MEMORANDUM

To : Manuel Rico, Senior Programs and Projects Specialist

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

From :

Tom Platero, Executive Director
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Date: January 9, 2019

Subject : 23rd Navajo Nation Council Expired Legislation

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (1), "The last day for consideration of resolutions shall be December 31st of the year immediately preceding the swearing in of the new Council", the following legislation need to be closed out and labeled as "expired":

NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL:

0399-17	0424-17	0098-18	0136-18
0183-18	0224-18	0328-18	0344-18
0356-18	0358-18	0367-18	0373-18
0385-18	0393-18	0404-18	0416-18
0422-18			

NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE:

0224-15	0361-16	0341-18	0406-18
0418-18	0427-18		

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

0021-17	0392-17	0099-18	0261-18
0287-18	0398-18	0435-18	0436-18

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

0414-18 0419-18 0451-18

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE:

0114-17	0031-18	0217-18	0307-18
0353-18	0360-18	0364-18	0437-18

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

0402-15	0104-16	0121-16	0183-16
0282-16	0296-16	0370-16	0384-16
0135-17	0176-17	0386-17	0400-17
0076-18	0395-18	0415-18	0443-18

Legislation need to be closed out as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know.

CONCURRENCE

Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker 23rd Navajo Nation Council

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET Tracking No. <u>0435-18</u>

DATE:

December 12, 2018

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; ACCEPTING THE INTERNAL AUDIT OF TO'HAJIILEE CHAPTER SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL, AND APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN SUBMITTED BY

TSAYATOH CHAPTER

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to approve the internal audit and corrective action plan for Tsayatoh Chapter.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate review the proposed resolution in detail.

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13	BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; ACCEPTING THE INTERNAL AUDIT OF	
14	TO'HAJIILEE CHAPTER SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR	
15	GENERAL, AND APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN SUBMITTED	
16	BY TSAYATOH CHAPTER	
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18	BE IT ENACTED:	
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20	SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY	
21	A. The Resources and Development Committee (RDC) serves as the oversight committee	
22	of Navajo Nation chapters. 2 N.N.C. §501(C)(1).	
23	B. As the oversight committee of chapters, RDC is to receive audit reports and corrective	
24	action plans. 12 N.N.C. §7 (E).	
25	C. The Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) is charged with receiving and approving	
26	audit reports from the Auditor General. 12 N.N.C. §§ 6(A) and 7(D).	
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28	SECTION TWO. FINDINGS	
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- A. The Auditor General submitted an Audit Report for the Internal Audit of Tsayatoh Chapter, in accordance with 12 N.N.C § 7(D). The Report, "Internal Audit of Tsayatoh Chapter," No. 18-16, dated March 21, 2018, is attached as **Exhibit A.**
- B. The Report lists thirteen (13) findings and recommendations for correction; details of the findings and recommendations from the audit are included in **Exhibit A.**
- C. Tsayatoh Chapter provided a corrective action plan ("CAP"), which is attached as **Exhibit B.**

SECTION THREE. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves, the "Internal Audit of Tsayatoh Chapter," No. 18-16, which is attached as **Exhibit A.**
- B. The Navajo Nation approves the CAP submitted by Tsayatoh Chapter, which is attached as **Exhibit B.**
- C. The Navajo Nation directs that copies of the CAP be provided to RDC as part of its oversight responsibility for the Navajo Nation chapters. The Navajo Nation directs that Tsayatoh Chapter submit a written status report on its progress in implementing the corrective action plan to the Office of the Auditor General six months after the approval of this resolution.
- D. The Navajo Nation directs the Office of the Auditor General to review the written status report submitted by Tsayatoh Chapter and to report the results to RDC and BFC.
- E. The Navajo Nation directs the Office of the Auditor General to conduct a follow-up review twelve months after the approval of this resolution to verify the actions claimed to have been taken by Tsayatoh Chapter, to issue a written follow-up report indicating the Chapter's progress in implementing the CAP, and to make recommendations to RDC and BFC.



OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

The Navajo Nation

Internal Audit of Tsayatoh Chapter

Report No. 18-16 March 2018

Performed by: Jeanine Jones, Senior Auditor Summer Tracy, Associate Auditor



March 21, 2018

Walter Hudson, President TSAYATOH CHAPTER P.O. Box 86 Mentmore, NM 87319

Dear Mr. Hudson:

The Office of the Auditor General herewith transmits Audit Report no. 18-16, an internal audit of Tsayatoh Chapter, to verify if the Chapter spent funds in accordance with Navajo Nation and Chapter policies. A total of \$1,095,015 was disbursed during the period of our examination from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2017. Our review revealed that the Chapter is unaware of Chapter, Navajo Nation and New Mexico laws, rules and regulations and has not implemented appropriate controls. Thirteen findings were reported:

Finding I: The Chapter records were not completed and filed on a regular basis in a locked cabinet in the Chapter administration office. Personal information can be compromised if it is not locked in a safe cabinet. The Chapter records were not easily accessible and retrievable, and therefore, we questioned the validity of \$495,683 (95%) of expenditures out of \$519,319 tested during the period examined.

Finding II: Payments to the children of the Accounts Maintenance Specialist were unauthorized. The Accounts Maintenance Specialist set up one of her children as a ghost (fake) employee and another as a scholarship recipient so she could issue checks to them without anyone's knowledge. She wrote 17 checks totaling \$11,641 to her children.

Finding III: Chapter travel was not properly approved, accurately calculated nor supported with appropriate documentation. Consequently, \$32,425 was paid to travelers that could not be justified. Of this amount, \$3,557 was paid to the former Accounts Maintenance Specialist and \$18,853 was paid to the former Community Services Coordinator.

Finding IV: Disbursements to vendors were unapproved and unsupported with appropriate documentation. Consequently, \$390,077 (95%) out of \$409,851 of payments made to vendors selected for testing during the period examined could not be justified.

Finding V: Wages paid were not based on actual hours worked. Consequently, \$26,394 (87%) out of \$30,169 paid in wages tested during the period examined could not be justified.

Finding VI: Personnel documents were not maintained for each employee hired, and new hires were not reported to the state. The Chapter could not justify hiring 83 undocumented employees. Furthermore, not reporting new hires to the state poses a risk of a fine up to \$500 per employee for a total potential fine of \$41,500.

Finding VII: Chapter officials were compensated for serving as a Chapter official and Chapter employee at the same time. Two individuals were paid \$567 for 64 hours worked and paid stipends at the same time. In addition, the current Secretary/Treasurer was compensated for 200 hours, or \$1,600 in wages, after she was officially elected.

Finding VIII:

Disbursements for assistance were not supported with appropriate documentation, awarded within approved budget nor used for their intended purpose. Out of our testing population of \$35,532 used for assistance, the required documentation was missing for \$30,474 in housing, \$4,071 in Veterans' and \$900 in student enrichment assistance. Moreover, we visited eight homes and found material purchased by the Chapter was not used on two homes.

Finding IX:

Capital assets were not reported on the financial statements. There is an understatement of capital assets of \$567,280 on the financial statements.

