

RESOLUTION OF THE
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
of the 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2019

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAULETTA J. WHITE TO THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the purpose of providing legislative oversight on matters involving health, social service, education, general government services and human services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A) and (C)(1).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee serves as oversight for the Navajo Nation Board of Education. 2 N. N. C. § 401(C)(3).
- C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has authority to confirm appointments to the Board. 10 N. N. C. § 106(B)(3).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Board of Education consists of eleven (11) members. Five (5) members are elected at-large, one from each of the five (5) agencies. Six (6) members are appointed positions. 10 N.N.C. §106(B).
- B. Regarding appointments to the Navajo Nation Board of Education, the Navajo Nation Code provides, "[s]ix Board members shall be appointed to six year terms by the President of the Navajo Nation and confirmed by the [Health, Education and Human Services] Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. These members will be appointed on order to ensure that a variety of experience and knowledge is present on the Board." 10 N. N. C. § 106(B)(3).
- C. Qualifications for the six appointed positions to the Navajo Nation Board of Education are stated as follows - two appointed Board members will be individuals who are recognized for their knowledge of traditional Navajo culture; 10 N. N. C. § 106(C)(1)(a); one appointed Board member will be a school administrator working on the Navajo Nation; 10 N.

N. C. § 106(C)(1)(b); two appointed Board member will be parents of at least one child enrolled in a Kindergarten, elementary, or secondary program on the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. § 106(C)(1)(c); and, one appointed Board member will be a teacher employed in a Bureau of Indian Affairs funded or state public school operating on the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. § 106(C)(1)(d).


- D. Pursuant to appointment provisions applicable to the Navajo Nation Board of Education, the Navajo Nation President has appointed Pauletta J. White as the school administrator representative. Dr. White's letter of appointment is attached as **Exhibit A** and her qualifications and interests are provided in **Exhibit B**.

SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the Navajo Nation President's appointment of Pauletta J. White, to the Navajo Nation Board of Education. Dr. White shall serve in the school administrator representative position on the Board, as provided in 10 N. N. C. § 106(C)(1)(b). Dr. White shall serve a term of six (6) years from the date of confirmation, consistent with 10 N. N. C. § 106(B).

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, (Navajo Nation) Arizona, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, on this 18th day of December 2019.


Carl R. Slater, Vice-Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee of
the 24th Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Pernell Halona
Second: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka

THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



November 25, 2019

Pauletta J. White, Ed. D.
PO Box
Fort Defiance, AZ 86504

Dear Dr. White,

Thank you for your interest in the Navajo Nation Board of Education. Based on our discussion with you, it is our pleasure to appoint you to the Board of Education as the school administrator representative of the Board. Your 34 years of dedication to education of our young people align with our policy of supporting our youth and your extensive experience in school administration will benefit the Navajo Nation Board of Education.

The Navajo Nation Council's Health, Education, and Human Services Committee will consider confirming your appointment. With the Committee's positive action your term will be six years. Should you have any questions please contact Chris Bahe, Executive Staff Assistant, Office of the President and Vice President, at 928-871-7000.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Nez, President
The Navajo Nation

Myron Lizer, Vice President
The Navajo Nation



Pauletta White, Ed.D, Assistant
Superintendent of Student Services
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Carmen Moffett
John Overheim

Coordinator
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EXHIBIT

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Dear Honorable President Nez,

October 1, 2019

I am interested in being appointed to the Board of Education with the Navajo Nation Division of Diné Education.

I have been in education as a classroom teacher, guidance counselor and administrator for 34 years in public schools in Arizona and New Mexico. Currently, I am the Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services with Gallup McKinley County Schools which has 13 out of 34 schools located on the Navajo Indian reservation. In my position, I oversee the departments of special education, Indian education, Title III (English Language Learners), bilingual education, counseling, libraries and home school liaisons. I work closely with the principals, program directors, other assistant superintendents and the district superintendent.

Being an administrator in New Mexico for 16 years, I have knowledge on regulations and initiatives from the New Mexico Public Education Department. In addition, I am familiar with the New Mexico Indian Education Act and can help make recommendations on the implementation of its provisions. Lastly, I am a member of the New Mexico Indian Education Advisory Council representing the Navajo Nation.

I am also familiar with the Navajo Nation's educational policies. The Navajo Sovereignty in Education Act of 2005 specifies the requirements to educate our Diné/Navajo students. Gallup McKinley County School district has an updated Memorandum of Agreement with Navajo Nation and working towards increasing student achievement, not only in state and Common Core State Standards, but in increasing Navajo language proficiency within the 34 schools.

As a member of the Diné /Navajo tribe, I feel I can provide the knowledge required to help guide the Board of Education with Navajo Nation Division of Diné Education towards enhancing education for our Diné students.

Attached is my resume. If there are additional questions, please contact me at 505- (cell) or at @gmcs.org. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Pauletta White, Ed. D.

Resume of
Pauletta J. White, Ed. D.

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Education:

August, 2015	Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Administration Educational Management & Development New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico
August, 1999	Master of Arts in Educational Administration Western New Mexico University, Gallup Graduate Center Gallup, New Mexico
August, 1993	Master of Arts in School Counseling Western New Mexico University, Gallup Graduate Center Gallup, New Mexico
December, 1984	Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, Arizona

Licenses:

New Mexico	K-12 Administrative 7-12 Level IIIA Educational Leadership – Secondary Vocational 7-12 Secondary Vocational Education K-12 School Counselor
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Employment:

July, 2014- present	Gallup McKinley County School District, Gallup, New Mexico Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
July, 2011 – June, 2014	Navajo Pine High School Principal, Navajo, New Mexico
July, 2010 – June, 2011	Director of Counseling Department, Gallup, New Mexico
July, 2004 – June, 2010	Principal of Navajo Middle School, Navajo, New Mexico
August, 2003 - July, 2004	Middle College High School Principal University of New Mexico- Gallup Campus Gallup, New Mexico
January, 1985- August, 2003	Window Rock Unified School District High school teacher, counselor, assistant principal and principal Fort Defiance, Arizona

Civic Service:

January, 2005-December, 2008

Clerk for Governing Board of Education
Window Rock Unified School District
Fort Defiance, Arizona

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Ms. Teri Frazier, Community Engagement Coordinator
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HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2019

Roll Call
Vote Tally Sheet

LEGISLATION NO. 0371-19

AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONFIRMING
THE APPOINTMENT OF PAULETTA J. WHITE TO THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF
EDUCATION

(Note: Eligible for Committee Action December 12, 2019)

Sponsor: Honorable Daniel E. Tso

December 18, 2019 - Main Motion

Motion by: Honorable Pernell Halona

Seconded by: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka

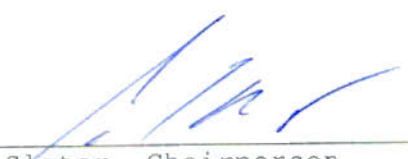
Vote: 5 in favor; 0 Opposed; Vice-Chairperson Not Voting

Yeas: Pernell Halona; Edison J. Wauneka; Daniel E. Tso;


Paul Begay, Jr.; Charlaine Tso

Nays: None

Absent (excused): all present



Carl Roessel Slater, Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee



Beverly Martinez, Legislative Advisor
Health, Education and Human Services Committee