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SUMMER HORSE RIDE

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Five delegates participated in the annual Summer Session horse ride, traveling from across Diné Bideyah to arrive Monday morning at the Council Chamber • Intergenerational teaching, discipline, and respect for the environment highlight riders' experiences

DELEGATE BEGAYE RETIRES

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After beginning his fifth term, Delegate Nelson BeGaye announces retirement publicly on the first day of the Summer Session • Colleagues praise BeGaye's depth of knowledge, leadership, and faith • BeGaye shares memories and speaks to his legislative legacy in farewell address

COUNCIL HONORS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Outgoing Eastern Agency Royalty, Tuba City Starlings, and Raytheon Diné Facility are honored by the Council for outstanding achievements in respective fields • Delegates recognize youth leadership, mentorship, and triumph in sports • Delegates highlight major economic contributor on the Nation

Council Delegate Nelson S. BeGaye Resigns, Delivers Farewell Address

RICH LEGACY HONORED BY COLLEAGUES IN FAREWELL (RIGHT: DELEGATE BEGAYE)

Delegate Nelson S. BeGaye (Lukachukai, Rock Point, Round Rock, Tsaile/Wheatfields, Tsé Ch'izhí), who has served four terms on the Navajo Nation Council, has resigned from the Council for health reasons.

He announced his retirement on July 15, 2019 on the first day of the Summer Council Session in Window Rock, Ariz.

Born in the Tsaile-area on December 1, 1952, he spent much of his career before his election working for the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority. Asked to serve his people, Delegate BeGaye began his service in 2003 on the 20th Navajo Nation Council.

In an emotional, though strong farewell speech, Delegate BeGaye presented himself as the same hooghan-born man he was when he walked into the chamber 16 years ago, wearing a jacket, shirt, tie, Wranglers, and brand-new boots.

He credits much of his success to his wife, Linda, and the strong support of his constituents.

"I have worked hard to bring the best to the members of my chapters," Delegate BeGaye stated.

In recounting the highlights of his career, Delegate BeGaye recalled driving down US 491 and seeing pipe being laid into the ground as a part of the San Juan River Water Rights Settlement. Seeing the physical implementation of the water rights approval legislation he sponsored struck a chord.

"I had to pull off the highway and just look at it," stated Delegate BeGaye.

Additionally, as Vice Chair of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee Síhasin Fund Subcommittee, Delegate BeGaye helped oversee the development of the \$180 million Bulk Water and Waste Water Expenditure Plan (CJA-12-16).

Several delegates expressed their appreciation for Delegate BeGaye for championing the 2005 Diné Natural Resources Protection Act, which placed a moratorium on uranium mining on the Navajo Nation.

He also spoke of the rocky days after the market crash in 2008. As a member of the Navajo Nation Investment Committee, he and the Investment Committee brought



Delegate Nelson S. BeGaye speaks to the Council in his farewell address July 15, 2019.

back the Nation's total trusts from approximately \$600 million to well over \$2 billion today.

One colleague earned special recognition from Delegate BeGaye, Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty (Beclabito, Cove, Gadí'ahí/TóKo'í, Red Valley, Tooh Haltsooi, Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, Tsé Ałnáozt'í'i). Before her election to the Council, she served as Delegate BeGaye's legislative district assistant.

"And here she is reelected. I'm so proud," Delegate BeGaye stated.

"The depth of knowledge that Delegate BeGaye brought to this Council is immense," said Delegate Crotty. "Ahéhee', delegate, for giving us your leadership and vision."

Speaker Seth Damon (Bááháálí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Tsé vLichíí', Rock Springs, Tsayatoh) introduced Delegate BeGaye before he spoke before the Council.

"Even though he is still a young man, this gentleman

is an elder statesman of the Navajo Nation," stated Speaker Damon. "One of my first memories on the Council was Delegate BeGaye's mentorship and soft, sturdy, and compassionate leadership. I can't wait to see what Delegate BeGaye accomplishes in his next act in life. He will be missed, though we know he'll always be near."

Referencing past strong leadership that contributed to the resilience and strength of the Navajo Nation, Delegate BeGaye stated, "Let's journey together."

Across his career, Delegate BeGaye has served on the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, and the Síhasin Fund Subcommittee.