Finding X:

Property/equipment was not tagged and pertinent information was missing on the inventory listing. In the event of a destruction or theft of the property/equipment, a loss could not be recovered because the existence and value of property/equipment could not be proven for insurance purposes.

Finding XI:

Out of sixty meetings held during the 30-month audit period, thirty-five (59%) of those meetings were missing meeting minutes. In the absence of the meeting minutes, there is no documentation of community membership discussions and actions during the meetings.

Finding XII:

The Chapter did not prepare a perpetual inventory for its wood resale project. The Chapter could not account for approximately \$8,093 of wood purchased for resale and free distribution.

Finding XIII:

The Chapter used the Emergency Fund to purchase wood without a Declaration of Emergency and did not document community assessment and wood distribution. Chapter resources totaling \$10,813 were used without regard to priority of need or emergency necessity.

Detailed explanation on all of these issues can be found in the body of the report.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Begay, CIA, CFE Auditor General

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Office of the Auditor General conducted a special review of whether the Chapter spent funds in accordance with Navajo Nation and Chapter Policies and state regulations. The special review was conducted in response to a request from the Chapter officials regarding allegations of misuse of Chapter funds.

The Tsayatoh Chapter is a political subdivision of the Navajo Nation and is considered a general-purpose local government for reporting purposes. Navajo Nation chapters are required to operate under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code, the Local Governance Act.

The majority of the Chapter resources are provided through appropriations from the Navajo Nation central government. These appropriations are intended to fund direct and indirect services at the local chapter level. The direct services funds are considered restricted funds with specific intended purposes.

The Chapter expended \$1,095,015 from all funding sources during the period examined.

Currently, the Chapter does not have a permanent staff. The former Community Services Coordinator started her employment on September 22, 2014 and was terminated on April 4, 2016. The former Accounts Maintenance Specialist began her employment in June 2016 and resigned on January 9, 2017 after altered checks were discovered by the current Secretary/Treasurer.

The Accounts Maintenance Specialist is responsible for clerical accounting and bookkeeping duties including posting transactions and processing checks.

Objective, Scope, and Methodology

The following objectives were established for this audit:

- Determine whether the records were completed and filed on a regular basis in a locked cabinet in the administration office.
- Determine whether payments to the children of the Accounts Maintenance Specialist were authorized.
- Determine whether travel by the staff was properly approved, accurately calculated, deemed necessary and supported with appropriate documentation.
- Determine whether disbursements to vendors (individuals/businesses) were properly approved and supported with appropriate documentation.
- Determine whether hours worked were recorded and approved and only actual hours worked were paid at authorized pay rate.
- Determine whether appropriate documentation for each employee hired was maintained and new hires were reported to the state.
- Determine whether the employees were compensated for serving as an official and employee at the same time.
- Determine whether disbursements of funds for assistance were supported with appropriate documentation, awarded within the approved budget, and used for intended purposes.
- Determine whether fixed assets were reported on the financial statements.
- Determine whether property/equipment was tagged and all pertinent information was on the inventory listings.

- Determine whether the meeting minutes to document Chapter meeting discussions were prepared.
- Determine whether perpetual inventory for the Chapter's resale items was prepared.
- Determine whether the Emergency Fund was expended in compliance with funding guidelines.

The audit covers activities for the 30-month period of October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2017.

To answer our audit objectives, we interviewed the Chapter administration and officials, observed Chapter operations, and examined available records. More specifically, we used systematic method sampling to test wages and financial assistance, used judgmental method sampling to test vendors, examined all payments to the Accounts Maintenance Specialist's children and payments made for staff travel, and verified all personnel records.

Government Auditing Standards

We conducted this internal audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

The Office of the Auditor General expresses its appreciation to the Tsayatoh Chapter officials and administration for their cooperation and assistance throughout the audit.

REVIEW RESULTS

Finding I	The Chapter filing system was in disarray and files were not secured.	
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	Records, Policies and Procedures, Section VI (A), requires that a complete and updated permanent filing system be maintained that will enable records to be easily accessed and retrieved.
Condition:	Records, Policies and Procedures, Section IV (C), requires that records are locked in a cabinet within the Chapter administration office. The Chapter's filing system was in disarray and the following was
Contaiton	discovered:
	No supporting documentation for: Former Account Maintenance Specialist sons' wages and assistance Meeting minutes and resolutions
	 Perpetual inventory for resale items Emergency fund expenditures Missing and misfiled supporting documentation for:
	 Former Account Maintenance Specialist's and Community Services Coordinator's travel Procurement
	 Payroll Personnel Financial assistance for housing, veterans and student enrichment
	In addition, records that did exist were not filed in a locked cabinet.
Effect	We questioned the validity of \$495,683 (95%) out of \$519,319 of the tested expenditures during the period examined.
	In addition, personal information was potentially compromised by not being locked in a safe cabinet.
Cause:	The Chapter officials did not properly train the temporary employees before they entrusted them to file records.
Recommendation:	 The Chapter staff and officials should adhere to the Records, Policies and Procedures to maintain proper records of all Chapter projects and activities.
	2. The Chapter staff and officials should properly train their temporary employees to file Chapter documents.
	3. The Chapter officials should routinely monitor the Chapter's recordkeeping system and provide feedback.

Finding II: Former Accounts Maintenance Specialist processed seventeen unauthorized

payments to her children totaling \$11.641.

iren totaling \$11,641.		
Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Section VII, states authorized signers shall review the completed check with all supporting documentation before co-signing the check.		
Checks were signed without ensuring they were supported with documentation.		
The former Accounts Maintenance Specialist set up two of her children as check recipients, one as a ghost (fake) employee and another as a scholarship recipient, so she could issue checks to them without anyone's knowledge. Her children never worked for the Chapter nor were they authorized to receive assistance by the community.		
We identified 17 unauthorized checks totaling \$11,641 issued using the		
Chapter fund to benefit the former Accounts Maintenance Specialist from October 2014 to March 2017 as shown in Appendix A.		
The authorized signers did not review the completed checks with their supporting documents before co-signing. Blank checks were pre-signed by the Chapter officials. No one was downloading and reviewing the access and activity report from the accounting system.		
 The Chapter should work with the Ethics and Rules Office and Office of the Prosecutor to hold the former Accounts Maintenance Specialist liable for issuing unauthorized Chapter checks to her children. The authorized signers should review completed checks with their supporting documents before co-signing checks. The authorized signers should not pre-sign blank checks. The access and activity report should be downloaded to detect unusual activities. 		

Finding III: Chapter travel was not properly approved, accurately calculated and clearly supported with appropriate documentation.

supported with appropriate documentation.		
Criteria:	Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Section VII (I) (1-10), requires that proper authorization is given for travel and allows travel advances up to 80% of the total estimated travel expense. Travel cost should be accurately calculated and supported with appropriate documentation. Only necessary travel should be reimbursed.	
	Nation Travel Policy, Section XII, 3, requires that a reduced rate be applied if a traveler preferred to use their privately owned vehicle when a Chapter vehicle was available.	
Condition:	The Chapter reimbursed more than actual travel cost or paid for unnecessary travel for 93 travel reimbursements.	
	Of the total 93 disbursements, 62 (67%) checks were issued with no authorization or supporting documents to the former Chapter staff during their employment with the chapter (October 2014 to March 2017).	

