

NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RAMONA BEGAY TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, AS THE NAVAJO WOMEN'S COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 970, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee shall have legislative oversight authority over the Commission on Navajo Government Development and the Office of Navajo Government Development.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(3).
- C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(8), one member shall be nominated by the Commission of Navajo Women to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is an "entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Council's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government." 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 970, the Commission shall be responsible directly to the Navajo Nation Council with respect to overall activities.
- C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 971(A)-(B), the purpose of the Commission on Navajo Government Development shall be as follows:
 - 1. To review and evaluate all aspects of the existing government structure of the Navajo Nation including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions, goals and objectives of the Navajo Nation government,

which includes the central government, Chapters, townships and local communities.

2. To develop recommendations and proposals for government reform and alternative forms of Navajo Nation government.
- D. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A), the Commission shall consist of twelve (12) members confirmed by and serving at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council.
 - E. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(8), one member shall be nominated by the Commission of Navajo Women to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.
 - F. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(D), Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated scholarship, strong sense of public interest, knowledge of Navajo history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the Commission.
 - G. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(8), the Commission of Navajo Women has appointed Ramona Begay to represent the Commission of Navajo Women for a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. Letter of appointment and supporting Navajo Women's Commission Resolution is attached as **Exhibit A**.
 - H. Ramona Begay's letter of interest is attached as **Exhibit B** and résumé is attached as **Exhibit C**.

SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(2), the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Ramona Begay as the Commission of Navajo Women representative to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development, for a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by 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 14 in favor and 00 opposed, on this 20th day of December 2018.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
23rd Navajo Nation Council

12-24-18

Date

Motion: Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd

Second: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

Speaker LoRenzo C. Bates not voting



THE NAVAJONATION

RUSSELLBEGAYE

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT



September 7, 2018

Mr. Edward Dee, Executive Director
Office of Navajo Government Development
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Mr. Dee,

The Navajo Women's Commission respectfully informs that Ms. Ramona Begay, Eastern Navajo Agency Representative, on May 25, 2018, as their nominee to serve as representative on the Commission of Navajo Government Development.

The minutes of the Navajo Women's Commission of May 25, 2018, resume and letter of interest gives her background, experiences and interest to become a Commissioner with Navajo Government Development.

It is understood, Ms. Ramona Begay's nomination will be confirm by the Naabik'iyati' Committee. She will serve a term of two years as long as she remains a Commissioner of the Navajo Women's Commission. The Navajo Women's Commission will support her work as a Commissioner with Navajo Government Development.

Please inform us if any additional steps are needed to finalize Ms. Ramona Begay's appointment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Jane Begaye, Pro-tem Chair
Navajo Women's Commission

Cc: Navajo Women's Commission, Ramona Begay
Navajo Women's Commission members
Human Resources Director, L. Tsosie
Health, Education and Human Resources Committee, Honorable J. Hale and members
Office of the President and Vice-President, Begaye and Nez
Naabik'iyati Committee, Honorable L. Bates and members



THE NAVAJO NATION

NAVAJO WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Resolution No: _____

NOMINATING AND RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF RAMONA BEGAY, EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE TO FILL THE COMMISSION OF NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT TO REPRESENT TO REPRESENT THE NAVAJO WOMEN'S COMMISSION.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2.N.N.C. §1121 (A) the Navajo Women's Commission is established under the Executive Branch of Navajo Nation Government; and
2. Pursuant to 2.N.N.C. §1121 (C) (2) the Navajo Women's Commission consists of five (5) members representing each of the five agencies of the Navajo Nation (as amended in Navajo Nation Code, 2009 Pocket Part); and
3. The Navajo Women's Commission recognized that pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 970 and 971(1)(2), the Commission on Navajo Government Development ("Commission") was established as a special entity with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Councils' project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government; and
4. The Navajo Women's Commission recognizes that one member shall serve as a representative on the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 972(A)(8), One member shall be nominated from the Commission of Navajo Women of the Navajo Nation; such member shall for a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council; and
5. To ensure the opportunity for input on the Commission on Navajo Government Development, the Navajo Women's Commission has determined that and it is in best interest to appoint *RAMONA BEGAY, EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE*, to represent the Navajo Women's Commission on the Commission on Navajo Government Development; and
6. To serve a term of two (2) years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation and as long as she remains a Commissioner on the Navajo Women's Commission.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *The Navajo Women's Commission hereby nominates and appoints Ramona Begay, Eastern Navajo Agency Representative to serve on Navajo Government Development to represent the Navajo Women's Commission, and;*
2. *To serve a term of two years after confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, and;*
3. *To maintain qualification to serve as a Commissioner on the Navajo Women's Commission.*

