

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF AFFIE ELLIS TO THE NAVAJO NATION GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise (Enterprise) Board of Directors (Board) is subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council has legislative oversight over the Enterprise. 5 N.N.C. §1718.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The President of the Navajo Nation shall select Board members, pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C).
- B. Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye selected Affie Ellis to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors. Letter attached as **Exhibit A**.
- C. The Board shall consist of nine members and at least one Board member shall possess a Juris Doctorate, pursuant to 5 N.N.C. §§1707(B) and 1707(D).
- D. Affie Ellis possesses a Juris Doctorate degree from the University Of Colorado School Of Law. Degree is forthcoming and will be attached as an **Exhibit**.
- E. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. §1707(G), at all times the nominees and the Directors shall possess the following qualifications: (1) shall have knowledge of Class II and Class III operations and/or work experience in the gaming industry; (2) shall be at least 25 years of age; (3) shall possess a bachelors or graduate degree, preferably in finance, accounting, marketing, economics, management, law or related fields; (4) shall not be a board member of a Navajo Nation-owned corporation, enterprise or authority; and (5) shall not be a public official or public employee of the Navajo Nation. Affie Ellis's resume is attached as **Exhibit B**.

- F. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. §1707(H), 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 Navajo Nation Council for confirmation. Affie Ellis has been issued a Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office (NGRO) temporary tribal license and Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG) temporary recommendation. NGRO attached as **Exhibit C** and ADG attached as **Exhibit D**.
- G. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. §§1707(I) and 1707(F), a Board member selected to fill a vacancy shall serve the remaining term of his/her predecessor; the appointment term is for a staggered four year term.

SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C), the Navajo Nation hereby confirms the appointment of Affie Ellis to serve on the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors, for a staggered term of four years.

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 15 in favor and 05 opposed, this 19th day of July 2017.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

7-28-17

Date

Motion: Honorable Edmund Yazzie
Second: Honorable Steven Begay
Speaker Bates not voting

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 801

NNC Summer Session

7/19/2017
01:20:09 PM

Amd# to Amd#

Legislation No.0224-17

PASSED

MOT Yazzie

Confirming the appointment of

SEC Begay, S

Affie Ellis to the NN Gaming

Enterprise Board of Directors

Yea : 15

Nay : 5

Not Voting : 4

Yea : 15

Begay, S

Chee

Perry

Tsosie

BeGaye, N

Daniels

Shepherd

Witherspoon

Bennett

Hale

Slim

Yazzie

Brown

Jack

Smith

Nay : 5

Begay, K

Damon

Pete

Tso

Begay, NM

Not Voting : 4

Bates

Crotty

Phelps

Filfred



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE
JONATHAN NEZ



November 28, 2016

Mrs. Affie Ellis
P.O. Box

RE: Official Appointment to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors

Dear Mrs. Ellis,

We are pleased to appoint you to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise (NNGE) Board of Directors. The appointment you are filling requires you to possess a Juris Doctorate. We are confident you have the background, experience and education to uphold the duties of the NNGE Board.

Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Code § 1707(B), this appointment is for a period of four years and is subject to confirmation by the 23rd Navajo Nation Council.

We appreciate your desire to serve the Navajo Nation and the Navajo People. If there are any questions, please contact Karis N. Begaye, Legal Counsel at (928) 871-7812.

Sincerely,

THE NAVAJO NATION


Russell Begaye, *President*


Jonathan M. Nez, *Vice President*

AFFIE ELLIS

P.O. Box

Phone:

E-mail:

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Ellis Public Affairs, LLC**

September 2011 - current

President Cheyenne, WY

Ellis Public Affairs, LLC handles media, government, legal, community and campaign needs for regional and national non-profit and Fortune 500 clients out of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

University of Wyoming, American Indian Studies Department

Fall Semester 2010; Fall Semester 2014, Fall Semester 2015

Adjunct Professor

Laramie, WY

Designed a course to teach students about how federal Indian policy is shaped by federal legislation and federal court decisions.

U.S. Tribal Law and Order Commission

December 2010 – February 2014

Commissioner, appointed by U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

The Commission, established by the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, wrote a comprehensive study of law enforcement and criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country and submitted its recommendations to the President and Congress in November 2013.