Effect:	j		
	\$32,425 paid to the Chapter staff during the 30-month audit period.		
	Specifically, the following exceptions were noted:		
	Type of Exception No. of Exceptions		
i	Unapproved travel	73 of 93 (or 78%)	
	Advances for more than 80% of the estimated travel cost	72 of 81 (or 89%)	
	Unsupported with receipts and trip and mileage reports, etc.	71 of 93 (or 76%)	
	Inaccurately calculated travel reimbursements	93 of 93 (or 100%)	
	Full mileage reimbursement rate was applied when Chapter vehicle was available for business travel.	93 of 93 (100%)	
	The Chapter cannot justify \$32,425 (100%) of travel reimbursements selected for testing during the period examined.		
		issued without any	
	Of the total tested, travel disbursements were issued without any authorizations or supporting documents:		
	Thirteen checks totaling \$3,557 were issued to former Accounts Maintenance Specialist as shown in Appendix A.		
	Forty-nine checks totaling \$18,853 were issued to the former Community Services Coordinator as shown in Appendix B.		
Cause:	The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials did not		
	approve trips prior to travel and advanced more ti		
	travel cost. Travel reports were not reviewe		
	_	a ioi accuracy and	
	appropriate documentation.	. (() 1 1 1 11	
Recommendation:	 The Community Services Coordinator and Chaproperly approve trips and only advance 80% cost. 	-	
•	2. The Community Services Coordinator and Cha	apter officials should	
	accurately calculate lodging, meals and m		
	documentation with travel authorization, trip		
	receipts, etc.; and only reimburse necessary tra-	-	
	3. The Community Services Coordinator and Ch		
	apply the reduced mileage rate if traveler		
	privately owned vehicle when Chapter vehicle	is available.	
	4. The Chapter should work with the Ethics and R		
	of the Prosecutor to hold the former staff unauthorized travel checks.		
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Finding IV: Chapter paid vendors without proper approval and appropriate documentation.

Criteria:	Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Section VII (B) (2) (b), requires that a cash	
	disbursement have a Fund Approval Form indicating payment approval	
	and be supported with documents before preparing a check.	
Condition:	\$390,077 in payments to vendors were unauthorized and unsupported with appropriate documentation.	
Effect:	We selected 50 payments totaling \$409,851 out of a total of \$460,244 paid to vendors during the 30-month audit period. Specifically, the following exceptions were noted:	

	Fund Approval Forms were not signed. Three quotes/bids were not obtained. Receiving reports were not completed.	No. of Exceptions 18 of 50 (or 36%) 36 of 43 (or 84%) 32 of 43 (or 74%)
	Payments were not supported with original invoice/receipts, contract, etc.	17 of 50 (or 34%)
	The Chapter cannot justify \$390,077 (84%) of the vendors tested during the period examined.	e payments made to
Cause:	The Account Maintenance Specialist did not prepar Forms and support the payments with appropria preparing checks.	
Recommendation:	 The Accounts Maintenance Specialist should prepare a Fund Approval Form indicating payment authorization and support with appropriate documents (i.e., quotes/bids, receiving reports and invoices/receipts, contracts, or similar documents) before preparing checks. Authorized signers should not sign checks in the absence of the Fund Approval Form and supporting documents. 	

Finding V: Wages were paid to employees for hours they did not actually work.

Criteria: Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Section VII (H) (1-2), re

Criteria: Condition: Effect:	Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Section VII (H) (1-2), requires that attendance records/timesheets are maintained to document the hours worked by employees and that only actual hours worked are paid. The Chapter paid employees for hours they did not actually work. We selected 60 wages totaling \$30,169 out of a total of \$206,597 wages		
Intect	paid to employees during the 30-month audit per following exceptions were noted:	riod. Specifically, the	
	Type of Exception	No. of Exceptions	
	Hours worked were not recorded on a sign-in sheet.	38 of 60 (or 63%)	
	Hours recorded on the sign-in sheet did not match hours recorded on the timesheet.	45 of 60 (or 75%)	
	Hours recorded on the timesheet did not match hours recorded on the payroll in the accounting system.	26 of 60 (or 43%)	
	Timekeeper did not sign timesheets.	41 of 60 (or 68%)	
]	Approver did not sign timesheets.	45 of 60 (or 75%)	
	Hourly rates recorded in the accounting system did not match the hourly rates to be paid per the personnel action form.	54 of 60 (or 90%)	
	The Chapter paid wages totaling \$26,394 (90%) during the period examined that were not based on to temporary employees.	actual hours worked	
Cause:	The Community Services Coordinator and Ac Specialist did not consistently maintain attendanc to document the hours worked by employees.		
	In addition, the Community Services Coordinator and Chapter official did not reconcile hours worked recorded on the sign-in sheet to the timesheet and to payroll charges in the accounting system to ensure employees were only paid for actual hours worked.		

Recommenda	tion: 1.	The Chapter should pay employees only for the hours they actually worked.
	2.	The Community Services Coordinator and Accounts Maintenance Specialist should maintain attendance/timesheet to document the hours worked by employees.
	3.	The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials should reconcile recorded hours worked on the sign-in sheet to the hours worked on the timesheet and to payroll charges in the accounting system to ensure employees are only paid for actual hours worked.

Finding VI: The Chapter did not maintain the appropriate documentation on file for each employee and report new hires to the state.

employee and report	new hires to the state.	
Criteria:	Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Section VII, (H) (1) personnel records to be maintained for each efollowing: personnel action forms, employee appregistrations, social security cards, and parental to 17 years old). All applicable Navajo Nation, and regulations relating to payroll should be followed Mexico Law (§50-13-1-50-13-4) and Responsibility and Work Opportunity Record	employee including the oplications, W-4s, voter a consent for youths (14), state and federal laws lowed. the Federal Personal
	requires that all new hires be reported to the Sta	
Condition:	The Chapter did not maintain the appropriate de each employee and report new hires to the state.	ocumentation on file for
Effect:	We selected all 83 temporary staff during the 30-month audit period. Specifically, the following exceptions were noted:	
	Type of Exception	No. of Exceptions
	Employment Application Forms were not complete.	40 of 83 (or 48%)
	Personnel Action Forms were incomplete.	57 of 83 (or 69%)
	Employees' (W-4) Federal Withholding Allowance Certificate were not on file.	43 of 83 (or 52%)
	Employees were not registered voters.	29 of 83 (or 35%)
	Social Security Card and identification card were not on file.	45 of 83 (or 54%)
	Employees were not reported to the state as new hires.	83 of 83 (or 100%)
	Parent consent form on minor workers were not on file.	41 of 43 (or 95%)
	The Chapter cannot justify the hiring of und Furthermore, not reporting new hires to the statup to \$500 per employee for a potential total fine	e poses the risk of a fine
Cause:	The Community Services Coordinator and Specialist did not collect all appropriate documemployee.	Accounts Maintenance
	In addition, the Chapter officials did not ensure with the state regulations that require all employ	
Recommendation:	 The Chapter Community Services Coordinates should create a checklist to ensure char regulations are followed. 	tor and Chapter officials

2.	The Community Services Coordinator and Accounts Maintenance	
	Specialist should ensure all appropriate documentation are	
	completed and filed at the Chapter and report all new hires to the	
	state.	
3.	The Chapter officials should ensure state regulation is followed and	
	that all new hires are reported to the state.	