Upon the declaration of vacancy from the Navajo Nation Election Administration, a special election will be held for Delegate BeGaye's seat. An individual may be appointed by Speaker Damon in the interim before the special election.

STANDING COMMITTEE RULES AMENDED

Council Streamlines Committee Agenda and Actions with New Rules

In a unanimous vote on the second day of the Summer Session, the Council approved changes to Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council.

The Standing Committees include: Naabik'iyáti', Budget and Finance; Health, Education, and Human Services; Law and Order; and Resources and Development.

After deliberation at all the Standing Committees prior to consideration at the Council, Legislation 0042-19 sailed smoothly with no debate.

Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty sponsored the legislation with Delegates Vince R. James and Wilson C. Stewart, Jr. (Crystal, Fort Defiance, Red Lake, Sawmill) serving as co-sponsors.

Among the legislation's findings were the following:



Delegates Vince R. James and Wilson Stewart, Jr. present Legislation 0042-19 to the Council.

In order to promote efficiency during standing committee meetings, announcement should be limited to written announcements, the recognition of guests and visiting officials should be limited to two minutes per delegate, the rules should allow for the use of a consent agenda, and the reading of legislation should include the use of electronic voice recording.

The consent agenda or schedule will consist of legislation that will likely be approved by unanimous consent of the committee members in attendance. Any committee member can remove an item from the consent agenda by request without debate.

Items remaining on the consent agenda will be approved without debate or amendment.

DALE APPOINTED TO NAVAJO COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT

Dale to represent Ft. Defiance Agency on Commission

On Tuesday, July 16, 2019, the Council confirmed Shawnevan Dale for an appointment to the Commission on Navajo Government Development by a vote of 20 in favor and 0 opposed.

Council Delegate Vince R. James (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kin Dah Lichíí', Steamboat) sponsored the legislation that confirms Dale's appointment (0158-19).

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §972 (A), the Council is the final authority for appointments to the Commission. Additionally, by statute, each of the five agency councils nominates an individual from their respective agency to serve on the Commission and the nominee must be either a Chapter officer or Grazing Committee/Land Board member.

Dale has held a variety of positions within local government,

including Wide Ruins Chapter grazing official and president.

"Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated scholarship, a strong sense of public interest, knowledge of Navajo history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the Commission," reads the section of

Navajo Nation Code concerning appointments (2 N.N.C. § 972 (D)).

The office was created to assist the Navajo Nation Council to institute reforms that ensure an accountable and responsible government and to conduct long range comprehensive planning, evaluation, and development of goals that benefit the Navajo People. The office is charged with encouraging the Navajo People's involvement, promoting their general welfare, and ensuring governmental accountability, integrity, justice, and domestic order. It is also charged with developing proposals for alternative forms of chapter government and empowerment.



NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE BEGINS BUDGET HEARINGS

Work begins day after Summer Session Ends

Immediately following the wrap-up of the 2019 Summer Session, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee began their budget oversight hearings for Legislative Branch and Executive Office programs July 18th - 19th. Without wasting any time, delegates began combing through program budgets. With more than half of the Council being new delegates, Speaker Seth Damon sought to fashion a space for new and returning delegates alike to hone their oversight and evaluation skills before commencing their respective Standing Committee budget hearings.

Many Standing Committees have already begun their hearings. First, Committees will review program budgets and make recommendations, then they will adopt an official budget to recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee. Eventually, the full Council will pass a budget for the president's signature.

SPEAKER DAMON DISTRIBUTES HIS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON OPENING DAY

At the beginning of the Summer Session, Speaker Seth Damon distributed his report to his colleagues on the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

Speaker Damon applauded the Council's "serious work on the...Nation's behalf...to advance our people's interests in building a strong, prosperous future."

Over the past quarter, he noted that the Naabik'iyáti' Committee re-established and filled the membership of outstanding subcommittees and task forces, including the Title II Reform Subcommittee and State Task Force.

Within the Speaker's Office, legislative staff were assigned to support many endeavors the Council is currently pursuing.

In particular, many veterans' issues have received significant attention, ranging from turnover of veterans service officers to implementing a sound housing plan and possibly consolidating various veterans housing projects and initiatives. Working with the

Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, Speaker's Office staff will seek accountability from the Administration for the inconsistencies in veterans services.

