

RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE 23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONFIRMING THE
REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. BILL A MONTOYA TO THE NAVAJO NATION
TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSION

BE IT ENACTED:

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Section Two. Findings

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- B. The Commission consists of seven Commissioners appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation and confirmed by the appropriate committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §3454(A)
- C. The appointment to the Commission shall be for a period of four (4) years. 2 N.N.C. § 3454 (B).
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- E. The Navajo Nation Council finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to confirm the reappointment of Mr. Bill A. Montoya, by the President of the Navajo Nation, to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning September 7, 2014 and ending September 7, 2018.

Section Three. Approval

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the reappointment of Mr. Bill A. Montoya, by the President of the Navajo Nation, to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission for a period beginning September 7, 2014 and ending September 7, 2018.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Tohajiilee Chapter, Tohajiilee, (Navajo Nation) New Mexico, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained this 28th day of February, 2017.

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**Benjamin Bennett, Vice Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council**

**Motion: Honorable Walter Phelps
Second: Honorable Davis Filfred**

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0074-17

DATE: February 10, 2017

SUBJECT: RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BILL A. MONTOYA TO THE NAVAJO NATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to confirm the reappointment of Mr. Bill A. Montoya to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission.

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.

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2017

INTRODUCED BY


(Prime Sponsor) (Walter Phelps)

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THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE **PRESIDENT**
JONATHAN NEZ **VICE PRESIDENT**

January 11, 2017



Bill A. Montoya
P.O. Box 321
Sanders, AZ 86512

Dear Mr. Montoya,

It is my distinct pleasure to appoint you to the Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission pursuant to my authority under 2 N.N.C. § 1204(B).

Your appointment to the Board of Trustees is subject to confirmation by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 3453 (A).

Thank you for your desire to serve on the NNTRC and for the Navajo Nation. If you have any questions relating to your appointment, please contact Karis N. Begaye, Legal Counsel, Office of the President and Vice President.

Respectfully,

THE NAVAJO NATION

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Russell Begaye, *President*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan M. Nez".

Jonathan M. Nez, *Vice President*

September 4, 2015

Bill A. Montoya
P.O. Box

Home:
Email:

Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission
Office of the President/Vice President
THE NAVAJO NATION

RE: Letter of Interest/NNTRC

Dear President Begaye:

This is my letter of interest for a position on the Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission. I have been on this commission the last 3 years and wish to be re-appointed.

I am including my resume with this letter of interest. Education credentials and professional references can be available upon request or during a personal interview.

I am an enrolled member of Houck Chapter in good standing. I currently reside in Sanders, Arizona. My family and I wholeheartedly support the Begaye and Nez administration and its plans and commitment to the Four pillars for the Navajo Nation.

The Navajo Nation Telecommunication is looking forward to establishing a N-911 program with funds allocated from the Navajo Nation Council. I am aware that the Navajo Nation executive branch supports this endeavor and I want to continue pursuing this goal.

I ask humbly to be re-appointed to this very important commission and continue the vital mission that the commission was established for. I serve with very honorable gentlemen and a vibrant staff led by Ms. Teresa Hopkins. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve the Begaye/Nez administration.

Please contact me if an interview is scheduled.

Thank you.

Signed: Bill Alex Montoya

Resumé

B. Alex Montoya

Post Office Box

Phone:

Email:

EDUCATION

Fall 2002- 2003 The University of Arizona, graduate work; American Indian
Studies Program, Tucson, AZ

May 2002 Bachelor of Community Health, New Mexico State University, Las
Cruces, New Mexico

EMPLOYMENT

February 2010-April 2011 **Public Information Officer** - Division of Community
Development, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ.

Researched, developed, wrote, and coordinated media campaigns; coordinated associated public relations activities; researched, outlined, and prepared speeches; furnished information and photographs for the press, periodicals, radio, television, education, and training use; reviewed and determined needs, defined goals and recommended steps needed to carry out a planned public information program. Managed assigned public information marketing programs; developed and coordinated the illustration and printing of publications; prepared, reviewed, and edited news conferences, releases, newsletters, publications, and scripts; advised constituents concerning public relations aspects of policies, practices, procedures, programs, and actions. Arranged and participated in scheduling, briefing, and broadcasting of radio programs; produced news, public service, and educational programs for radio; recruited and arranged public appearances with subject experts, elected officials, dignitaries, and other individuals; assisted in conference, convention, and special event arrangements.