Finding VII: Individuals were compensated as a Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and as a Chapter employee at the same time.

Issue 1: Two pro-tem Secretary/Treasurers were paid as Chapter employees while fulfilling their

duties as Chapter officials at the Chapter meetings.

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Criteria:	() ()		
	employees who have been appointed to a public office shall be required		
	to take annual leave or leave without pay to attend their appointed		
	duties.		
Condition:			
	simultaneously received stipends as pro-tem Chapter officials.		
Effect:	An additional 64 hours, or \$567, in employee wages were paid to two		
	individuals who were also paid stipends for serving as pro-tem Chapter		
	officials at the same time.		
Cause:	Chapter employees did not take leave when appointed as Chapter		
	officials.		
Recommendation:	1. The Chapter official should work with the current		
	Secretary/Treasurer to forfeit her stipend payment(s) and to		
	reimburse the Chapter.		
	2. Chapter employees who receive pay as an appointed official should		
	be required to take annual leave or leave without pay while being		
	paid to attend Chapter meetings.		

Issue 2: The current Secretary/Treasurer served as both a Chapter official and Chapter employee at the same time.

Criteria:	N.N.C., Title 26, Section 1001, states an individual may not serve as both		
	a Chapter official and Chapter employee at the same time.		
Condition:	The Secretary/Treasurer continued to be employed at the Chapter for		
	two months after she was officially elected.		
Effect:	The current Secretary/Treasurer was compensated for 200 hours or		
	\$1,600 in wages, after she was officially elected.		
Cause:	Current Secretary/Treasurer was allowed to continue her employment		
	with the Chapter after she was officially elected as a Chapter official by		
	the Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials.		
Recommendation:	1. The Chapter officials should work with the current		
	Secretary/Treasurer to forfeit her stipend payment(s) and to		
	reimburse the Chapter.		

 The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials should not allow Chapter officials to serve both as a Chapter official and employee at the same time.

Finding VIII: Chapter assistance was not supported with the appropriate documentation, awarded within the approved budget and used for its intended purpose.

Issue 1: The Chapter awarded housing assistance without completing appropriate documentation to determine eligibility and awarded amounts over the approved budget limits. The Chapter did not ensure that the assistance was used for its intended purpose

not ensure that the assistance was used for its intended purpose.			
Criteria:	Transportation Community Development Committee, Housing		
	Discretionary Policies and Procedure, Section I	I, (IV) (V) (VI), requires	
	the Chapter to verify the eligibility of hous	sing applicants against	
	required documents, evaluate applicants for		
	housing funds are expended within the app		
	community and follow-up to ensure funds are		
	purpose.	200 201 201 200 200 200 E	
Condition:	The Chapter awarded housing assistance	without completing	
Condition	appropriate documentation and evaluating the		
	Assistance was awarded for more than the appr		
T(Ct-	follow-ups were not completed to ensure funds		
Effect:	We selected 34 housing assistance payments to		
	total of \$59,763 paid to recipients during the	_	
	Specifically, the following exceptions were noted	d:	
	Type of Exception	No. of Exceptions	
	Applications were not completed with information and signature.	23 out of 34 (or 68%)	
	Recipients were not registered voters.	8 out of 34 (or 24%)	
	Home site lease or other home ownership documents were missing.	25 out of 34 (or 74%)	
	Income verification statements were missing.	24 out of 34 (or 71%)	
	Other supporting documents (Authorization for Release of		
	Information, map, Social Security Card, Certificate of Indian	23 out of 34 (or 68%)	
	Blood, two price quotes) were missing.	21 0624 (07 62%)	
	Evaluation sheets were not completed. Follow-up assessments were not completed.	21 of 34 (or 62%) 34 of 34 (or 100%)	
	Housing assistance awarded went over the approved budget		
	limits.	17 of 34 (or 50%)	
	The Chapter awarded \$30,474 (100%) of the hou	sing assistance selected	
	for testing during the period examined to		
	required documentation was missing. Repairs		
	two out of eight homes we visited.	-	
Cause:	The Chapter officials presented requests for assist	stance to the community	
	for approval before the Community Services Co		
	Maintenance Specialist collected all of the requ		
	determine eligibility. The Community Services C		
	officials did not ensure awards were within the		
	The Community Services Coordinator and Ch		
	complete the follow-ups.	mpror orrestato man rive	
	Complete the follow-ups.		

Recommendation:	1.	The Community Services Coordinator and Accounts Maintenance Specialist should collect and verify all of the required documents and complete an evaluation for eligibility.
	2.	The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials should only award an amount that is within the approved budget, and any changes to the approved budget should be approved by the
	3.	community. The Chapter officials should present requests for assistance to the community for approval after all of the required documents are collected and eligibility is determined.
	4.	The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials should assign someone to ensure that the Chapter completes a follow-up review of housing recipients to confirm that funds were used for their intended purpose.

Issue 2: The Chapter awarded Veterans' assistance without completing appropriate documentation and obtaining proper approval. Assistance was awarded for more than the approved budget limits.

approved budget min			
Criteria:	Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Section VII (K) (1-6), requires the Chapter		
	to verify eligibility of applicants against require	d documents and ensure	
	that funds are expended according to ap	proved budget by the	
	community.		
Condition:	\$4,071 awarded as assistance to Veterans was w	ithout complete required	
	documentation, and proper approval was	not garnered from the	
	Veterans Commander. Assistance was award		
	budget limits.	**	
Effect:	We selected eight of the Veterans' assistance p	payments totaling \$4,158	
	out of a total of \$8,049 paid to recipients du	ring the 30-month audit	
	period. Specifically, the following exceptions w	ere noted:	
	Type of Exception	No. of Exceptions	
	Applications were not completed with information and signature.	2 out of 8 (or 25%)	
	Requests for assistance were not approved by the Veterans Commander.	7 out of 8 (or 88%)	
	Applications were not supported with DD-Form 214.	5 out of 8 (or 63%)	
	Awarded amounts exceeded approved budget limits.	1 out of 8 (or 13%)	
	The Chapter awarded \$4,071 (88%) of the Veduring the period examined to seven recipidocumentation was missing.	ients although required	
Cause:	The Chapter officials presented a request community for approval before approval from		
	granted and without collecting the required		
	eligibility.		
Recommendation:	1. The Community Services Coordinator and	Accounts Maintenance	
Trocommission.	Specialist should verify eligibility against		
	obtain proper approval.	1-	

2.	The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials should only award assistance that is within the budget limits, and any changes to the approved budget should be approved by the community.
3.	The Chapter officials should present requests for assistance to the community for approval only after all required documents and evaluations are completed.