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Women's Commission at a duly called meeting at Quality Inn, Window Rock, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same resolution was passed by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 Opposed and 01 Abstained on 20th of May, 2018.

Motion by: Rev. Shirley Montoya

Second by: Ramona Begay

Charlotte Jane Begaye

Charlotte Jane Begaye, Pro-tem Chair, Navajo Women's Commission





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August 15, 2018

Navajo Nation Government Development Commission
Office of Navajo Government Development
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Greetings,

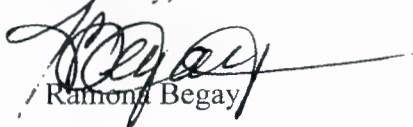
I am writing to express my interest to serve on the Navajo Government Development Commission on behalf of Navajo Women's Commission, and also respectfully accept the recommendation by Navajo Women's Commission to represent on their behalf.

My name is Ramona Begay and I am registered with White Rock Chapter, Eastern Navajo Agency. I currently serve as a commissioner with Navajo Women's Commission representing Eastern Navajo Agency. Previously, I served as Council President for White Rock Chapter Local Government, Eastern Navajo Agency for four years. I proudly serve my people and my community to advocate for and build our government, social and community development. During my tenure, we completed infrastructure projects such as waterline and powerlines to homes in my community. Since I returned in 2013 to do volunteer work with the Navajo Nation Government, I do it for my people, my community, my Nation, and it has only brought positive and exciting experiences to see phenomenal outcome in many ways.

And for my career, I have more than 30 years of work experience the National Park Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs and had one year with Navajo Nation at the beginning of my career. I am bilingual in English and Navajo Languages and I have many years of experience working with wide variety of people of various Nationale.

I look forward to this great opportunity to serve with Navajo Government Development Commission. Please feel free to contact me via email if you have any question.

Sincerely,


Ramona Begay



Ramona Begay

P.O. Box

New Mexico

Personal Cell Phone No.:

Objective: To serve on the Navajo Nation Government Development Commission to represent Navajo Women's Commission.

Employment

Jan 1995 - Present

National Park Service, Chaco Culture National Historical Park

Nageezi, NM.

Position: Lead Visitor Use Assistant/Park Ranger

- Manage & oversee the visitor use fees collected. Also had oversight of other administrative fees.
- Prepare and submit remits of visitor use fees and administrative fees collected. Administrative fees includes fees for housing, film permit, special use permits and prints.
- Reconcile credit card transactions for fee collections and submit reports to Accounting Operation for Income Transfer in FFS.
- Classified as Class D Cashier with high level background check required.
- Provide training and oversight of day-to-day operation and assist co-workers made up of permanents, seasonals, volunteers and SCAs.
- Provide visitor services at visitor center for tourism.
- Assist with incoming & outgoing calls respond to inquiries by telephone and emails; and serve as dispatcher on Park radio.
- Conduct interpretive programs and presentations that include educational orientations to elementary schools, Junior High school, high schools, college, university students and groups, non-commercial and commercial groups, from various areas and states; and travel to provide community outreach programs at surrounding schools, communities and organization.
- Develop Standard Operating Procedures and instruction manual for Fee Management, Visitor Center procedures and operation; Register procedures, dispatch radio procedures and maintain updates.
- Revise other applicable Standard Operating Procedures as necessary.
- Maintain statistical information of visitations, campground, programs and groups; Prepare and Submit monthly reports to appropriate Regional and/or WASO offices.
- Served as Volunteer Coordinator between 2011-2012 on interim basis.
- Worked with the National Trails System Office with special projects and assisted to conduct public hearings for the proposed Long Walk Trail for Navajo communities within the Navajo Nation.\
- Provided assistant to Southwest Regional Office Human Resources to provide training for National Park Service Navajo employees across Southwest Region.