Jan 2008- Nov 2009 **Capacity Building Specialist**- Navajo AIDS Network, Inc.,
Chinle, AZ

Networked with Indian Health Service Hospitals to trained Physicians, Licensed Nurses, Pharmacists, Dentists and paraprofessionals in protocols pertaining to Native Americans living with AIDS/HIV. Collaborated with Howard University, the funding agent, as the only Native program under the nationally recognized National Minority AIDS Education and

Training Center in the United States headquartered in Washington, D.C.

January 2007- October 2007 **Certified Male Health Educator**-Navajo Family Health Resource Network, Inc., Window Rock, AZ

Developing Male Health education materials, assisting family planning counselors with public reproductive health presentations in communities, schools, colleges and businesses. Work within federal government guidelines as prescribed in Title X.

January 2006- June 2006 **Recruiting Coordinator**- American Indian Programs, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Coordinate recruiting efforts for major land grant university targeting Native Americans residing in New Mexico portion of the Navajo Nation. Also coordinated meetings, negotiations, and recruiting and retention efforts between the university and Navajo Nation education officials.

Nov. 2003- August 2005 **Executive Director**- Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Office of the President/Vice-President, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ

Directed the Navajo Nation's telecommunications regulatory office responsible for the regulation of all telecommunications activities on the Navajo Nation. Office activities included approving construction of cellular phone towers, deployment of the Internet, satellite, radio broadcasts, two-way radios, landline phones, and development of policies for telecom activities, throughout the Navajo Nation. Collaborated with state and federal regulatory commissions on a daily basis.

June 2003- October 2003 **Executive Staff Assistant**- Office of the President/Vice-President. The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ

Responsible for assisting the Chief Executive, Chief of Staff and Executive Staff within the Office of the Navajo Nation President/Vice-President. Implementation of Executive administration's platform including prioritizing education, healthcare funding, public safety concerns, and government reform issues. Worked with the legislative branch by introducing legislation to reach goals and objectives within the Navajo Nation government.

July 2000- July 2001 **Student Intern**, Dona Ana County Health Care Department, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Responsible for assisting health care planner with coordinating communications between the Dona Ana County Health Care Council, Health Council Committees, County

Commissioners, and the New Mexico State University. Assisted health care director in preparing executive summaries, annual reports, researched health care status of county population including budget analysis.

May 1999- December 1999 **Records Technician**, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Worked with community college students, matriculating them into a four year institution of higher learning. Followed established procedures of NMSU in arranging, sorting, and filing summer student program records related to the Bridges to the Native Americans Program within the Biochemistry department at the NMSU campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico

March 1995- March 1996 **Program Director**, Office of Self Governance, Office of the President/Vice-President, Window Rock, AZ

Directed a Navajo Nation federally funded office established for purposes of evaluating Public Law 638 contracts. Position required extensive travel, meetings with federal officials, tribal leaders, and Navajo governmental programs. Assisted Navajo Nation executive office in developing the Local Governance Act that subsequently became Navajo law in 1998.

Community and Public Service

- 1996-1998 - Board President, Navajo Health Foundation, Ganado, AZ.
- 1996-1998 - Board President, Fort Defiance Indian Hospital, Inc., Fort Defiance, AZ
- 1997-1998 - Member, Navajo Area Indian Health Advisory Board, St. Michaels, AZ
- 2003-2005 - Member, Navajo Area Indian Health Advisory Board, St. Michaels, AZ
- 1996-1998 - Miss Navajo Nation Pageant Committee, Window Rock, AZ
- 1997-1998 - Board President, Ganado Fire District, Ganado, AZ
- 1994-1998 - Board President, Navajo AIDS Network, Inc., Chinle, AZ
- 1984-1986 - Member, Wide Ruins BIA School Board, Wide Ruins, AZ
- 2007-2009- Board Chair, Gallup Dine' Health Care Corp., Gallup NM
- 2008-2009- Board Chair, Navajo Area Indian Health Advisory Board, St. Michaels, AZ
- 2012- Recipient of Indian Health Service Regional Service Award/ Board Membership.
- 2012-2014- Vice-Chair, Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, Office of the President/Vice-President, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ.
- Board member- Fort Defiance Indian Health Board, Inc. 2014-2017.

