

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT

SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

PRESIDING: JoAnn Dedman, Chairperson

LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE

X Ramona Begay
X Emmett Kerley

0 Philmer Bluehouse
X Anselm Morgan

X JoAnn Dedman
X Lorencita Willie

0 Exec. Rep (Vacant)
X Shawnevan Dale

X Kenneth Maryboy
X Larry Rodgers

0 Jud Rep (Vacant)
X Crystal Cree

STAFF: Edward Dee, Executive Director; EJ John, Policy Analyst; DeWayne Crank, Policy Analyst; Tauve Begaye, Admin. Assist.; Wanda Nelson, Sr. Office Spec.

Agenda	Discussion(s)	Recommendations(s) Action(s)
1. Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Called to Order at 1:07pm. Roll call by Edward Dee, Executive Director; 9 Teleconference, constitutes a quorum. Invocation by Larry Rodgers, Commissioner 	Quorum establish 6 Commission Members Teleconference VACANT: Executive Branch Representative Judicial Branch Representative
2. Introduction of Guest(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrison Tsosie, Former Attorney General ONGD Staff Others Listening 	
3. Review and Adopt Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read in to Record by Edward Dee, Executive Director 	Approve Agenda Motion: Kenneth Maryboy Second: Crystal Cree Vote: 6 In favor 0 oppose 1 abstain
4. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution No. CNGD-0205-20: AN ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT <i>Read into the Record by EJ John, Policy Analyst, ONGD</i> Comm. Rodgers: Motion to amend Vice Chair Dale: Point of Order. This item was tabled and needs to bring back to the table. Comm. Maryboy: I will motion to bring back 	Approve Res. No. CNGD-0205-20 Motion: Larry Rodgers Second: Kenneth Maryboy Vote: 7 In favor 0 Oppose 2 Abstain

Second: Cree; Roll Call Vote: 7-0-1

Mr. Dee: brief background on how we ended up here. This resolution was tabled at the 2.27.2020 meeting.

Comm. Rodgers: I would like to propose an amendment. I proposed and sent the amendments during lunch. Why was the third Saturday selected? I want the rationale behind this?

Mr. Dee: it is clearly stated in the resolution that Mr. John read. It excludes NN and other entities from presenting their report on a weekend; therefore, a Friday was selected. On some occasions, Agency Council would have their meeting on a Saturday as well. Lastly, is asking Staff to facilitate on a Saturday meeting; flex time.

Comm. Rodgers: was there a particular Friday; rather than a 3rd Friday.

Mr. Dee: it has always been like that.

Comm. Rodgers: I'll proceed with the amendments.

Comm. Kerley: I want to say something.

Chair Dedman: Comm. Rodgers has the floor.

Comm. Rodgers: proceeding with the proposed amendments. Amendment #1

Second: Comm. Cree

Comm. Kerley: third Friday meeting date, I will talk about. 1st is the chapter meetings and planning meetings that fall on the 1st Friday or Sunday. Regular meeting dates follow that. 2nd is the amount of money we make. Most times we have to stretch our funds for the 3 weeks and maybe more if we have to travel more than 100 miles and for lodging.

Comm. Rodgers: I usually respect the comments of colleagues. I'll keep it as the 3rd Friday.

Chair Dedman: I would like to offer a couple things. We don't have a clause for voluntary resignation. I have a conflict; Chinle chapter moved meeting dates around and I have to be there.

Comm. Morgan: does every month have a 4th Friday?

Mr. John: for the most part, there is a 4th Friday in every month. We usually work around any holidays if a meeting will fall on it. Comm. Morgan, can you restate the questions?

Comm. Morgan: was there already an approved resolution? Mr. Dee mentioned that it was previously approved at Huerfano. Was there a valid procedure that was done, or is this one going to be valid?

Mr. John: the CNGD is operating under the approved set in 2018.

Mr. Dee: sent out an email on the recommended language for the portion of resignation clause. Removal › Resignation

Comm. Rodgers: I'm fine with accepting the emailed clause by Director Dee.

Comm. Cree: I'll accept the amendment change.

Comm. Kerley: I just mentioned it; doesn't mean we have to change it. Perhaps, the new members will change it back to what they want.