Issue 3: The Chapter awarded student enrichment assistance without completing the appropriate documentation. Student enrichment assistance was not budgeted.

	dent enrichment assistance was not budgeted.				
Criteria:	to verify eligibility of applicants against required documents and ensure				
	that funds are expended according to an approved budget by the community.				
Condition:	The Chapter awarded student enrichment assistance without				
	completing required documentation. In addition, the Chapter did not include the student enrichment program in the scholarship budget.				
Effect:	We selected all three student enrichment assistance payments totaling \$900 paid to recipients during the 30-month audit period. Specifically, the following exceptions were noted:				
	Repend Bicspillon 1 - No. of Becopinals				
	Applications were not completed with information and signature. 3 out of 3 (or 100%)				
	Recipients were not registered voters (if under 18, parent(s) is the registered voter).				
	The Chapter awarded \$900 (100%) of the student enrichment assistance				
	tested during the period examined although required documents were missing.				
Cause:	The Chapter officials presented the request for assistance to the				
	community for approval before developing a budget for student enrichment and before the Community Services Coordinator and				
	Accounts Maintenance Specialist collected the required documentation to verify eligibility.				
Recommendation:	1. The Chapter officials should present assistance to the community for				
	approval only after a budget has been developed.				
	2. The Community Services Coordinator and Accounts Maintenance Specialist should verify eligibility against the required documents.				
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Finding IX: Capital assets were not reported on the balance sheet.

Criteria:	Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Section VII (F) (2) (f-g), requires that			
	accurate and reliable records of all capital assets are maintained and the			
	value of the capital assets are reported on the balance sheet.			
Condition:	Capital assets (such as TV, copy machine, cabinets, etc.) were not disclosed on the FY 2017 inventory listing. Capital Assets (such as buildings, heavy equipment, etc.) were not disclosed on the balance sheet.			

Effect:	A total of \$17,980 of capital assets was not accounted for on the inventory		
	listing. Overall, a total of \$567,280 of capital assets was understated on		
	the financial statements.		
Cause:	The Chapter did not conduct an accurate physical inventory of their		
	property and equipment to detect items missing on inventory listing.		
	The Chapter officials did not review the financial statements to ensure		
	the capital assets and its values were disclosed on the balance sheet.		
Recommendation:	1. The Chapter staff and officials should conduct an accurate physical		
	inventory to ensure all property and equipment is accounted for on		
	the inventory listing.		
	2. The Community Services Coordinator and Accounts Maintenance		
	Specialist should disclose the capital assets and values on the balance		
	sĥeet.		
	3. Chapter officials should review the financial statements to ensure the		
	capital assets are disclosed on the balance sheet.		

Finding X: Property/equipment was not tagged and pertinent information was missing on the inventory listing.

inventory listing.					
Criteria:	The Property Policies and Procedures, Section VII (A) (3), requires that all properties be tagged with a property number. The Property Policies and Procedures, Section IV (F), requires the property/equipment records to include serial numbers, quantity, condition and identification number.				
Condition:	Not all property/equipment was tagged and important information				
	about the property/equipment was not on the inventory listing.				
Effect:	In the event of a destruction or theft of the property/equipment, its loss				
	could not be recovered because existence and value of				
	property/equipment could not be proven for insurance purposes.				
Cause:	The Chapter officials and staff did not develop a checklist of pertinent				
	information to be included in the inventory listing nor did they tag all				
	property/equipment.				
Recommendation:	I I				
	pertinent information that will be included in inventory listing.				
	2. The Chapter staff and officials should ensure all pertinent				
	information of the property/equipment is recorded on the inventory				
	listings.				
	3. The chapter staff and Chapter officials should tag all				
	property/equipment.				

Finding XI: The Secretary/Treasurer was not preparing the Chapter meeting minutes.

Criteria:	N.N.C., Title 26, Section 1002 (C) (2) (a), states that the Secretary			
	Treasurer should complete and submit meeting minutes before Chapter			
	officials are compensated.			
Condition:	Thirty-five (59%) out of sixty meetings held during the 30-month audit			
	period were missing meeting minutes. Nevertheless, the Chapter			
	officials were paid.			

Effect:	In the absence of the meeting minutes, there is no documentation of				
	community membership discussions and actions during the meetings.				
Cause:	The Chapter officials were paid by the Community Services Coordinator				
	even though the Secretary/Treasurer did not perform her duty in				
	preparing the meeting minutes.				
Recommendation:	1. The Secretary/Treasurer should complete and submit meeting				
	minutes for each meeting.				
	2. The Community Services Coordinator should only process stipends				
	for the Chapter officials after the Secretary/Treasurer completes and				
	submits the meeting minutes.				

Finding XII: Chapter did not prepare a perpetual inventory record of wood for resale.

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Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Section VII (J) (a), requires that perpetual				
inventory records on resale items are maintained to reflect the receipts				
and issuance of inventory as well as the inventory balances.				
A perpetual inventory was not established to record the receipt, issuance				
and balance of the inventory of wood held for resale.				
As of August 17, 2017, the Chapter did not have any wood. However,				
according to the income statement, the Chapter purchased 110				
truckloads of wood for \$10,813 and only generated \$2,720 in sales.				
The Chapter could not account for \$8,093 of wood purchased for resale.				
Although the Community Services Coordinator and Accounts				
Maintenance Specialist documented the number of truckloads delivered				
to the Chapter in the accounting system, they did not transfer this				
information to a perpetual inventory.				
1. The Community Services Coordinator and Accounts Maintenance				
Specialist should create a perpetual inventory upon receipt of goods				
subject to resale and record issuance of inventory to maintain a				
perpetual balance.				
2. The Community Services Coordinator and Accounts Maintenance				
Specialist should perform physical inventory on a monthly basis to				
reconcile to the perpetual balance.				

Finding XIII: The Chapter used the Emergency Fund to purchase wood without a Declaration of Emergency and did not document a community assessment or the distribution of wood.

or emergency and the not document a community assessment of the distribution of woods			
Criteria:	Procurement Policies and Procedures, Section VI (E), requires that the		
	Emergency Fund only be expended after the following criteria are met:		
	1. The Navajo Nation or Chapter president issues a Declaration of		
	Emergency.		
	2. The Chapter completes a community assessment and a list of recipients receiving emergency fund commodities distributed free-		
	of-cost.		
	3. The Chapter provides relief services in order of priority.		
	4. The Chapter ensures that a community-approved budget is in place.		

The Chapter was unable to provide proof that wood purchased for			
\$10,813 was used for a bona-fide emergency. Although the community			
approved an \$8,000 budget out of the emergency fund for wood, the			
purchases of wood were not related to a Declaration of Emergency; the			
Chapter did not complete a community assessment and keep a record of			
how the wood was distributed.			
The resources totaling \$10,813 were used without regard to priority of			
need or emergency necessity.			
The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials did not			
officially declare an emergency and assess the emergency event to			
strategize how to best assist their community members before			
expending the emergency fund.			
1. The Chapter Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials			
should create a plan of emergency to ensure policies are carried out			
before considering expending the emergency fund.			
2. The Chapter president should issue an official Declaration of			
Emergency first before expending the emergency fund.			
3. The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials should			
perform a community assessment of the emergency event.			
4. The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials should			
provide services based on priority.			

