

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOANN DEDMAN TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AS THE CHINLE NAVAJO AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C §701(A) (3).
- B. The Commission shall consist of 12 members confirmed by and serving at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §972(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is an "entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Council's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government." 2 N.N.C. §970.
- B. The Commission shall be responsible directly to the Navajo Nation Council with respect to overall activities. 2 N.N.C. §970.
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee shall have legislative oversight authority. 2 N.N.C. §970.
- D. Five members shall be nominated from the five agencies of the Navajo Nation. Each agency council shall nominate one member from recommendations to be submitted by Chapters in each agency and the nominees shall be either Chapter officials or Grazing Committee/Land Board members. 2 N.N.C. §972(A) (5).

- E. The five members "shall serve a term of four years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council so long as they continue as a Chapter officer or Grazing Committee/Land Board member." 2 N.N.C. §972(A)(5).
- F. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §972(A)(5), the Chinle Navajo Agency Council passed a resolution recommending the appointment of Joann Dedman to serve as a member on the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Chinle Navajo Agency Council Resolution CNAC # CAC-04/1-14 is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- G. Joann Dedman is currently a Chapter official serving in the capacity as the Nazlini Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. Ms. Dedman's letter of interest is attached as **Exhibit B**; resume is attached as **Exhibit C**; and election certificate is attached as **Exhibit D**.

SECTION TWO. APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §972(A)(5), the Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Joann Dedman, Nazlini Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, as the Chinle Navajo Agency representative to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development, for a term of four years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 17 in favor and 03 opposed, this 18th day of July 2017.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

7-28-17

Date

Motion: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale
Second: Honorable Nelson S. BeGaye
Speaker Bates not voting

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 789

NNC Summer Session

7/18/2017
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Amd# to Amd#

Legislation No. 0230-17

PASSED

MOT Hale

The appointment of Joann

SEC BeGaye, N

Dedman to the Commission on
Navajo Government Development

Yea : 17

Nay : 3

Not Voting : 4

Yea : 17

Begay, K
Begay, NM
Bennett
Brown
Chee

Crotty
Daniels
Hale
Jack

Perry
Pete
Phelps
Shepherd

Slim
Smith
Tso
Witherspoon

Nay : 3

Tsosie

Damon

Begay, S

Not Voting : 4

BeGaye, N

Yazzie

Filfred

Bates



CHINLE NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL OF THE NAVAJO NATION

RESOLUTION OF THE CHINLE NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL CNAC # CAC-04/17-14

NOMINATING AND RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOANN DEDMAN, NAZLINI CHAPTER SECRETARY / TREASURER TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION OF NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT TO REPRESENT THE CHINLE NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS:

1. The Chinle Navajo Agency Council consists of members representing Hardrock, Forest Lake, Pinon, Tachee/Blue Gap, Rock Point, Chinle, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tselani/Cottonwood, Lukachukai, Round Rock, Tsailie/Wheatfields, Low Mountain, Tse Ch'izhi, Black Mesa, and Whipporwill Chapters of the Navajo Nation; and
2. The Chinle Navajo Agency Council recognizes that pursuant to 2N.N.C. §§ 970 and 971(1)(2), the Commission on Navajo Government Development ("Commission") was established as a special entity with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Council's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government; and,
3. The Chinle Navajo Agency Council recognizes that five members shall be nominated from the five agencies of the Navajo Nation. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(5), each agency council shall nominate one member whom is qualified to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development; [*"Each Agency Council shall nominate one member from recommendations to be submitted by chapters in each agency; nominees shall be either Chapter Officers or Grazing Committee / Land Board Members. These members shall serve a term of four (4) years, from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council so long as they continue as a chapter officer or as a Grazing Committee / Land Board member". (Emphasis added.)*]; and,
4. The Chinle Navajo Agency Council passes a resolution supporting and recommending the appointment of JoAnn Dedman, Nazlini Chapter Secretary/Treasurer to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Chinle Navajo Agency Council hereby nominates and appoints JoAnn Dedman, Nazlini Chapter Secretary/Treasurer to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development to represent the Chinle Navajo Agency Council.

CERTIFICATION

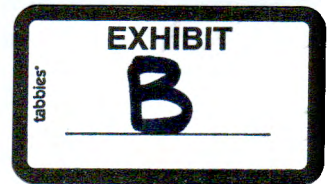
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Chinle Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting at the Hardrock Chapter, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same resolution was passed by a vote of 27 in favor, 0 Opposed, 4 Abstained on this 8th day of April.