Jan. 1991 – Jan 1995

National Park Service, Chaco Culture National Historical Park

Nageezi, NM.

Position: Computer Assistant/Interpretive Assistant/Park Ranger

- Served as primary human resource personnel with duties included staffing, classification, recruitment, benefits, and training.
- Served as timekeeper.
- Served as budget officer.
- Served as purchasing & procurement officer.
- Provided administrative support, included maintenance of travel request/voucher record
- Served as Imprest Cashier.
- Served as switchboard operator; answered all park phone calls and inquiries and served as mail handler.
- Served as computer coordinator, troubleshoot & upgrade computers.
- Assisted other departments with special projects such as provided human resource training at Maintenance Skills Training for Navajo speaking employees in then Southwest Region.

Nov. 1985 – Jan 1991

Bureau of Indian Affairs Criminal Investigations, Window Rock, AZ.

Administrative Support

- Performed administrative duties that included maintaining budget accounts for purchasing, procurement, travel and investigation costs.
- Performed report writing of criminal investigation reports.
- Transcribed staff meeting minutes and other investigative meetings.
- Maintained, handled and worked with confidential investigation records and clients.
- Performed mail handling
- Provided clerical and administrative support to other departments including Social Services, Housing, Credit Services, Vocational Education, and Community Services.

Nov. 1984 – Nov 1985

The Navajo Nation, Crownpoint, NM

Chapter Manager

- Served as administrative manager, personnel officer, budget officer, instructor, counselor.
- Provided clerical support for White Rock Navajo Chapter.
- Collaborated with various tribal, county and state office and officials on community projects and attended meetings with them.
- Coordinated meetings at the community and agency level.
- Assisted with proposal and grant writings to seek and secure funding for infrastructure projects for the community.
- Provided customer service to registered community people.

Elected Term/Volunteer Services:

March 2017 – Present

The Navajo Nation, Division of Human Resources

Navajo Women's Commission

- Currently serving as a commissioner and representing Eastern Navajo Agency on the Commission. Also serving as the secretary for the Commission. Duties includes taking notes of duly called meetings, writing letters, memoranda, resolution and plan of operation on behalf of the Women's Commission. Responsible to take leads in advocacy to prevent social ills and perform event planning, sponsoring and hosting events of family conferences and women conference for men, women, youth and children, and hosting literacy projects and events of creating writings and readings for youths, high school students, college students and community people.

Jan 2013 – Jan 2017

The Navajo Nation, White Rock Chapter

Chapter Council President

- Served as Council President for my local Navajo Chapter and community which involves planning, conducting community meetings, writing proposals, grants, resolutions, letters, and memoranda on behalf of community for major infrastructure projects such as waterline projects, powerline projects, housing repair projects, construction projects, interpreting and implementing Navajo Nation Laws, Policies, Procedures, Directives, as well as State and Federal Laws, etc. (See Report of Accomplishments on separate page).

Education

AA (Business Administration) - San Juan College, Farmington

AA (Liberal Art) - San Juan College, Farmington, NM

AAS (Business Education) - San Juan College, Farmington, NM.

Part time classes in Accounting - Navajo Community College

Training

In addition to various mini trainings for ongoing learning to keep abreast with technologies, operation, cultural, social and other work related trainings with the National Park Service on a regular basis, the following are highlights of the major trainings received.