Conclusion

The Tsayatoh Chapter is not a good steward of Navajo resources. The Chapter disbursed a total of \$1,095,015 from all funding sources during the period of our examination. A total of \$495,683 (95%) out of \$519,319 of the disbursements tested was not spent in accordance with the Chapter and Navajo Nation policies. Our audit revealed that the Chapter is unaware of Chapter, Navajo Nation and New Mexico laws, rules and regulations and has not implemented appropriate controls. Also, the Chapter has not hired full-time, trustworthy staff to safeguard assets and personal information.

Appendix A
Checks issued to Accounts Maintenance Specialist's children

Date Cashed	Check no.	Amount
6/24/2016	8974	738.80
7/8/2016	8990	664.92
7/22/2016	9019	738.80
8/5/2016	9038	738.80
8/19/2016	9051	664.92
9/9/2016	9057	738.80
9/15/2016	9108	664.92
9/28/2016	9137	738.80
10/14/2016	9153	738.80
10/28/2016	9164	738.80
11/9/2016	9174	664.92
11/22/2016	9188	664.92
12/5/2016	9207	738.80
12/22/2016	9222	738.80
1/6/2017	9239	701.86
1/19/2017	9271	664.92
6/16/2016	8953	300.00
	Total:	\$11,640.58

Source: Tsayatoh Chapter MIP (accounting system) and Bank Statements

Checks issued to Accounts Maintenance Specialist without authorization and supporting documentation

Date Cashed	Check no.	Amount			
9/28/2016	9131	392.04			
10/7/2016	9140	335.04			
10/19/2016	9159	229.20			
10/24/2016	9160	195.40			
10/26/2016	9162	269.40			
11/9/2016	9176	189.54			
11/16/2016	9180	622.56			
11/21/2016	9186	180.04			
12/5/2016	9204	305.76			
12/14/2016	9210	226.80			
12/15/2016	9219	76.44			
12/16/2016	9221	229.20			
1/12/2017	9243	305.10			
	Total:	\$3,556.52			

Source: Tsayatoh Chapter MIP (accounting system) and Bank Statements

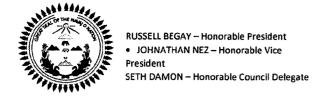
Appendix B

Checks issued to the Community Services Coordinator without authorization and supporting documentation

Date	Check		Date	Check	
Cashed	no.	Amount	Cashed	no.	Amount
10/15/2014	7864	204.96	9/16/2015	8466	139.75
10/22/2014	7884	322.37	9/30/2015	8554	818.22
11/5/2014	7894	226.45	9/30/2015	8556	58.94
11/17/2014	7919	168.00	10/23/2015	8596	255.70
12/9/2014	7950	225.68	11/3/2015	8618	701.50
1/20/2015	8043	507.37	11/17/2015	8628	291.72
2/17/2015	8093	172.50	11/17/2015	8632	311.04
3/18/2015	8144	265.65	12/1/2015	8656	110.05
3/20/2015	8136	668.88	12/1/2015	8657	89.50
3/27/2015	8149	152.37	12/1/2015	8661	693.45
3/27/2015	8151	512.88	12/4/2015	8677	311.04
4/6/2015	8162	330.05	12/16/2015	8702	102.15
4/6/2015	8163	175.54	12/21/2015	8707	888.95
6/9/2015	8246	367.40	12/29/2015	8718	495.64
6/15/2015	8254	132.34	1/8/2016	8731	331.28
7/14/2015	8298	774.52	1/12/2016	8734	246.02
7/23/2015	8341	289.04	1/25/2016	8773	460.38
7/27/2015	8358	111.80	2/4/2016	8779	775.44
8/3/2015	8372	727.37	2/4/2016	8780	203.30
8/11/2015	8392	101.03	3/3/2016	8823	754.92
8/13/2015	8398	104.15	3/15/2016	8850	516.77
8/13/2015	8399	452.96	3/21/2016	8857	584.28
8/24/2015	8417	184.59	4/1/2016	8865	446.14
9/1/2015	8435	849.85	4/1/2016	8866	697.68
9/9/2015	8452	541.72		Total:	\$18,853.33

Source: Tsayatoh Chapter MIP (accounting system) and Bank Statements

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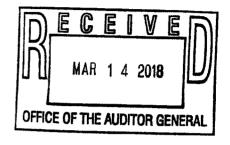
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March 11, 2018

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Ya'at'eeh, Ms. Begay



The Tsayatoh Community Governance and Administration acknowledge the receipt of the Tsayatoh Internal Audit and Exit meeting, Tuesday, March 06, 2018.

In Lieu of Tsayatoh Community Governance Resolution Requesting for an Internal Audit, we appreciate your administrative work and the internal operations research being carried out in a timely matter.

The Tsayatoh Community Governance and Administration have made recommendations of additional changes and had made comments on this date.

Again, we appreciate your offices assistance and will continue the cooperation within the corrective measures and if your office should have any questions, Please call our community governance and administration at (505) 905-2649. Thank you.

Respectful

Walter B. Hudson, President
Tsayatoh Community Governance

Attachment

Cc: David Lee, Vice-President
Saraphina Blackgoat, Secretary/Treasurer
Seth Damon, Honorable Council Delegate
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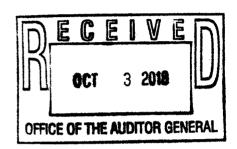
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September 27, 2018

Elizabeth Begay, Auditor General Office of the Auditor General P.O. Box 708 Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Mrs. Begay,

We have revised the corrective action plan according to your recommendations. Attached is the Chapter's Resolution approving the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) with a copy of the CAP.

Feel free to contact the Tsayatoh Chapter at 505-905-2649 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Walter Hudson, Chapter President

Tsayatoh Chapter

CC: Tsayatoh Chapter Administration

Mr. Walter Hudson, Chapter President Mr. David Lee, Chapter Vice-President

Ms. Saraphina Blackgoat, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Seth Damon, Council Delegate



Issue	ا اد	Corrective Action	Responsible Parties	Completed By:
Finding I: The Chapter filing system	1.	1. The Chapter staff and officials will review and follow the Records	CSC, AMS, Pres.,	March 31, 2019
was in disarray and files were not		Policies and Procedures on how to maintain proper records of all	VP, and S/T	
secured.		Chapter projects and activities.		
	2.	The CSC and AMS will update, maintain an accurate and complete		
		inventory of all chapter records. Keeping all chapter records		
		complete and current at all times.		
	ىب	The CSC will conduct an annual records inventory with the AMS		
		to ensure proper storage, disposal, transfer or filing of all records.		
	4.	The CSC and AMS will maintain and safeguard all chapter records		
		in a secured filing cabinet.		
	5.	The Chapter staff and officials will conduct proper training to	CSC, AMS, Pres.,	
		their temporary employees to file Chapter documents.	VP, and S/T	
	6.	6. The Chapter officials will routinely monitor and sign the	Pres., VP, and	
		monitoring tool to ensure the Chapter's record keeping system is	S/T	
		complete and provide feedback.		

