

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0050-20

**DATE:** March 6, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'TYATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT K. BLACK TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to approve Robert K Black appointment to the Navajo Government Development 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 to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

 Herman Daniels

(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION  
COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT K. BLACK TO THE  
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**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee has legislative oversight authority over the Commission on Navajo Government Development and the Office of Navajo Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyáti' 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).
- C. One member shall be nominated by the Legislative Branch through the [Naabik'iyáti' Committee] to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(3).

**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

1 project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible  
2 government.” 2 N.N.C. § 970.

3 B. The Commission shall be responsible directly to the Navajo Nation Council with  
4 respect to overall activities. 2 N.N.C. § 970.

5 C. The purpose of the Commission on Navajo Government Development shall be as  
6 follows:

7 1. To review and evaluate all aspects of the existing government structure of the  
8 Navajo Nation including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions,  
9 goals and objectives of the Navajo Nation government, which includes the  
10 central government, Chapters, townships and local communities.

11 2. To develop recommendations and proposals for government reform and  
12 alternative forms of Navajo Nation government.

13 2 N.N.C. § 971(A) and (B).

14 D. The Commission shall consist of twelve (12) members confirmed by and serving at the  
15 pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A).

16 E. One member shall be nominated by the Executive Branch through the President of the  
17 Navajo Nation to serve term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo  
18 nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(1).

19 F. Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have  
20 demonstrated scholarship, strong sense of public interest, knowledge of Navajo  
21 history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo  
22 government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the  
23 Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 972(D).

24 G. Robert K. Black, the Executive Director of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission, has  
25 expressed an interest in serving on the Navajo Government Development  
26 Commission. His letter of interest and résumé are attached as **Exhibit A**.

27 H. President Nez’s letter nominating Mr. Black is attached as **Exhibit B**.

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29 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT**  
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1 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Robert K. Black as the  
2 Executive Branch representative to the Commission on Navajo Government  
3 Development, for a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation  
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# THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDEN



November 4, 2019

Edward Dee, Executive Director  
Office of Navajo Government Development  
P.O. Box 220  
Window Rock, AZ 86515



Dear Mr. Dee,

I am writing to express my interest to serve as a Commissioner to the Commission on Navajo Government Development representing the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(1). This position is of great interest to me because my professional goal is to work with the Navajo people and to advance the interest of the Executive Branch through the President of Navajo Nation.

I am poised to offer creative thinking by looking at problems or situations from a fresh perspective and offering new ways of solving problems in the context of Navajo government reform in the era of declining Navajo general fund revenues. Moreover, I bring a wealth of experience as an administrator with the Shonto Community Governance while improving the quality of life for our community and being an agent-of-change in economic development and tourism activity for the greater Shonto community.

Though the many functions of the Commission on Navajo Government Development, I believe my skills, experiences, and interests combined with my leadership background makes me an ideal nominee for this position.

Enclosed is a current copy of my resume. If you have any questions regarding how my skills and experiences please call me at (928) 429-3889. I may also be reached through e-mail at [rblack@navajochapters.org](mailto:rblack@navajochapters.org). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert K. Black Jr.".

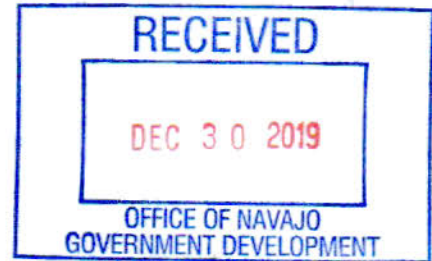
Robert K. Black Jr.

Attachment

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## RESUME

Robert K. Black, Jr.  
P.O. Box 7522  
Shonto, AZ 86054  
928-429-3889  
robertblackjr@navajo-nsn.gov



### OBJECTIVE:

To contribute to a local or national tribal organization by using my experience. Using my professionalism and background to initiate, develop, coordinate and implement policies; using local laws, ordinances, and policies, which are approved by the local grassroots people. To promote the general well-being of its habitants. To promote self-reliance within our local Navajo communities.

### SKILLS:

- Able to communicate in Navajo and English efficiently during public presentations, interpretations and in providing services. This requirement is crucial for all my jobs held on the Navajo Nation, including elected positions.
- Raised in a traditional environment thus able to communicate with community members that are still traditionalist using the Navajo Clanship protocol.
- Experiences in working with Organizations settings where there is an oversight of administration. This includes experiences with the Navajo Election Administration, Navajo Nation Chapters and Navajo Nation School Boards. I have experienced both sides of the public policy making and administration functions.
- Familiar with the use of technology to perform duties and communications and continue to expand my knowledge through affiliations with personal and public contacts.
- In current employment and elected positions, participated and contributed to the amendments of laws, policies and regulations.
- Lobbied for national law amendments for local school boards and participated in numerous ventures for issues to the State of Arizona.
- Wrote proposals, resolutions, reports, letters, memos, etc. for all my employments; Participated or individually prepared and implemented budgets; supervised staff of one to 10; worked after hours to attend meetings or to carry out assignments.
- Working with Navajo Nation Government divisions & departments for advocating for projects including Shonto economic, community and social developments.
- Working with architects, engineers, construction companies, governmental compliance agencies, county officials & staff, non-profit and for-profit corporations for local and regional projects.