Additionally, the Speaker's Office is working with the Resources and Development Committee (RDC) to address solid waste management on the Nation. In the past quarter, RDC has held oversight hearings on the matter. Moreover, a Joint Powers Agreement between the Navajo Nation and San Juan County regarding the operation and maintenance of Solid Waste Compacting and Transfer Stations in San Juan County was in jeopardy due to unpaid bills by the Nation. After legislative staff's intervention, the issue has been resolved.

After a full schedule of public safety oversight hearings during the past quarter, the Law and Order Committee (LOC) traveled to Washington, DC to seek additional funding for Navajo Nation public safety and judicial programs. The Speaker strongly supports



24th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Seth Damon

LOC's mission in ensuring that the Nation's police officers, criminal investigators, correctional officers, and judicial program staff are adequately supported in the performance of their duties.

COUNCIL COMPLETE COUNT COMMISSION IN FULL SWING

GETTING EVERY NAVAJO COUNTED VITAL FOR ENSURING MAXIMUM FUNDING

Every ten years, the federal government conducts a national census to count every person living in the country. The results from the census help governments determine funding levels for public services.

The federal government understands that Native American populations have not been accurately represented in the national census in the past. There are many reasons for this lack of accuracy. One major reason that people don't respond to the census is that they feel it doesn't matter, according to the 2020 Census Barriers, Attitudes, and Motivators Study (CBAMS).

More than half of those surveyed stated that they didn't trust their federal or state governments, and about a quarter (mostly racial minorities) were concerned about the confidentiality of their answers.

Essentially, when it comes to the census, inaccurate counts are the result of incomplete counts, or large numbers of the population failing to answer the census. In 2010, the number of people identifying as Navajo across the country was about 300,000, about half of which were living on the Navajo Nation.

The Navajo population may very well be a lot higher than 300,000.

In March of this year, the 24th Navajo Nation Council established the Navajo Nation Census 2020 Complete

Count Commission with the goal of increasing the accuracy of those numbers by spreading the message across the Navajo Nation that answering the census is vitally important.

The Council placed the commission within the Legislative Branch and the Speaker has appointed members of the communications team to assist with developing the media plan for the campaign. The team is now beginning outreach efforts with the Eastern Agency fair and will continue through April 1, 2020 when every household has received an invitation to participate in the census.

Assisting the commission is the US Census Bureau's Tribal Partnership Specialist, Arbin Mitchell. If the commission needs clarification, such as the definition of a household and what qualifies on the Navajo Nation, the Tribal Partnership Specialist is the direct line to the regional census center.

The Navajo Nation Census 2020 Complete Count Commission itself is made up of ten members, five of which are council delegates, one from each agency of the Navajo Nation, and the other five are representatives appointed by the Navajo Nation President. Members of the commission will serve until September 2020, after the main census activities have concluded.

Navajo Counts!

For the first time, anyone will have the option to answer the 2020 Census online. The official website and the information submitted through its forms is secure and

will be kept confidential. Census responses will also be accepted through the phone or by mail and will be handled securely.

If no response is received after the April 1, 2020 date, the US Census Bureau will follow-up with in-person visits.

In order to get every person on the Navajo Nation counted in the 2020 Census, the Navajo Nation Census 2020 Complete Count Commission is calling on local chapter leadership to encourage their communities to answer the census.

When it comes from local leaders, people are more likely to take action and respond to the census.

Census information not only tells us how large the Navajo Nation and Navajo people are, but it also tells us how that number is changing, how incomes and education levels differ from ten years ago, and it gives us an important cross section of the ages of the Navajo population.

Chapter governments use this information to make funding requests and to plan for the future.

More information about the 2020 Census can be found online at <https://2020census.gov/>.

The Navajo Nation Census 2020 Complete Count Commission also encourages eligible Navajo people to apply for a census job, which includes census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. Job application information can be found on the website.

COUNCIL PASSES LEGISLATION TO SHORE UP FUNDING FOR NAVAJO HEADSTART



Left to right: Veronica Clark, Dr. Elvira Bitsoi, and Delegate Pernell Halona present Legislation 0167-19 to the Council.

Legislation reallocates prior appropriation to assist the program with matching funds and paying past due bills

A plan to help the Navajo Nation Head Start program with matching funds and paying past due bills was approved by the Council on Tuesday, July 16.