										to her children totaling \$11,641.	seventeen unauthorized payments	Maintenance Specialist processed	Finding II: Former Accounts	Issue
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detect unusual transaction activities. Also, if any unauthorized	training on how to access and generate an activity report to	4. The chapter staff and officials will contact ITG for assistance and	supporting documents are attached.	The authorized signers will not pre-sign blank checks without all	checks.	documents. To support each fund disbursement before co-signing	form, invoices, quotes, claim forms, timesheets and similar	documents are attached for example as follows: fund approval	The authorized signers will review to ensure all supporting	checks to her children.	Maintenance Specialist liable for issuing unauthorized Chapter	Office and Office of the Prosecutor to hold the former Accounts	1. The Chapter staff and officials will work with Ethics and Rules	Corrective Action
	VP, and S/T	CSC, AMS, Pres.,		CSC, S/T					CSC, S/T			VP, and S/T	CSC, AMS, Pres.,	Responsible Parties
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Rules.	payments are detected the chapter will notify ASC or Ethics and	

															with appropriate documentation.	calculated and clearly supported	properly approved, accurately	Finding III: Chapter travel was not	Issue
	4.				ω							2.						1.	
unauthorized travel checks.	Office	miles published in the Federal Travel Regulations.	Office of the Controller, which are the mileage rates for business	owned vehicle reimbursement mileage rates issued from the	The Community Services Coordinator will apply the privately-	days after return from the trip.	for conferences and/or trainings, agendas, etc.) within ten (10)	reports, original receipts for meals and hotel stays, sign-in sheets	attached with supporting documents (i.e. trip reports, mileage	packets with complete Travel Expense Reports that are signed,	Coordinator and Chapter officials will review and approve travel	Prior to reimbursement for travel, the Community Services	estimated cost.	requested, the CSC will review the calculation of 80% of the	travel authorization packet prior to travel. If travel advance is	Community Services Coordinator will review and approve the	authorization packet and calculate the estimated cost. The	1. The Accounts Maintenance Specialist will prepare the travel	Corrective Action
and s/ I	CSC, Pres., VP,				CSC						and S/T	CSC, Pres., VP,						CSC and AMS	Responsible Parties
																		March 31, 2019	Completed By:

		appropriate documentation.	without proper approval and	Finding IV: Chapter paid vendors	Issue
Authorized signers (CSC and S/T) will sign checks after the Fund Approval Form are attached with the supporting documents.	disbursement before preparing a check for payment.	original invoices, and similar documents to support each fund	Approval Form, attached with supporting documents: (3) quotes,	 The Accounts Maintenance Specialist will prepare a Fund 	Corrective Action
CSC and S/T				AMS	Responsible Parties
				March 31, 2019	Completed By:

system prior to issuance of payroll. 3. The Secretary/Treasurer will review hours worked on the firmerard to the hours worked on the master timesheet and to
system prior to issuance of payroll. 3. The Secretary/Treasurer will review hours worked on the S/T

								the state.	employee and report new hires to	documentation on file for each	maintain the appropriate	Finding VI: The Chapter did not	Issue
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	3. The Chapter officials will review forms completed that all new	completed will filed at the Chapter.	Specialist will report all new hires to the state and form	2. The Community Services Coordinator and Accounts Maintenance	voter registration.	Form, Parental Consent Form (14 to 17-year-old), and copy of	Card, Employee Performance Evaluation Form, State New Hire	Withholding Allowance Certificate (W-4), Copy of Social Security	(PAF), Employment Application Form, Employee's Federal	regulations are followed. The list includes Personnel Action Form	will develop a checklist to ensure chapter policy and state	1. The Community Services Coordinator and Accounts Maintenance	Corrective Action
S/T	Pres., VP, and			CSC and AMS								CSC and AMS	Responsible Parties
					•							March 31, 2019	Completed By:

Finding VII: Individuals were compensated as a Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and as a Chapter employee at the same time.

the Chapter meetings.	their duties as Chapter officials at 2	Chapter employees while fulfilling	Secretary/Treasurers were paid as	Issue 1: Two pro-tem	Issue
Secretary/Tre reimburse th her stipends, enforce by w off.	The Chapter	paid to atten	be required t	Chapter emp	
Secretary/Treasurer to forfeit her stipend payment(s) and to reimburse the Chapter. If the Secretary/Treasurer does not repay her stipends, then the Community Services Coordinator will enforce by withholding stipend payments until repayment is paid off.	2. The Chapter officials will work with the current	paid to attend Chapter meetings.	be required to take annual leave or leave without pay while being	1. Chapter employees who receive pay as an appointed official will	Corrective Action
	CSC and S/T		VP, and S/T	CSC, AMS, Pres.,	Responsible Parties
				March 31, 2019	Completed By:

	CSC	If a temporary employee is elected as chapter official, then the temporary employee will resign effective immediately.	
		enforce by withholding stipend payments until repayment is paid off.	
		her stipends, then the Community Services Coordinator will	employee at the same time.
		reimburse the Chapter. If the Secretary/Treasurer does not repay	Chapter official and Chapter
	and S/T	Secretary/Treasurer to forfeit her stipend payment(s) and to	Secretary/Treasurer served as both a
March 31, 2019	s., VP,	 The Chapter officials will work with the current 	Issue 2: The current
Completed By:	Responsible Parties	Corrective Action	Issue

Finding VIII: Chapter assistance was not supposed with the appropriate documentation, awarded within the approved budget and used for its intended

		eligibility.	documentation to determine
		the Community Services Coordinator will review and approve for	completing appropriate
		documents attached to the housing assistance application and	housing assistance without
March 31, 2019	CSC and AMS	 The Accounts Maintenance Specialist will verify all the required 	Issue 1: The Chapter awarded
Completed By:	Responsible Parties	Corrective Action	Issue

	used as intend.	-	
	the project from start to finish, to ensure building materials are		
and S/T	assign someone to inventory building materials and to document		
CSC, Pres., VP,	4. The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials will		
	collected and eligibility is determined.		
S/T	community for approval after all the required documents are		
 Pres., VP, and	The Chapter officials will present requests for assistance to the		purpose.
	approved budget limit will used.	ľ	assistance was used to its intended
	its within limits. If any changes to the approved budget, new		Chapter did not ensure that the
 and S/T	verify amount awarded to the approved budget limits to ensure		the approved budget limits. The
CSC, Pres., VP,	2. The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials will		eligibility and awarded amounts over