2018	Supervisory Skills Workshop	Reno, NV
2017	Renewal First Aid, CPR, and AED Training	Chaco Culture NHP
2015	Renewal First Aid, CPR, and AED Training	Chaco Culture NHP
2015	Various Webinar Training.	Webinars
2012	Fee Supervisor Training –recertification	Sheperdstown, WV
2008	Fee Supervisor Training - recertification	Denver, CO
	Includes 20 hours of Supervisory Training credits in Accountability, Customer Service, Continual Learning, External Awareness, Financial Management, Integrity/Honesty, Resilience, Service Motivation, Strategic Thinking/Leading Change, Technical Credibility, Technology Management).	
2007	First Aid & CPR Training -recertification	Chaco Culture NHP

2007	Renewal Hazardous Material Training	Chaco Culture NHP
2007	Fee Supervisor Training -recertification	Omaha, NE
2004	Advantage Database Workshop	Ogden, UT
2003	Fee Supervisor Training	Salt Lake City, UT
2001	New Administration and Congressional Debates	
	Federal Public Lands	Washington, D.C.
1999	Interpretive Competencies Training (32 hrs required)	Albuquerque, NM
1999	Orientation to National Park Service (40 hrs)	Corpus Christi, TX
1998	First Aid & First Responder Course	Chaco Culture NHP
1994	Administrative Skills Training (80 hrs)	Albuquerque, NM
1994	Effective Communications	Farmington, NM
1994	Administrative Skills Training (80 hrs)	Albuquerque, NM
1992	Equal Employment Collateral Duty	
	Officers Training (24 hrs)	Santa Fe, NM
1992	Affirmative Action & Special	
	Emphasis Programs Training (3 hrs)	Santa Fe, NM
1992	Personnel Management for NPS (40 hrs)	Denver, CO

Skills

Computer skills

- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint, and Publishers, various databases such as for Fee Collection – Advantage Database, for Maintenance - FMSS, On-line remit program, and other various departmental on-line programs to effectively carry out duties. Worked with Automated Finance System, and Federal Finance System.

Oral and Writing Communication skills

- Proficiency in writing memos, letters, reports, instruction manual, informational brochures, flyers, graphics, powerpoint presentations, and providing oral presentations.
- Proficient in public speaking in Navajo and English Language.

Leadership skills

- Currently serving as a commissioner of Navajo Women's Commission, Navajo Nation
- Served as leader for local White Rock Chapter Local Government; and provided technical assistance to Chapter staff and local Navajo community
- Perform leadership role in current position with National Park Service in fee collections and interpretations.
- Perform various voluntary leadership roles on the job and in communities: Served as chairperson of Park Safety Committee, Employees Association, and Equal Employment Opportunity Committee.

Accomplishments

Awards

- Award of Excellence–Recognition of Outstanding Leadership and Dedicated Service to the Navajo Nation, July 2018
- Time Off Award for recognition of Work Performance March 2017

- Monetary On-the-Spot Award for Fee Collection update to comply with new Congressional Law, April 2003.
- Recognition for voluntarily helping Miss Nashdoi Pageant (Bloomfield High School) in 2003.
- Served as Chairperson for Chaco Employees Association, 1996-1999
- Received a Fast Track Award by Chaco Culture NHP, 1994
- Received Office Education Association's state and national awards in accounting and shorthand, 1983-1984

Public Related Event Participation:

- Currently active in participating, sponsoring and hosting family conferences, women conference and literacy projects for youths, and general public.
- Currently active with Dine' Bi Eastern Fair Board to sponsor and host events.
- Currently associating with a group of women forum dealing with prevention of domestic violence, sexual assaults, sexual harassments and prevention of young children.
- Native American pageants: I participated and served to hold Native American Princess Pageant for San Juan College in 1983-1984. And I encourage and support young women to participate in pageants. I supported my daughter to participate and she held titles for San Juan College, and Ft. Lewis College and captured a First Runner-up for Miss Indian New Mexico in prior years.

References

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NAVAJO NATION

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Special Session

12/20/2018

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Legislation No. 0363-18:

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MOT Shepherd

Confirming the appointment of

SEC Smith

Ramona Begay to Commission on

Navajo Government Development

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