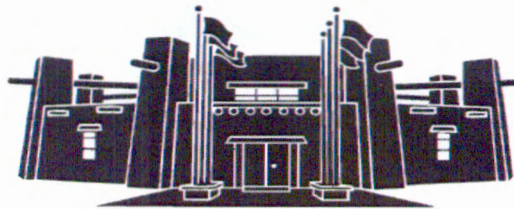
Additional Accomplishments

- 1999-2000 - Video development on the Navajos Long Walk, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
- 2001 - Passed the University of Texas at Austin Standardized Grammar-Spelling-

Punctuation (GSP) Examination for Journalism Majors, NMSU, Las Cruces, NM

REFERENCES

(Available upon Request)




MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable Walter Phelps
Navajo Nation Council

FROM:


Edward A. McCool, Principal Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE:

February 10, 2017

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT,
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE
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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. §§500, 501. 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: _0074-17_____

SPONSOR: Walter Phelps

TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Naabik'iyati' Committees; Confirming the Reappointment of Mr. Bill A. Montoya to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission.

Date posted: February 17, 2017 at 11:25 am

Digital comments may be e-mailed to comments@navajo-nsn.gov

Written comments may be mailed to:

**Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(928) 871-7590**

Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.

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Posted: February 17, 2017 at 11:25 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: February 22, 2017

Digital Comments received:

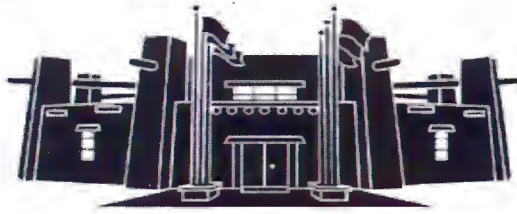
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Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inclusive Comments	<i>None</i>



**Policy Analyst
Office of Legislative Services**

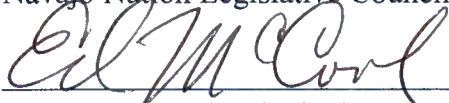
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Platero, Director
Office of Legislative Services
Navajo Nation Legislative Council

FROM: 
Edward McCool, Principal Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: February 23, 2017

**SUBJECT: OLC NO. 17-94-1; CORRECTIONS REGARDING COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT AND NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION**

The above referenced legislation was mistakenly assigned to Resources and Development and then to Naabik'iyati' Committee. In fact the Navajo Nation Code at 2 N.N.C. § 500 (C) establishes the Resources and Development Committee as having oversight over telecommunications and as such is the sole confirming committee for appointments to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission.

I am attaching by separate document suggested amendments to reflect the necessary corrections for adoption at committee.

Suggested Amendments to OLC No. 17-94-1 Appointment to Navajo Nation Telecommunications Commission.

The following amendments are suggested

At Page 1 line 12 and 13 Strike ~~Naabik'iyati' Committee~~

At Page 1 line 21-22 Strike ~~B. The Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has been empowered to confirm all appointments to boards and commissions. 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A)~~

At Page 2 line 12 Strike The ~~Naabik'iyati'~~ add Resources and Development Committee

**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

THIRD YEAR 2017

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

Legislation # 0074-17: An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Naabik'Iyati' Committees; Confirming the Reappointment of Mr. Bill A. Montoya to the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission. *Sponsor: Honorable Walter Phelps*

Has had it under consideration and report the same with a **DO PASS** with the following amendment:

At Page 1, Line 12 and 13: Strike "~~Naabik'Iyati Committee~~"

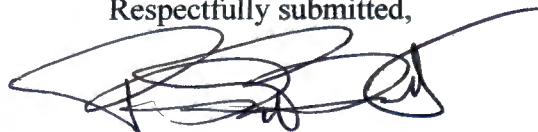
At Page 1, Line 21 – 22: Strike B. ~~The Naabik'Iyati Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has been empowered to confirm all appointments to boards and commissions. 2 N.N.C. §700 (A).~~

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(Motion: Davis Filfred Second: Walter Phelps Vote: 3-0-1 (VCNV))

And thereafter approved the legislation.

Respectfully submitted,



Benjamin Bennett, Vice-Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee of
the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

Date: February 28, 2017
Main Motion: Honorable Walter Phelps
Second: Honorable Davis Filfred
Vote: 3-0-1 (VCNV)