Wyoming Attorney General

November 2008 – August 2011

Assistant Attorney General, Water and Natural Resources

Cheyenne, WY

Represented the State of Wyoming in litigation affecting the land, water, air, minerals, and other natural resources of the State of Wyoming in cases involving the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

National Indian Gaming Commission

January 2004 – July 2004

Director of Congressional & Public Affairs

Washington, DC

Developed the Bush Administration's legislation, reports, testimony and other statements on Indian gaming to Congress by working directly with Commissioners, tribes and various government agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of Management and Budget and the Department of the Interior. Prepared press releases and answered reporters' questions from national newspapers including the *Los Angeles Times* and *Washington Post*, and American Indian publications including *Indian Country Today*.

U.S. Senator Craig Thomas (R-WY)

May 2000 – December 2003

Legislative Assistant, Intern Coordinator

Washington, DC

Provided the late Senator with policy recommendations and legislative strategies on matters before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Prepared opening statements and briefing materials for congressional hearings. Drafted, tracked and advised on legislation. Prepared speeches, talking points and floor statements. Intensive work on Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 and Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004.

EDUCATION

University of Colorado School of Law

Class of 2007

Juris Doctor

Boulder, CO

Honors: CU Chancellor's Diversity Grant, Navajo Nation Scholarship, America Indian Graduate Center Fellowship. Activities: National Native American Law Student Association Moot Court Participant, 2006 Semi-Finalist.

University of Wyoming

Class of 2000

Bachelor of Science

Laramie, WY

Honors: UW Presidential Scholar, Navajo Nation Chief Manuelito Scholarship, Greek Woman of the Year. Activities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Omicron Delta Kappa, Associated Students of the University of Wyoming.

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS AND INVOLVEMENT

2011 Casper Star-Tribune – "20 Under 40"

2011 University of Wyoming Woman of Distinction

Wyoming Community Foundation Board of Directors

Cheyenne Frontier Days

American Bar Association, Co-Chair of Tribal Lands Subcommittee of Criminal Justice Section

United States Civil Rights Commission, Wyoming Advisory Committee

University of Wyoming Literacy Research Center and Clinic Advisory Board



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAY
JONATHAN NEZ



TEMPORARY TRIBAL GAMING LICENSE PRIMARY MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL

Temporary Gaming License Number
17-4038

This certifies that

AFFIE BURNSIDE ELLIS

has been issued a 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 and State of New Mexico, and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. §2701 et. seq.). This temporary 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 eligibility by the Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office and if applicable, a determination of suitability by the Arizona Department of Gaming and approval by the National Indian Gaming Commission.

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

3/13/2017

Date



THE NAVAJO NATION

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

March 13, 2017

TO: TGO Agents – All Facilities (FRC, NEC, FWC, and TACR)
Navajo Nation Gaming Regulatory Office

FROM: Bertina Morgan
Bertina Morgan, Licensing Technician
Navajo Nation Gaming Regulatory Office

SUBJECT: **NEW HIRE ID BADGE**

The below listed Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise new employee has been issued a NGRO tribal license. Please issue licensee a new ID badge with the **EXACT** information listed below:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME (No Nicknames)	TITLE
ELLIS	AFFIE	BOARD MEMBER
NGRO#	ADG#	EXP. DATE
17-4038	Y56654	03/31/2018

If you have any questions, please contact me at (928) 856-7288. Thank you for your assistance.

cc: NNGE (C. Tracy, R. Begay)
NEC Human Resources
File- copy

TGO Agent: Print name below, affix a copy of the new ID badge printed and return to NGRO Licensing for gaming record purposes. Thank you.

TGO Agent – Printed Name

Date Issued

☐ **Copy of ID Badge Affixed to Signed Memo**

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Paulene T. Thomas Interim Executive Director
PO Box 2040
Window Rock, AZ 86515

TEMPORARY RECOMMENDATION

Name: AFFIE BURNSIDE ELLIS
Recommendation Number: Y 56654
Issue Date: 1/17/2017

The Arizona Department of Gaming has received an application for the above Tribal member 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 be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Office.

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

Mark A. Calles
Manager, Employee Certification Unit

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