In 2018, the 23rd Council passed resolution CJY-57-18, appropriating \$6,333,333 to continue "direct

services to the 2,105 funded slots under the Head Start and Early Head Start programs." Though, the resolution budgeted funds in specific line items that prevented their expenditure to pay out the past due bills without new Council action.

The new resolution, 0167-19, provides a technical fix to reallocate the funds to the appropriate line items.

This year, the program filled its enrollment for the first time ever. Delegate Vince R. James

commended the program for accomplishing this achievement. Additionally, he noted new programming Head Start has begun.

"I extend my appreciation to the...program. Since 1965, this is the first year that Head Start has started their summer school program. Cahoots to you guys. Congratulations," said Delegate James.

Many delegates noted their support and advocacy for Head Start at the state and federal levels, while also seeking assurances from the program that this funding would be adequate for their needs and used prudently.

"I want to know what sort of assurances and controls are in place to make sure funds are budgeted and spent appropriately," stated Delegate Thomas Walker, Jr. (Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Leupp, Tolani Lake, Tsidí Tó'ii).

"We have a high quality rigorous program," stated Dr. Elvira Bitsoi, Asst. Superintendant of Navajo Head Start. "Thank you...I would like time to give a report every month to NAABI."

Delegate Pernell Halona (Coyote Canyon, Mexican Springs, Naschitti, Tohatchi, Bahast'l'a'a), the legislation's sponsor, assured his colleagues that at the time of drafting, he and Head Start worked with the Navajo Dept. of Justice to ensure that everything was included to 'wipe out the past due bills.'

NAVAJO GAMING DELIVERS \$5 MILLION PAYMENT TO NATION

On the opening day of the Navajo Nation Council Summer Session July 15, the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise (NNGE) presented Speaker Seth Damon and the Council a \$5 million check.

The check is the enterprise's annual payment to the Navajo Nation Gaming Distribution Fund. The fund is governed in accordance with 5 N.N.C. §2008 and the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Distributions to the Navajo Nation are made from Navajo Gaming's excess cash after the Enterprise has paid all operating expenses, capital maintenance, improvement costs, and debt service.

Speaker Damon provided a background on the gaming enterprise, noting that the Navajo Nation is the only sovereign nation in the United States to have fully and independently financed the development of their casinos.

The enterprise has created over 1,300 direct jobs and 6,300 indirect jobs, in addition to an over \$1 Billion impact the Navajo Nation and regional economies.

"It's a privilege to be here today to present this check to Honorable Speaker Damon and all the members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council," said Rich Williamson, NNGE CFO. "We look forward to providing more checks in the future and to continuing to provide more revenues in the future, creating more jobs, and being part of the future economic development of the Nation."



Left to right: Derrick Yazzie, Director of Slot Operations Fire Rock; Lisa Gillson, Director of Security Fire Rock; Kristina Haskell, Board; Leah Claw, Board; Speaker Seth Damon; Delegate Otto Tso; Michelle Landavazo, Assistant General Manager Twin Arrows; Rich Williamson, CFO; and Brian Parrish, CEO.

"Navajo Gaming has created new exciting partnerships with Navajo Beef, and now, regional educational institutions," said Speaker Damon. "They hired twenty interns work on the various phases of project development for the new Twin Arrows Travel Center, which will create 35 full time jobs."

The Gaming Revenues Fund Management Plan,

established by the Council, governs the distribution of the annual payments.

The Gaming Revenues Fund Management Plan policies allocate revenue generated by gaming to the 110 chapters for capital improvement projects or utilities.



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D.



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A. Delegate Rickie Nez
 B. Delegate Elmer Begay
 C. Delegate Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.
 D. Speaker Seth Damon
 E. Delegate Mark Freeland (right) and Charlaine Tso (left)

Summer Horseshide

DELEGATES CARRY ON ANNUAL TRADITION

Since the earliest days of the Navajo Tribal Council, elected council delegates rode horseback from their home communities to council sessions in Window Rock. Five delegates honor customary ride this year.

This year, delegates from all directions of the Navajo Nation carried on the horseback ride to the Summer Session.

Along the way, delegates would traditionally make stops at the homes of their constituents, chapter houses, and even livestock corrals – any place that issues and concerns could be heard.