Motion by: Bessie Allen

Second by: Fern Benally



Zane James, President
Chinle Navajo Agency Council



May 22, 2017
Post Office Box
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Honorable Council Delegates
23rd Navajo Nation Council
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

I am submitting this Letter of Interest for the position of Commissioner to the Commission on Navajo Government Development. I was re-nominated by members of the Chinle Agency Council on April 08, 2017 to serve an additional term representing the Chinle Agency. I am honored at their confidence in me. My first term as Commissioner has been challenging, not always having a quorum to conduct the business of government development.

I have been involved in politics at the local grassroots level, serving my ninth (9th) term as Nazlini Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. During my years as an elected representative, I have witnessed many governmental changes including the transition from Navajo Nation Chairman to President, establishment of a Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and reduction of the 88 member Navajo Nation Council to 24 delegates. Governmental change is inevitable and should be shaped by the people who choose to be governed.

I am committed to being instrumental in governmental reform issues as a member of the Commission. I ask for your support and sincerely hope to again be a part of such an important task.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JoAnn Dedman".

JoAnn Dedman, Nominee



RESUME OF JOANN LEIGH DEDMAN

Post Office Box
Nazlini, AZ 86540

Home Phone

PERSONAL INFORMATION

I am married to . We have four sons and one daughter. All of our children are grown and on their own, eight grandsons and two granddaughters. I was born in . My Navajo census number is .

My favorite past times are spending time with my grandchildren, sewing, gardening and reading.

OBJECTIVE

To be employed in a job that is both enjoyable and challenging, to have a sense that I am helping and making a difference in the lives of my fellow human beings and to earn a wage to support myself and my family.

QUALIFICATIONS

I have worked for the Navajo Nation as a Senior Center Manager for 31 years. I am currently serving the public as an elected Navajo Nation Chapter Officer for an ninth (9th) term in the position of Secretary/Treasurer, current and past elected School Board member for four terms, former Board of Directors at a private hospital. In my work with these organizations, I was responsible for multi-million dollar budget decisions, interviewing, hiring and firing of professional management level positions as well as policy development, lobbying, meeting with lawmakers to advocate on behalf of these organizations and speaking in public before large groups.

EDUCATION

Chinle High School:	Graduated May 19, 1980 in the top 10%, class ranking was #9.
The College of Ganado:	Fall 1983, 2 credit hours in parenting
Northland Pioneer College:	20 credit hours in Early Childhood Education
University of New Mexico:	15 credit hours in Pre-Nursing

EMPLOYMENT

August 2002 to Present

Senior Center Supervisor, duties are to plan, organize, assign and coordinate activities of employees engaged in providing services to Elders, ensure compliance of environmental health codes and licensure, conduct needs assessments to determine services needed by clients, schedule trainings and staff development for employees, evaluate employees on an annual basis, responsible for discipline, recognition of employees, coordinate office services, prepare necessary paperwork for purchase of food, office and janitorial supplies, waste disposal, utilities, equipment, prepare monthly reports for submission to agency, central and state offices, ensure that all expenditures are budgeted, serve as acting Agency Director as assigned, attend meetings and report activities, speak on behalf of program, complete assignments by Agency Director, operate vehicle and prepare meals in absence of employees assigned to these tasks.

June 2002 to August 2002

Acting Agency Director; My duties included budget preparation and presentation to the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, supervise the operation of 15 senior centers, Adult In-Home Care Program, Foster Grandparent Program, Dine' Elder Protection Program, approve/disapprove travel authorizations, leave requests, ICR, purchase requisitions, budget amendments and transfers, Personnel Action Forms, interview and recommend for hiring, termination, adverse personnel action, reassigned office space to make the agency office more user friendly, turned a storage room into a conference room, created a "living room" waiting area for clients and visitors, revised monthly reporting forms with input from supervisors, established an appointment system for monthly reports submission, gathered and ensured that all policy and reference manuals were on hand for use, held monthly supervisor's meetings and quarterly staff meetings to keep staff updated and informed of program business, provided technical assistance and guidance to a variety of administrative and management problems, developed a training plan for supervisors, assigned supervisors to develop training plans for their subordinates, acted as program time keeper for the agency, performed site visits to Senior Centers to ensure program compliance, compiled monthly statistical reports and quarterly President's reports, address concerns of the public related to aging, staffing, attended monthly agency director's meetings.

