

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE  
23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT WINTER TO THE NAVAJO NATION GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise (Enterprise) Board of Directors (Board) are subject to confirmation by the Naabik'íyáti Committee. 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C). See also CO-72-18.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council has legislative oversight over the Enterprise. 5 N.N.C. § 1718.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C), the President of the Navajo Nation shall select Board members; President Russell Begaye selected Robert Winter to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors. Mr. Winter's appointment letter is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- B. The Board shall consist of nine members and at least five members shall be enrolled members of the Navajo Nation. 5 N.N.C. §§ 1707(B) and 1707(D). See also CO-72-18.
- C. At all times the nominees and the Directors shall possess the following qualifications: (1) shall have demonstrable knowledge of Class II and Class III gaming operations and work experience in the gaming industry; (2) shall be at least 25 years of age; (3) shall possess a bachelors and/or graduate degree, preferably in finance, accounting, marketing, economics, management, law or related fields; (4) shall have a minimum of seven (7) years mid-level management experience; preferred experience will take into account 12 years of mid-level or executive experience; (5) not be a board member of a Navajo Nation-owned corporation, enterprise or authority; and (6) shall not be a public official or public employee of the Navajo Nation. 5 N.N.C. § 1707(G). See also CO-72-18. Mr. Winter's letter of interest and résumé are attached as **Exhibits B and C**.
- D. Each appointee for the position of the Board of the Enterprise shall obtain a Gaming Facility Operator's License from the

Gaming Regulatory Office before submission of the appointment to the Naabik'iyáti Committee for confirmation. Mr. Winter has submitted his application to the Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office ("NGRO") for a temporary tribal license which is required per 5 N.N.C. § 1707(H). The Arizona Department of Gaming ("ADG") has issued a temporary certification. The NGRO temporary tribal license will be attached as **Exhibit D** and the ADG temporary certification is attached as **Exhibit E**.

- E. A Board member selected to fill a vacancy shall serve the remaining term of his or her predecessor. Mr. Winter's appointment term is for a four-year staggered term beginning December 24, 2018 and ending December 24, 2022 per Exhibit A. He shall hold office until the qualification and selection of his successor. 5 N.N.C. §§ 1707(I) and 1707(F).

### SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C), the Navajo Nation hereby confirms the appointment of Robert Winter to serve on the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors, for a four-year staggered term beginning December 24, 2018 and ending December 24, 2022.

### CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 15 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairman  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motioned: Honorable Lee Jack, Sr.  
Second : Honorable Seth Damon

Chairman LoRenzo C. Bates not voting



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT  
JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT



December 18, 2018

Robert Winter

**RE: Official Appointment to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise ("NNGE")  
Board**

Mr. Winter,

It is my distinct pleasure to appoint you to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board. **You are hereby *appointed* to represent the At Large position for a term of four years set to begin on December 24, 2018 to December 24, 2022, pursuant to 5 N.N.C. 1707(F).** Your appointment to the Board is subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

Thank you for your desire to serve the NNGE as the At Large position for the Board. If you have any questions relating to your appointment, please contact Office of the President and Vice President at (928) 871-7004.

Respectfully,

THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Russell Begaye".

Russell Begaye, *President*



Robert T. Winter, Esq.

President Russel Begaye  
Office of President & Vice President  
100 Parkway  
P.O. Box 7440  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Mr. President:

In the past, I have had the pleasure of serving the Navajo people as its first Chief Executive Officer of the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise. In that regard, I developed a great deal of respect for the people and the government of the Navajo Nation. I would consider it a privilege to serve them once again as a member of the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors. I believe my service would be of value to advance the health and welfare of the Navajo people and its government. I would appreciate very much your consideration in this regard.

Respectfully yours,



Robert T. Winter, Esq.



## **I. Professional Profile**

Twenty five years experience as an executive and corporate manager, in gaming, governmental, and private sectors. Selected to act as Chairman and member of government and judicial committees as well.

