offices and programs; and
 4. Submit to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee for final review and approval any and all amendments and/or compacts which are negotiated.
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Arizona Gaming Subcommittee shall consist of six members who reside and represent the State of Arizona. The Navajo Nation Council Speaker shall appoint delegates to serve on the subcommittee. The appointed delegates serve at the pleasure of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. The Navajo Nation Council Speaker appoints the following delegates to the subcommittee, EXHIBIT A:
1. Alton Joe Shepherd, Resources and Development Committee

2. Otto Tso, Law and Order Committee
 3. Jonathan L. Hale, Health, Education and Human Services Committee
 4. Dwight Witherspoon, Budget and Finance Committee
 5. Tuchoney Slim, Jr., Naabik'íyáti' Committee
 6. Walter Phelps, Navajo-Hopi Land Commission
- D. The Naabik'íyáti' Arizona Gaming Subcommittee may include members from the Executive Branch with the Navajo Nation President's recommended appointments to serve on the subcommittee, including but not limited to Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office and Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise.
- E. The Naabik'íyáti' Arizona Gaming Subcommittee by majority vote shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve at the subcommittee's pleasure; replacement shall be by majority vote.
- F. The Naabik'íyáti' Arizona Gaming Subcommittee shall establish a regular meeting day(s) of the month and shall meet more frequently during tribal-state compact negotiations. Due to the economic importance of the compact negotiation work, Subcommittee members absent from two or more meetings may be replaced at the recommendation of the Chair of the Subcommittee.
- G. The Naabik'íyáti' Gaming Subcommittee may retain a legal consultant through the Office of the Speaker to render legal advice regarding negotiations.

Section Three. Subcommittee Term

The Naabik'íyáti' Arizona Gaming Subcommittee shall exist until their assigned tasks are completed and shall report on the recommendations to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) see also CJA-03-13.

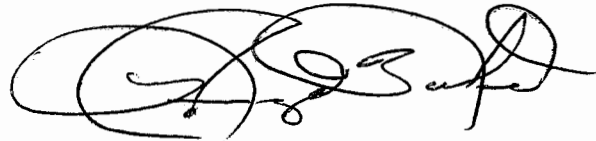
Section Four. Directives

- A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the Naabik'íyáti' Arizona Gaming Subcommittee.

- B. The Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staffers to assist the Naabik'íyáti' Arizona Gaming Subcommittee.
- C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the funds.

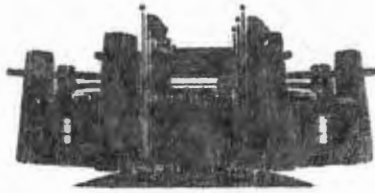
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 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 15 in favor and 0 opposed, this 8th day of October 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LoRenzo Bates", is written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

LoRenzo Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

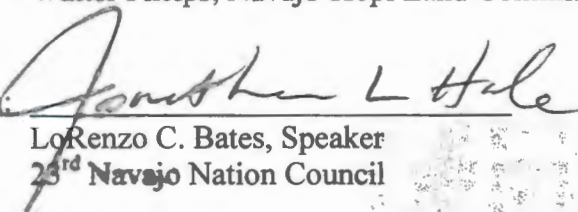
Motion: Honorable Mel R. Begay
Second: Honorable Norman M. Begay



Memorandum

To: Alton Joe Shepherd, Resources and Development Committee
Raymond Smith, Jr., Law and Order Committee
Jonathan L. Hale, Health, Education and Human Services Committee
Dwight Witherspoon, Budget and Finance Committee
Tuchoney Slim, Jr., Naabik'iyáti' Committee
Walter Phelps, Navajo-Hopi Land Commission

From:


LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
23rd Navajo Nation Council

Date: September 24, 2015

Re: Naabik'iyáti' Arizona Gaming Sub-committee Appointments

I am pleased to appointment you to the Naabik'iyáti' Arizona Gaming Sub-committee ("Sub-committee"). I appointed you because, as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate, you reside and represent the Navajo Nation in the State of Arizona. The Naabik'iyáti' Arizona Gaming Sub-committee's purpose is to negotiate the renewal and appropriate amendments of the current gaming compact between the Navajo Nation and the State of Arizona.

Your term as Sub-committee member shall coincide with your term as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate and until your successor is appointed. Since the Naabik'iyáti' Committee needs to approve your appointment, you will serve at their pleasure.

Again, I am pleased to appoint you to the Naabik'iyáti' Arizona Gaming Sub-committee.



23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

HONORABLE LORENZO C. BATES
SPEAKER, 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FROM:

Lorenzo Bates, *Speaker*
23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

DATE: Tuesday, September 29, 2015

SUBJECT: **Appointment of Speaker Pro Tem for September 29, 2015 to October 1, 2015**

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §287(B), "The Speaker in his or her sole discretion, may appoint a Speaker Pro Tem to carry out the administrative duties of the Office of the Speaker whenever the Speaker is both absent and unavailable due to travel, illness, or any other reason deemed sufficient grounds by the Speaker. The appointment shall be made in writing and shall expire at a time designated by the Speaker, and shall, in any event, automatically expire in five working days after the date of the appointment unless renewed in writing by the Speaker."

I hereby delegate *Honorable Jonathan L. Hale* as Speaker Pro Tem during my absence from the office effective *Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. through October 1, 2015 ending at 5:00 p.m.* I will be away from the office on travel and Honorable Hale will be available on these days.

This Delegation of Authority is for administrative purposes only and is not intended, nor does it re-delegate any policy authority delegated to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council.

Your cooperation is expected and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Chief of Staff Arbin Mitchell at (928) 871-7160.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Honorable Jonathan L. Hale, *Council Delegate*
23RD Navajo Nation Council

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