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

*Executive Director*, Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office Jan. 28, 2019 – Present  
P.O. Box 2549  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

*Governance Manager / Shonto Community Governance (Chapter)* July 10, 2006 – Jan. 25, 2019  
P.O. Box 7800  
Shonto, AZ 86054



*Voter Registration Specialist / WNA*  
Navajo Election Administration  
Legislative Branch/Navajo Nation  
Tuba City, AZ 86045

March 29, 1999 - July 07, 2006

*Community Services Coordinator / Inscription House Chapter*  
Community Services Program / Western Navajo Agency  
Tonalea, AZ 86044

July 10, 1995 - March 26, 1999

*Youth Counselor / Shonto Chapter*  
Navajo Department of Employment and Training  
Summer Youth Employment Program / WNA  
Tuba City, AZ 86045

May 15, 1995 - July 7, 1995

*HAZMAT Worker*  
Spray Systems  
Tempe, AZ

1994 - May 1995

*HAZMAT Worker*  
Republic Floors  
Phoenix, AZ

July 1993 - 1994

*Community Services Coordinator / Sawmill Chapter*  
Community Services Program/Fort Defiance Agency  
Sawmill, AZ

February 1991 - July 1993

*Sales Clerk / Supply and Equipment / Delivery Driver*  
Hogan Tso Enterprises  
Window Rock, AZ

August 1987 - February 1991

*Package Delivery Driver / Warehouse (HUB) Worker*  
United Parcel Service (UPS)  
Phoenix, Arizona

1981 - 1986

**OTHER (ELECTED/APPOINTED POSITIONS):**

*County Supervisor - Navajo County Board of Supervisors - District 1*  
*Executive Board Member - Dine' Bi Olta Sch. Board Association*  
*Secretary/Treasurer - Shonto Community Governance*  
*School Board Member - Governing Brd, Shonto Preparatory School*  
*Executive Board Member - Native American Grants School Assoc.*

May 2015 - Dec. 2016  
February 2006 - Jan. 2009  
January 2005 - July 2007  
October 1996 - Dec. 2008  
January 1997 - Dec. 2004

**EDUCATION:**

University of New Mexico - Gallup  
Major: Construction Technology

January 1988 - 1989

Courses: Lumber Framing & Layout, Plumbing, Concrete, Welding & Cabinet Building

DeVry Institute of Technology  
Phoenix, AZ

March 1983 - February 1984

Major: Electronics Technology

Courses: Electronics I & II, Digital, Circuit Analysis, Algebra, & English

Phoenix College

January 1981 - 1982

Phoenix, AZ

Major: Liberal Arts

Courses: Algebra, Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy, French and PE Electives

Arizona State University

August 1979 - December 1980

Tempe, AZ

Major: Administrative Services

Courses: Required Freshman classes including Economics, Communications, & Psychology

Monument Valley High School

August 1975 - June 1, 1979

Kayenta, AZ

HS Diploma (Graduation) - June 1, 1979

Courses: Required Courses for Graduation

Upward Bound - Southern Utah College, Cedar City, UT (College Courses - 3 summers)

Sports: Football (4 years/Lettered 3 years); Wrestling (2 years/Lettered 1 year)

**REFERENCES:**

*Available Upon Request*



# THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



October 30, 2019

Commission on Navajo Government Development  
P.O. Box 220  
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

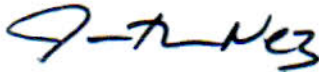
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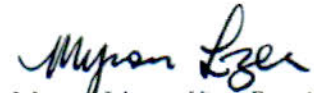
Dear Commission Members,

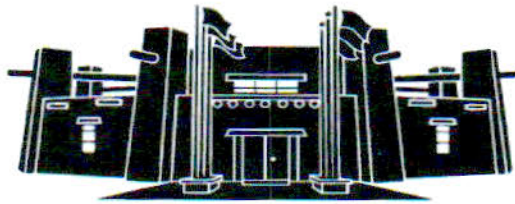
This letter serves as notice of the nomination of Robert K. Black, Jr., Executive Director of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office, as the representative of the Executive Branch to the Commission on Navajo Government Development pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §972 (A)(1). Our Administration believes Mr. Black's background and experience will be a valuable asset to the Commission.

Should you have any questions please contact Chris Bahe, Executive Staff Assistant, Office of the President and Vice President, at 928-871-7900.

Sincerely,

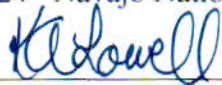
  
Jonathan Nez, *President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

  
Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Herman Daniels  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM:   
Kristen Lowell, Principal Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: March 6, 2020

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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. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. 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.

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Executive Branch

*Date posted:* March 11, 2020 at 8:33am

Digital comments may be e-mailed to [comments@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto: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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