## **II. Professional Experience**

- Chief Executive Officer of the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise for five and one-half years. Oversaw and supervised the development, construction and operations of the Four Tribally owned casinos/hotels located on the Reservation in Arizona and New Mexico including Class III and Class II gaming operations.
- Vice President/ General Counsel and member of the management team of the Foxwoods Resort and Casino/Hotel for six years. Assisted in operations management, reviewed and negotiated significant contracts pertaining to the billion dollar construction and operation of the Resort. Responsible for all Human Resource legal issues involving the over 10,000 employees, supervised the Resort Risk Management Department, assigned and monitored outside legal counsel. Also served as the directing officer for the Foxwoods Resort Development Company with the purpose of supporting gaming facility development for other Native American Tribes. In that regard oversaw the financing, design, construction and operation of such facilities. The work included projects in Arizona, Kansas, Iowa and Washington State.
- As a Partner and Counsel to the law firm of Brown, Previti and Carroll in Atlantic City, New Jersey was retained by Hilton Hotel's gaming subsidiary to review and advise on their ownership of gaming facilities in Louisiana and Wisconsin. Acted as counsel to Native American Tribes in Kansas and Arizona on casino and resort development, including negotiating State Compacts for resort development and subsequently directing their operation and management. Retained by State and Tribal Governments to review existing gaming regulatory policy and make recommendations.
- As Assistant Attorney General and head of the State of New Jersey Criminal Law Enforcement Agency managed a law enforcement organization of 1000 and oversaw the investigation of all organized crime, corruption and casino related crimes in the State. Formed the State's first Organized Crime Task Force resulting in the indictment and conviction of the heads of New Jersey's five organized crime families.

## **III. Faculty Member/Lecturer**

- Member of the Board of Directors of The College of New Jersey Criminal Justice Department
- Lecturer at the US Treasury Department's Casino Money Laundering Conference

## **IV. Education**

- Juris Doctorate, Catholic University of America, 1968
- Bachelors Degree, Villanova University, 1965





THE NAVAJO NATION

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## CONDITIONAL TEMPORARY TRIBAL GAMING LICENSE GAMING FACILITY OPERATOR

*Temporary Gaming License Number*  
**07-0001**

*This certifies that*

**ROBERT THOMAS WINTER**

*has been issued a **Conditional** Temporary Tribal Gaming License in accordance with the provisions of the Gaming Ordinances and Regulations of the Navajo Nation ("Tribe"), the Tribal-State Compact between the Tribe and the State of Arizona/State of New Mexico, and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. §2701 et. seq.). This **Conditional** Temporary Tribal Gaming License is issued by the Navajo Nation Gaming Regulatory Office, the Tribe's regulatory gaming agency, pending the completion of a background investigation and determination of suitability and if applicable, issuance of state certification/tribal recommendation by the Arizona Department of Gaming, approval by the New Mexico Gaming Control Board and the National Indian Gaming Commission.*

*Lisa F. Tsosie, Licensing Manager*  
*Navajo Nation Gaming Regulatory Office*

12/21/2018

*Date*



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Governor Douglas A. Ducey

12/19/2018

Interim Director James Ashley

Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office  
Paulene T. Thomas, Executive Director  
PO Box 2040  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

**TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION**

**Name: ROBERT THOMAS WINTER**  
**Certification Number: N 43133**  
**Issue Date: 12/19/2018**

The Arizona Department of Gaming has received an application for the above person and has initiated a background investigation pursuant to Compact Sections 5(a) and 5(b)(2).

This is to notify you that based upon the background investigation undertaken to date and the information disclosed on the face of the application, there is no evidence to suggest that this individual should not receive Temporary State Certification.

Upon completion of the full background investigation, a written certification will be submitted as to whether this applicant should be Certified by the State and licensed by the Tribal Gaming Office consistent with Compact Sections 5(b)(2) and 5(q).

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Mark A. Calles  
Manager, Employee Certification Unit

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RCS# 1177

Naa'bik'iyati Committee

12/27/2018

07:30:18 PM

Amd# to Amd#

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MOT Jack

Legislation 0450-18 Confirming

SEC Damon

Appointment of Robert Winter  
to the NN Gaming Enterprise...

**Yea : 15**

**Nay : 0**

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 9**

**Yea : 15**

Begay, K  
BeGaye, N  
Bennett  
Damon

Daniels  
Filfred  
Hale  
Jack

Kieyoomia  
Shepherd  
Smith  
Tso

Tsosie  
Yazzie  
Yellowhair

**Nay : 0**

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 9**

Bates  
Begay, NM  
Brown

Chee  
Crotty

Perry  
Pete

Phelps  
Slim