		evaluations are completed.	
	S/T	community for approval only after all required documents and	
	Pres., VP, and	The Chapter officials will present requests for assistance to the	
		approved budget limit will used.	
		its within limits. If any changes to the approved budget, new	limits.
	and S/T	verify amount awarded to the approved budget limits to ensure	for more than the approved budget
	CSC, Pres., VP,	The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials will	approval. Assistance was awarded
		eligibility and obtain approval from the Vet. Commander.	documentation and obtaining proper
		the Community Services Coordinator will review and approve for	completing appropriate
		documents attached to the Veterans assistance application and	Veterans' assistance without
March 31, 2019	CSC and AMS	 The Accounts Maintenance Specialist will verify all the required 	Issue 2: The Chapter awarded
Completed By:	Responsible Parties	Corrective Action	Issue
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		verify amount awarded to the approved budget limits to ensure	
		The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials will	assistance was not budgeted.
		and approve for eligibility.	documentation. Student enrichment
	-	application and the Community Services Coordinator will review	without completing the appropriate
	VP, and S/T	documents attached to the student enrichment assistance	student enrichment assistance
March 31, 2019	Pres.,	 The Accounts Maintenance Specialist will verify all the required 	Issue 3: The Chapter awarded
Completed By:	Responsible Parties	Corrective Action	Issue

its within limits. If any changes to the approved budget, new approved budget limit will used. 3. The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials will develop a detail budget and present the budget to the community for approval. 4. The Chapter officials will present requests for assistance to the community for approval only after all required documents and evaluations are completed.								
			4.			ω		
Pres., VP, and S/T	evaluations are completed.	community for approval only after all required documents and	The Chapter officials will present requests for assistance to the	community for approval.	develop a detail budget and present the budget to the	The Community Services Coordinator and Chapter officials will	approved budget limit will used.	its within limits. If any changes to the approved budget, new
		S/T	Pres., VP, and					

				reported on the balance sheet.	Finding IX: Capital assets were not	lssue
The Chapter officials the review the financial statements to ensure the capital fixed assets are disclosed on the balance sheet.	Services Coordinator will review and verify all capital fixed assets and values are posted on the balance sheet.	Ine Accounts Maintenance Specialist will disclose the capital fixed assets and values on the balance sheet. The Community	valued \$1,000 and above.	inventory and update its inventory list include capital fixed assets	1. The Account Maintenance Specialist will complete a physical	Corrective Action
Pres., VP, and S/T		Coc allu Aivio			AMS	Responsible Parties
			1,		March 31, 2019	Completed By:

			inventory listing.	information was missing on the	Finding X: Property/equipment was	Issue
ņ	2.				1.	
 The officials will review property listing to ensure all property/equipment are tagged and information are listed. 	 The Community Services Coordinator will check to ensure all property/equipment are tagged and review inventory listing to ensure all required property/equipment information are listed. 	ensure proper reporting of any losses. The Accounts Maintenance Specialist will tag all property/equipment.	condition and insurance for proper identification of items and to	The pertinent information will include serial numbers, quantity,	1. The Accounts Maintenance Specialist will create a checklist of the	Corrective Action
Pres., VP, and S/T	CSC				AMS	Responsible Parties
		•			March 31, 2019	Completed By:

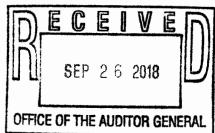
Corrective Action Parties 1. The Secretary/Treasurer will submit meeting minutes in a timely manner after each meeting. 2. The Community Services Coordinator will only process stipends for the Chapter officials after the Secretary/Treasurer submits complete meeting minutes.
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	Finding XII: Chapter did not prepare a perpetual inventory record of wood for resale.	Issue
 The Accounts Maintenance Specialist will complete physical inventory on a monthly basis. The Community Services Coordinator will reconcile physical inventory to the perpetual balances. 	 The Accounts Maintenance Specialist will create a perpetual inventory system to track resale of woods and maintain a balance of woods. 	Corrective Action
CSC and AMS	AMS	Responsible Parties
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		wood.	assessment or the distribution of	and did not document a community	without a Declaration of Emergency	Emergency Fund to purchase wood	Finding XIII: The Chapter used the	Issue
services based on priority.	4. The Chapter staff and officials will use the assessment to provide	assessment in preparation of an emergency event.	3. The Chapter staff and officials will develop a community	expending the emergency fund.	2. The Chapter President will declare an emergency first before	plan and obtain approval from the community.	1. The Chapter staff and officials will create an emergency response	Corrective Action
VP, and S/T	CSC, AMS, Pres.,	VP, and S/T	CSC, AMS, Pres.,		President	VP, and S/T	CSC, AMS, Pres.,	Responsible Parties
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TSAYATOH GOVERNANCE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTION ACTION PLAN FOR AUDIT FINDINGS.

TSA-2018-08-01

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to N.N.C Title 26; Chapter 1, Section 3(A) under the Local Governance Act, Tsayatoh Chapter is a certified local governmental entity of the Navajo Nation and codified at 11 N.N.C Part 1 Section 10; and
- Pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 1(B)(1) of the same "Act," Tsayatoh Chapter is vested with the governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Law, including custom and tradition; and
- Pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 1 (B)(2) of the same "Act", Tsayatoh Chapter is vested with the authority to make decisions over local matters and to govern with responsibility and accountability to the local citizens; and
- The Chapter Community membership agrees to accept and approve the correction action plan for audit findings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- Tsayatoh Chapter hereby accepts and approves Correction Action Plan (CAP). 1.
- 2. The Tsayatoh Chapter administration staff is hereby authorized to act upon all essential chapter administrative duties to enact the purpose of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly considered by Tsayatoh Chapter at a duly called chapter meeting at Tsayatoh (Navajo Nation), New Mexico, at which a quorum was present, and the same passed by a vote of <u>11</u> in favor, <u>0</u> opposed, and <u>6</u> abstained, this 18th day of September 2018.

MOTION: Anita Martinez SECOND: Ella Peters

Walter Hudson (President)



Honorable LoRenzo Bates Speaker 23rd Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable Seth Damon

23rd Navajo Nation Council

FROM:

Kristen Lowell, Principal Attorney

Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE:

December 12, 2018

SUBJECT:

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE;
ACCEPTING THE INTERNAL AUDIT OF TO'HAJIILEE CHAPTER
SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL, AND
APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN SUBMITTED BY

TSAYATOH CHAPTER

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.

THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0435-18__ SPONSOR: <u>Seth Damon</u>

TITLE: An Action Relating To the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Accepting the Internal Audit of To'hajiilee Chapter submitted by the Office of the Auditor General, and approving the Corrective Action Plan submitted by Tsayatoh Chapter

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Comments Opposing	None
Inconclusive Comment	None

Legislative Secretary II Office of Legislative Services

Date/Time

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMIMTTEE Special Meeting

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY SHEET:

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MAIN MOTION:

M: Benjamin Bennett S: Davis Filfred Vote: 4-0-1 (CNV)
YEAS: Benjamin Bennett, Walter Phelps; Jonathan Perry and Davis Filfred

NAYS:

EXCUSED: Leonard Pete

Date: December 27, 2018 – Special 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

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FOURTH YEAR 2018

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE to whom has been assigned:

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Has had it under consideration and reports a DO PASS with no amendment;

And thereafter the legislation was referred to Budget and Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Alton Joe Shepherd, Presiding Chairperson Resource and Development Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

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