

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT
REGULAR MEETING

May 20th, 2022

A meeting of the Commission on Navajo Government Development was held on Friday, May 20th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. MDT. The meeting was held by in-person and teleconference.

I. CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting noticed was provided to the public by Legislative website under meetings and to the Commission by email on May 19th, 2022. The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Shawnevan Dale at **1:17 p.m. MDT.**

QUORUM – DeWayne Crank, Policy Analyst, made a roll call and in attendance were James Benally, Rachel Brown, Chairperson Shawnevan Dale, Zane James, , Larry Rodgers, Vice-Chair Marcus Tulley. Later joined by Anselm Morgan, Loretta Seweinyawma & Natasha Goldtooth.

ONGD Staff attending the meeting were Harrison Tsosie, Director; DeWayne Crank, Policy Analyst; Damon Clark, Policy Analyst; Tauve Begaye, Admin. Assist.; Wanda Nelson, Sr. Ofc. Specialist; and Mariah Stanley, Research Assistant.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS: CALL TO THE PUBLIC (3-MINUTES LIMIT)

Welcome introduction by Mr. Tsosie of Commissioner Rachel Brown, HEHS Committee Representative; Commissioner Brown introduced herself to the Commission.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Legislation 0037-22 - Confirmation of Ms. Rachel Brown HEHS Committee Representative
- b. ONGD Staff Hired: Damon Clark, Policy Analyst (Mr. Clark introduced himself to the commission.)
- c. CNGD Workshop – June 3 & 4, 2022, Window Rock

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee's first item of business was to discuss the Meeting Agenda, Commissioner James Benally made a Motion and was Seconded by Commissioner Larry Rodgers. All Commissioners were provided a copy of the Agenda and Chairperson Dale asked for questions or concerns. Commissioner James Benally made a Motion to approve the agenda and that Motion was Seconded by Commissioner Larry Rodgers. By a vote of 6-0-1, the agenda was approved.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

a. 3/18/22 – ONCD Regular Meeting Minutes

b. 4/15/22 – ONCD Regular Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Commissioner Anslem Morgan, Seconded by Commissioner James Benally to approve 3/18/22 and 4/15/22 ONCD Regular Meeting minutes. Chairperson Dale asked for questions or concerns. Commissioner Goldtooth & Commissioner Seweingyawma joined the meeting during this time. By a vote of 8-0-1, the agenda was approved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution CNGD-0501-22: Rescind Resolution CNGD 0902-19

To review resolution, Motion by Commissioner Morgan, Seconded by Vice-chairman Tulley. Director Tsosie detailed resolution CNGD-0501-22 being passed by ONCD with “inadequate studies”, and was voted 18-5 (Speaker not voting) in a 2022 Council Winter Session. Commissioners Vice-Chair Tulley and Commissioner Morgan Tulley talked on the resolution.

Amendment #1 was Motioned by Commissioner Larry Rodgers to add syntax recommendations to document and was Seconded by Commissioner Natasha Goldtooth. Amendment #1 was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Commissioner Seweingyawma requested the efficacy report for commissioner members.

Amendment #2 was Motioned by Commissioner Rodgers, Seconded by Commissioner Benally to accept the new language read by Director Tsosie. Amendment #2 was approved by a vote of 6-0-1. **Without concern from any commissioner, Chair Dale put the item to a vote.** By a vote of 8-0-1, the resolution was approved

b. Resolution CNGD-0502-22; Recommending Amendments to Title 11; Navajo Nation Initiative- Procedures

Corrected resolution number by Director Tsosie. Commissioner Seweingyawma Motioned, Commissioner Brown Seconded to review resolution. Commissioner Rodgers offered comments & syntax comments as Amendment #1, Motioned by Commissioner Rodgers and Seconded by Commissioner Seweingyawma. Amendment #1 was approved by a vote of 5-1-2 abstentions.

Chair of Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, Melvin Harrison was introduced and spoke on the resolution and recommended a joint session with ONCD-Board of Election Supervisors. Commissioner Rodgers Motioned to table resolution until June 17th ONCD Regular Meeting, Seconded by Vice-Chair Tulley. Commissioner Zane James left before this vote. By a vote of 6-0-1, the resolution was tabled until June 17th, with a recommendation for a joint work session with NBES.

VIII. REPORTS

a. Honorable Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty & Raquel Chee, Judicial Branch Grants Administrator– Diné Action Plan: Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons.

Commissioner Seweingyawma & Policy Analyst Crank offered statements.

- b. Executive Director Report by Harrison Tsosie, Executive Director, ONGD.

Recent Health Education & Human Service Committee Representative Ms. Rachel Brown confirmed by NN Council. Legislative Branch Representative position being advertised and no active recruitment ONCD Navajo Women's Commission Representative. New employee announcement, Damon Clark, Policy Analyst. Reclassifying research assistant positions to Policy Analyst.

Current projects by ONGD staff include: participation on Diné Action Plan, working on budget (specifically Budget Form 2), & assistance on Genetic Research Policy with Dr. Nanibaa' Garrison. Further items discussed pertained the FY 2023 Budget and 2021 Navajo Government Reform Referendum Measures. Recommendations & Issues comprised of a request to present the Government Reform Project for the Office of Legislative Council, a future work session on ONGD objectives and goals, and a need for plan of operations to be amended.

Motion to accept both reports by Commissioner Rodgers, Second by Commissioner Goldtooth. Commissioner Rodgers and Chair Dale spoke about reports. By a vote of 6-0-1, the reports were accepted by the Commission.

IX. NEXT MEETING:

Scheduled ONCD & ONGD Work Session for June 3rd & 4th in Window Rock, AZ. The Next meeting of the Commission will be on June 17th, 2022, 1:00 P.M. in Window Rock, AZ and teleconference. Please provide information if you will be joining us in-person or teleconference.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:48 p.m. Commissioner Vice-Chair Tulley made a motion to adjourn the meeting which Motion and was Seconded by Commissioner Seweingyawma. By a Consensus Vote the Meeting was Adjourned.