Chair Dedman: any other recommendations for any day in the 3rd week.

Comm. Morgan: it is fine with the 3rd Friday. We are adjusted to that schedule. Who affirms a resignation after we act on it? Which hierarchy approves it?

Chair Dedman: that is correct. I will defer the question to the EJ & DeWayne.

Mr. John: we cannot control when someone wants to leave their post as a commissioner.

Mr. Dee: when a resignation comes in, it is accepted in the form as a resolution. It is attached to the new member confirmation.

Chair Dedman: right now, we have 2 members who have expressed their wishes on the time of the meeting.

Comm. Rodgers: usually Thursdays are not good, due to NABI. What wrong with a 3rd Wednesday, perhaps?

Chair Dedman: Commissioner Morgan and Kerley, what is your thought?

Comm. Kerley: I just mentioned that, because, for myself I travel over 160 miles. In the winter time, it gets challenging.

Comm. Morgan: I really don't have much to offer. After the pandemic we go back to full meetings. I'm just being considerate for those that have to travel.

Comm. Cree: I amend to put Teleconference back in, to accommodate those that can't travel. They can teleconference.

Comm. Rodgers: keep it as the 3rd Friday. I withdraw my concern.

Mr. Dee: sometimes a worksession needs to happen before a meeting, so this helps.

Harrison Tsosie: can I make a comment? I want to make a comment on the resignation clause; when a resignation becomes effective.

Chair Dedman: Mr. Dee did a good job in stating that in his statement.

Comm. Rodgers: cross out Recommendation for; leave as Removal.

Comm. Dedman: Comm. Rodgers does not agree to insert your amendment, Comm. Maryboy.

Comm. Cree: this puts more work on the staff. Leave in Recommendation, because it will go to the NNC for final approval. Make resignation a separate clause.

Chair Dedman: I will ask Mr. Dee's expertise for this item.

Mr. Dee: NABI is your oversight.

Comm. Begay: I would like to make a comment.

Chair Dedman: call for the question.

Mr. John: Roll Call Vote-

Amendment Passed

Chair Dedman: back to the main vote.

Vice Chair Dale: I will oppose this resolution. We should have done this differently and taken this apart. Perhaps, next time we can talk about this properly, not just putting it all together as one.

Comm. Begay: was there any other amendments, besides Comm. Rodger's amendments.

Chair Dedman: no major change, but under rule 17.

Comm. Kerley: in this document, there is a mention of compensation?

Comm. Dedman: yield to EJ.

Mr. John: it does not mention anything on compensation; this is just the rules of procedure. The compensation section is addressed in the Plan of Operation, which is at OLC for about a year now.

Comm. Cree: I appreciate all your comments. I do agree with Comm. Dale that we should have taken this apart and discussed it a lot better. Next time, let's make small amendments.

	<p>Comm. Rodgers: I'll watch my steps and cool it. I'm on the Commission to make something good for this CNGD. I'm a hard worker and like to produce quality work.</p> <p>Chair Dedman: it's not saying we don't accept your work. Vice Chair Dale just said, next time we should take this apart clause by clause.</p> <p>Mr. Dee: the pandemic has caused us to do things over the phone and not in person.</p> <p>Comm. Cree: I appreciate your work.</p> <p>Vice Chair Dale: I am not picking on you or saying this is wrong. We need to review this and then approve as a whole; not lopsided. In the spirit of k'é, we need to work together.</p> <p>Chair Dedman: the office is now open. If anyone needs copies, contact Mr. Dee and the staff.</p> <p>Comm. Rodgers: withdraw my motion. On the resolution, it is missing clause 6. If Ms. Cree agrees.</p> <p>Comm. Cree: we already voted on it. Comm. Maryboy carries the motion.</p> <p>Comm. Maryboy: we already tabled this item. If we table, this will be table #2.</p> <p>Comm. Rodgers: what about defer to the next meeting.</p> <p>Chair Dedman: rather than table, Rodgers wants to defer.</p> <p>Comm. Kerley: we just need to call for the question. The amendments are in order and the staff are recording.</p> <p>Chair Dedman: we spent too long on this. I'm calling for the question on the main motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roll Call Vote: 7-0-2</p>	
<p>5. New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Resolution No. CNGD-0901-20: AN ACTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PHILMER BLUEHOUSE AS THE COMMISSIONER REPRESENTING PRACTITIONERS OF THE NAVAJO HEALING ARTS TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT</p> <p><i>Read into the Record by Edward Dee, Executive Director, ONGD</i></p> <p>Comm. Morgan: I am not satisfied with Mr. Dee</p> <p>Chair Dedman: we need to focus on this item.</p> <p>Comm. Kerley: I don't accept this resignation.</p> <p>Comm. Rodgers: I don't accept this resignation. We should just take it off the table and not even consider it. He is a lifelong peace maker, he deserves our respect. More importantly, we need to take this item off the Agenda.</p> <p><u>DIRECTIVE: have a peacemaking meeting with him.</u></p> <p>Motion to delete: Rodgers; Second: Morgan; Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Vice Chair Dale: Point of Order Madame Chair. What are the stipulations from Council, pursuant to the Plan of Operation. What would happen if we delete this off the Agenda?</p> <p>Chair Dedman: my recommendation is too not removing it, but vote it down. Then, go to him and do the peacemaking.</p> <p>Chair Dedman: ask the motioning party to withdraw and vote on it.</p> <p>Comm. Rodgers: withdraw my motion to delete. However, upon the vote, also Direct a letter from the chair to Mr. Bluehouse to reconsider. Sit down with some of the CNGD members and talk it over.</p> 	<p>Approve Res. No. CNGD-0901-20</p> <p>Motion: Crystal Cree</p> <p>Second: Lorencita Willie</p> <p>Vote: 1 In favor 6 Oppose 1 Abstain</p>

Chair Dedman: accept the withdraw. What about you Morgan?
Comm. Morgan: I will agree with Comm. Rodgers.
Chair Dedman: back to the main motion with Directives.
Comm. Cree: in all fairness, last year, we accepted a few resignations. Are we treating all CNGD members the same?
Mr. Dee: no, we did not.
Comm. Cree: I accept, but in the future, we do the same when someone is resigning.
Comm. Willie: I agree, but we also reach out to him.
Chair Dedman: call for the question.

Roll Call Vote: 1-6-1

- **Resolution No. CNGD-0902-20: AN ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL AND THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM BALLOT MEASURE TO THE NAVAJO PEOPLE TO APPROVE A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT DURING THE 2020 NAVAJO NATION GENERAL ELECTION**

Read into the Record by DeWayne Crank, Policy Analyst, ONGD

Comm. Willie: I just want to express my support and encourage others to do so. We want to attract capable people and they need a salary adjustment.

Comm. Kerley: the roles and responsibilities need to be looked at as well.

Comm. Rodgers: why are we not providing a dollar amount in the blank lines?

Comm. Rodgers: so, it's just a simple question?

Comm. Rodgers: then the NNC has the final say?

Chair Dedman: yes, we just recommend. Perhaps, include a step increase, so 30 yrs. down the road they won't be stuck on this.

You offered a motion to amend: Comm. Rodgers; Second: No Second; Motion Failed

Chair Dedman: \$ (dollar amount) for President; \$ (dollar amount) for VP

Call for the Question.

Comm. Kerley: I have a concern. It was mentioned, that we need to include a step increase. Is that possible?

Comm. Dee: it can be built in there; inflation rate.

Comm. Rodgers: step increase, just as the NN employees.

Chair Dedman: We need an amendment

Comm. Rodgers: I will turn that into a Motion; Second: Comm. Morgan; Roll Call Vote:

Comm. Kerley: what is CPI?

Mr. Dee: Consumer Price Index

Chair Dedman: Call for the Question. **Roll Call Vote on the Amendment: 8-0-1**

Chair Dedman: back to the Main Motion. Any questions?

Vice Chair Dale: what if we craft language... in the amount of 50%... COLA at a rate of 3% at a rate of no longer than 10 yrs. Just a thought... food for thought.

Approve Res. No. CNGD-0902-20

Motion: Kenneth Maryboy

Second: Shawnevan Dale

Vote: 8 In Favor

0 Oppose

1 Abstain

