

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; REMOVING JIM R. PARRIS AS
CONTROLLER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authority

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).
- B. The Controller shall be appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation at a negotiated salary with the approval of the Navajo Nation Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 12 N.N.C. § 202(B).

Section Two. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation Council voted to confirm Jim R. Parris as the Controller of the Navajo Nation on January 27, 2016. The legislation confirming Mr. Parris was signed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council on February 3, 2016. See, CJA-10-16, attached as Exhibit A.
- B. The Navajo Nation Code provides, "the purpose of the Office of the Controller shall be the formulation, implementation, and execution of the financial plans and policies of the Navajo Nation in order that accurate and complete accounts and reports be rendered, the assets of the Navajo Nation be properly protected and modern methods of financial management be implemented." 12 N.N.C §201(B).
- C. The Code further provides that the Controller is to serve as an official advisor to the Budget and Finance Committee and as such "shall provide appropriate support, advice and counsel on all matters." 2 N.N.C. § 302.

- D. The duties of the Controller include reporting to "the Navajo Nation Council and its committees concerning the financial condition of the Navajo Nation and [to] be solely responsible to the Council and the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the propriety of financial transactions, and compliance with Council or committee directives." 12 N.N.C. § 203(B).
- E. The Navajo Nation Code indicates, "the Controller shall be appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation, at a negotiated salary with the approval of the Navajo Nation Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council." 12 N.N.C. § 202(B).
- F. The Navajo Nation Council finds it necessary to remove Mr. Parris from his position as the Controller of the Navajo Nation.

Section Three. Approval to Remove Jim R. Parris as the Controller of the Navajo Nation

The Navajo Nation Council approves the immediate removal of Jim R. Parris as the Controller of the Navajo Nation.

Section Four. Requesting the President Appoint an Acting Controller of the Navajo Nation

- A. The President may appoint an Acting Controller, with the consent of the Budget and Finance Committee, to serve during vacancies of the Controller. The Navajo Nation Council hereby requests the President appoint an Acting Controller who shall serve until a Controller is confirmed by the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §202 (B).
- B. To ensure continuity in the Navajo Nation's financial procedures and policies, and should the Navajo Nation President delay action in the appointment of an Acting Controller, the Standing Delegation of Authority currently in place in the Office of the Controller is recognized as the authority for an Acting Controller; reference Exhibit B.

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 17 in favor and 5 opposed, this 4th day of January 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LoRenzo C. Bates", with a large, stylized initial "L" and "B".

LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

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Date

Motion: Honorable Edmund Yazzie
Second: Honorable Leonard Tsosie



CJA-10-16

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2016

AN ACTION

RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, APPOINTING JIM R. PARRIS AS NAVAJO NATION
CONTROLLER

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation President appoints the Navajo Nation Controller at a negotiated salary. 12 N.N.C. § 202(B) (2009).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council approves the appointed Navajo Nation Controller and the appointed Navajo Nation Controller serves at the Navajo Nation Council's pleasure. *Id.*
- C. The Navajo Nation Council gave the Budget and Finance Committee legislative oversight over the Navajo Nation Office of the Controller. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(13) see also CJA-03-13, 22nd Navajo Nation Council (2013).
- D. A proposed resolution requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
- E. The Navajo Nation Council approves the Navajo Nation President's appointment of the Navajo Nation Controller. 12 N.N.C. §202 (B) (2009).
- F. "The Controller shall possess a baccalaureate in accounting or finance, including an advanced degree or certification, such as a Master of Business Administration, Certified Public Accountant, Chartered Financial Analyst, Certified Internal Auditor." 12 N.N.C. §202 (C) amended by CAU-34-11, 22nd Navajo Nation Council (2011).

- G. The Navajo Nation Controller's duties, responsibilities and authority are found at 12 N.N.C. § 203. One particular duty of the Navajo Nation Controller is to "exercise supervisory control and direction of all sections and divisions under the Controller." 12 N.N.C. § 203(D) (2009).

Section Two. Appointment of the Navajo Nation Controller

The Navajo Nation President appoints Jim R. Parris as the Navajo Nation Controller. Mr. Parris' appointment letter and resume are attached as EXHIBIT A.

Section Three. Approval of the Navajo Nation Controller

The Navajo Nation Council approves Jim R. Parris as the Navajo Nation Controller at the negotiated salary.

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 18 in favor and 1 opposed, this 27th day of January 2016.



LoRenzo Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council



Jan 27, 2016

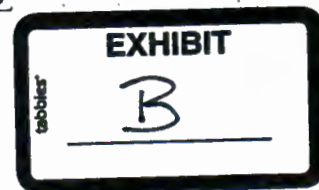
Date

Motion: Honorable Mel R. Begay
Second: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE
JONATHAN NEZ



November 01, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CONCERNED

FROM: Jim R. Parris, CPA
Controller
Office of the Controller

LRP, 10-31-2016

SUBJECT: STANDING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

This memorandum will serve to inform you that when the Controller of the Navajo Nation is on leave or on travel status, the following order of delegation will be in effect immediately. The individuals will be delegated the responsibility to sign any documents that are of a "routine" nature, and all other documents considered "significantly questionable" will be referred to the Controller upon his return. This delegation will be continuous until rescinded or revised in writing. Your cooperation with the delegated individuals is expected and appreciated.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

1. *Robert Willie*
Robert Willie, Accounting Manager
2. *Laura Johnson*
Laura Johnson, FMIS Project Manager
3. *Lorena M. Eldridge*
Lorena M. Eldridge, Accounting Manager
4. *Janice M. Haskie*
Janice M. Haskie, Accounting Manager

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23rd Navajo Nation Council

Special Session

DATE: January 4, 2017

LEGISLATION NO:

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Motion:

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Second:

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ALL DELEGATES:

	Yea	Nay
BATES, LoRenzo		
BEGAY, Kee Allen Jr.	✓	
BEGAY, Norman M.	✓	
BEGAYE, Nelson	✓	
BENNETT, Benjamin L.	✓	
BROWN, Nathaniel	✓	
CHEE, Tom T.	✓	
CROTTY, Amber K.		✓
DAMON, Seth	✓	
DANIELS, Herman	✓	
FILFRED, Davis	✓	
HALE, Jonathan L.	✓	
JACK, Lee Sr.	✓	
PERRY, Jonathan		✓
PETE, Leonard H.		✓
PHELPS, Walter	✓	
SHEPHERD, Alton Joe	✓	
SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.	✓	
SMITH, Raymond Jr.		✓
TSO, Otto	✓	
TSOSIE, Leonard	✓	
WITHERSPOON, Dwight		✓
YAZZIE, Edmund	✓	
YAZZIE, Peterson		

GRAND TOTAL

175

CERTIFICATION:

Honorable LoRenzo Bates
Speaker