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Kee Allen Begay, Jr. to serve as Speaker Pro Tem

WINDOW ROCK—Following Tuesday’s inauguration of the new 23rd Navajo Nation Council, members convened for a special session to select a speaker pro tem to serve in that capacity until a speaker is selected by the Council to serve a two-year term, on the opening day of the Winter Council Session.

At the conclusion of Tuesday’s session, it was determined that Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr. (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tachee/Blue Gap, Tselani/Cottonwood) would serve as speaker pro tem until the selection of a speaker.

“The legislative branch and the Nation need to continue moving forward,” said Speaker Pro Tem Begay. “I want to work with the executive and judicial branch for the benefit of the Navajo people.”

Pro Tem Begay, who previously served two terms as a delegate, is a graduate of Arizona State University, an Army Veteran, and a former teacher at Rough Rock High School.

“The legislative branch and the Office of the Speaker will remain fully-functional during the transition and throughout the coming weeks,” added Pro Tem Begay.

Council also issued a directive to hold a work session prior to the start of the Winter Council Session, to discuss Title II of the Navajo Nation Code. In accordance with the Nation’s laws, amendments to Title II may only be brought forth for consideration at regular council sessions.

The Council will convene for the opening day of the Winter Council Session on Jan. 26.

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