Trainings: Budget Orientation June 2002, Dine' Conference on Aging August 2002, New Mexico Conference on Aging August 2002.

Dec 1991 to June 2002

Senior Center Supervisor; Duties included performing daily support services, act as a liaison between the program and other entities, educate Elders on resources available to them on the areas of health, education, social and supportive services, nutrition. Establish and maintain fiscal year and client case management files, record daily meal count, inventory property, keep a ledger of expenditures and finances, coordinate a variety of services such as transportation, outreach, information and referral, friendly visiting, exercise, recreation and socialization activities, advocacy, health and nutrition education, meet with the Local Senior Citizens Council for planning, supervise a total of five persons, answer incoming correspondence, phone calls, make quarterly home visits to clients, assessment of homebound Elders to update eligibility requirements, compile monthly reports, attend meetings, public speaking as invited.

Trainings: Dine' Cultural Teaching January 2000, Creating the Future July 20001, Budget Preparation and Management November 1991, Proposal and Grant Writing February 1995, Navajo Elder Abuse Prevention January 1992, Forms Management Training May 1991.

July 1991 to December 1991

Acting Administrative Assistant; Duties included answering and directing all phone calls, assist and direct visitors to appropriate parties, review, prepare and answer correspondence, log in and distribute mail, type documents, proposals, compile monthly senior center reports, write and prepare resolutions for Chinle Agency Senior Advisory Council, attend meetings as assigned by the Agency Director, delegated as acting Agency Director in the absence of my supervisor to supervise 30+ staff, report to and make presentations to staff and CASAC, schedule trainings, meetings, orders supplies and equipment, maintain fiscal year files, assist Agency Director in general supervision and oversight of 13 senior centers.

February 1986 to July 1991

Senior Center Supervisor; Duties included performing daily direct and support services, provide education to clients in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, establish client case management and fiscal year records, assess homebound clients quarterly to ensure eligibility for home delivered meals, coordinate activities such as transportation, outreach, information and referral, exercise, recreation, socialization, out of state trips and trainings for Elders and staff, attend staff meetings, participate in various planning committees, compile

monthly reports, order office and janitorial supplies, equipment, food by obtaining price quotes and completing purchase requisitions, orders, RDP, advocate with the chapter, Apache County and other sources for additional funding, supervise five employees.

Trainings; Policies and Procedures Orientation February 1998, Growing Old with Health and Wisdom June 1989

October 1987 to Present

Chapter Secretary/Treasurer; Elected to a ninth term to manage chapter fiscal operations, accounting, record keeping, typing accurate chapter meeting minutes, verbal reporting in the Navajo language to the community on chapter finances and related business, issued payroll and other types of checks and payments, coordinator special projects such as emergency funds, Christmas funds, chapter government building funds, burial assistance fund, counsel community members on various personal problems, complaints, attend community meetings representing the chapter, served on committees, panels, mistress of ceremonies, bilingual public speaking.

July 1985 to January 1986

Book Keeper; Revised chapter ledgers, set-up financial accounting system with line item budgets, processed purchase requisitions and direct payments, ensure availability of funds, maintained a filing system to supplement each line item, prepared expenditure reports, transfer of funds kept updated ledger and reported to Chapter Officials on current financial activities.

AFFILIATIONS

Nazlini Chapter Government Secretary/Treasurer	1987 to Present
District #10 Council Member	1987 to 1992
Chinle Agency Council Member	1987 to Present
Sage Memorial Hospital Board of Directors Secretary	1998 to 2001
Arizona Hospital and Health Care Association Member	1998 to 2001
Nazlini Community School Board Vice President	2000-2008
Apache County Sheriff's Posse Volunteer	2008 to Present
Winslow Residential Hall School Board Member	2011-2013
State Certified Federal Court Interpreter; AZ & NM	2012 to Present
Nazlini Community School Board Vice President	2013 to 2014
Commission on Navajo Government Development	2013 to Present
Nazlini Community School Board President	2014 to Present

REFERENCES

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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT

JOANN DEDMAN

RECEIVED A PLURALITY OF VOTES IN THE 2016 NAVAJO NATION
CHAPTER ELECTION AND THAT SAID PERSON THEREFORE HAS
BEEN DULY AND LAWFULLY ELECTED

CHAPTER SECRETARY/TREASURER
REPRESENTING
NAZLINI CHAPTER

CERTIFIED ON THIS 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016


RODGER MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON
NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS


EDISON J. WAUNEKA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NAVAJO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION