

## Candidate: Richelle Montoya

**Age:** 45

**From:** Na'neelzhiin (Torreon), NM

**Clans:** Montoya is Hasht'ishnii and born for Ta'neeszahnii. Her maternal grandfather is Kin'ichí'ni and her paternal grandfather is Táchii'ni.

**Priorities:** Chapters, Educators, Elders, and Veterans.

**Most Recent Position:** President of Torreon/Star Lake Chapter



### Work Experience:

- School Board Secretary for Na' Neelzhiin Ji Olta' School;
- Executive Assistant at DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc. (May 2019-Present);
- Director of the Miss Indian New Mexico Pageant Organization

### Education Experience:

- Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology, Psychology and Native American Studies

### Navajo Times Article:

- [08/08/2022: Nygren selects running mate from Na'neelzhiin](#)

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## Candidate: Chad Abeyta

**Age:** 33

**From:** Alamo, NM

**Clans:** Abeyta is Tó Baazhní'ázhí and born for Chishí. His maternal grandfather is Kiis'áanii and his paternal grandfather is Áshjìhí.

**Priorities:** The Hozhó Diné Bi Nahat'á plan; bring creative solutions to the table; & support President Nez and his the decisions.

**Most Recent Position:** Attorney at Navajo Nation Office of Legislative Counsel (June 2021-Present)



### Work Experience:

- Board of Director at DNA Legal Services, Inc. (June 2021-Present)
- Law Clerk at Pascua Yaqui Tribe Attorney General's Office (Sept. 2019-June 2020)

United States Air Force Veteran: Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Unified Protector

### Education Experience:

- Masters of Laws in Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy from University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law;
- Juris Doctor from University of New Mexico School of Law;
- Bachelor of Arts from University of New Mexico.

### Navajo Times Article:

- [08/08/2022: Nez chooses running mate from Alamo](#)