

Powers & Authorities of NN President:

§ 1005. Powers and duties

A. The President of the Navajo Nation shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government with full authority to conduct, supervise, and coordinate personnel and programs of the Navajo Nation. He/she shall have fiduciary responsibility for the proper and efficient operation of all Executive Branch offices.

B. The President shall represent the Navajo Nation in relations with governmental and private agencies and create favorable public opinion and good will toward the Navajo Nation.

C. The President shall have the following enumerated powers:

1. Faithfully execute and enforce the laws of the Navajo Nation.
2. Negotiate and execute contracts subject to applicable laws.
3. Appoint supervisory executive personnel subject to applicable laws.
4. Appoint members of boards, commissions, and other entities subject applicable laws.
5. Report quarterly to the Navajo Nation Council on the state of the Navajo Nation.
6. Recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee an annual operating budget or amendments thereof for the Executive Branch and advise the Navajo Nation Council on the annual budget recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.
7. Recommend to the Navajo Nation Council supplemental appropriations for the Executive Branch.
8. Recommend legislation, rules or regulations to the Navajo Nation Council or its Committees.
9. Exercise such powers as may be lawfully delegated to the Office of the President of the Navajo Nation.
10. Sign legislation passed by the Navajo Nation Council into Navajo law within ten calendar days after the certification of the legislation by the Speaker or Speaker Pro Tem.
11. Veto legislation passed by the Navajo Nation Council subject to an override of the veto by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Navajo Nation Council. The veto shall be exercised by the President by a letter to the Speaker specifying the reasons for the veto. The President's veto shall not be subject to an override by the Navajo Nation Council after the end of the next regular session of the Navajo Nation Council following the session in which the legislation was first passed by the Council.

12. The President's authority to sign into law or veto legislation shall be deemed to be waived if not exercised within ten calendar days after certification of the legislation by the Speaker or Speaker Pro Tem and the legislation shall be deemed enacted and become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221.

13. Speak and act for the Navajo Nation on any and all matters relating to the Navajo–Hopi land dispute subject to applicable laws.

14. Issue executive orders for the purpose of interpreting, implementing or giving administrative effect to statutes of the Navajo Nation in the manner set forth in such statutes. Executive orders shall have the force of law upon the recipient.