Delegate Mark Freeland (Becenti, Lake Valley, Nahodishgish, Standing Rock, Whiterock, Huerfano, Nageezi, Crownpoint) started out from Crownpoint in the Eastern Agency. Delegate Wilson Stewart, Jr. (Crystal, Fort Defiance, Red Lake, Sawmill) started in Fort Defiance. Delegate Elmer Begay (Dilcon, Indian Wells, Teesto, Whitecone, Greasewood Springs) made it to the capital in one day from Dilcon. Delegate Rickie Nez (T'iistoh Sikaad, Nenahnezad, Upper Fruitland, Tse' Daa' Kaan, Newcomb, San Juan) and Delegate Charlene Tso (Mexican Water, To'likan, Teecnospos, Aneth, Red Mesa) represented the communities of

the Northern Agency.

Joining each delegate were spouses, children, members from the community and, on Sunday, a few scattered clouds and sprinkles. Just like their predecessors, delegates heard directly from communities and local chapter residents.

On his way to the Crystal Chapter, Delegate Stewart heard from three elders he met along the road. He shared that their concerns had to do with the extension of water and powerline services to their homes, which in one elderly woman's case was only a short distance beyond the end of the powerline. Delegate Stewart also noted that roads are an important issue with local communities, especially after heavy rains and snowfall.

Delegate Begay brought his family, including his nieces and nephews, along on his journey from Dilcon.

"The message we bring is support for our police officers, firefighters, EMTs," said Delegate Begay. He

Participating Delegates



Route: Tólikan, Crownpoint, Nahodishgish, Tsi'ii'ahí, Coyote Canyon, Bahastl'a'a', Rock Springs, Tsayatoh, Window Rock
Charlene Tso (Mexican Water, Aneth, Teecnospos, Tólikan, Red Mesa)

Route: Dilcon, Indian Wells, Greasewood, Kin Dah Lichii, Summit, Window Rock
Elmer Begay (Dilcon, Indian Wells, Teesto, Whitecone, Greasewood Springs)

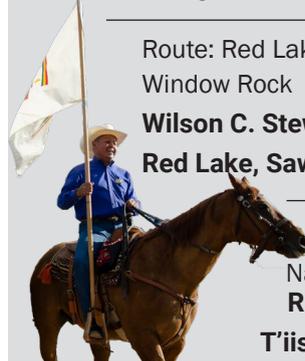


Route: Crownpoint, Nahodishgish, Tsi'ii'ahí, Coyote Canyon, Bahastl'a'a', Rock Springs, Tsayatoh, Window Rock
Mark Freeland (Becenti, Crownpoint, Huerfano, Lake Valley, Nageezi, Nahodishgish, Tse'ii'ahí, Whiterock)



Route: Red Lake, Crystal, Fort Defiance, Window Rock

Wilson C. Stewart, Jr. (Crystal, Fort Defiance, Red Lake, Sawmill)



Route: San Juan, Table Mesa, Sheep Springs, Narbona Pass, Crystal, Ft. Defiance, Window Rock
Rickie Nez (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, T'iis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland)



shared that the Dilcon hospital is about to start construction and along with that will be new opportunities for economic development that the Navajo Nation can support.

Delegates Freeland and Tso arrived in Window Rock Saturday afternoon carrying with them the United States, Navajo Nation, and state flags. Their journey started out in Crownpoint Sunday morning.

Speaker Seth Damon greeted each group of horseback riders as they arrived at the Navajo Nation Fair Grounds.

Each delegate shared their experiences during the trail ride to Window Rock, encouraging more people to join them for next year's trail ride.

The Sunday before the start of the 2019 Summer Council Session concluded with a cookout dinner for the horseback riders and their supporters sponsored by the Office of the Speaker. Riders camped out and boarded their horses at the fairgrounds and in the morning and made their final approach to the Navajo Nation Council Chamber to kick off the 2019 Summer Session.

PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS

2019 SUMMER COUNCIL SESSION



The Many Farms Boys and Girls Club delivered the Pledge of Allegiance on Monday, July 15th, the first day of the Summer Session.



The Tuba City Starlings club volleyball team was honored for capturing two championships recently. Delegate Otto Tso poses with the team after their recognition on Monday, July 15th.



Raytheon Diné Facility (RDF) Shipping Supervisor Joesphine Bitsilly shares her experience as a thirty-year employee of RDF. The Council honored RDF for their thirty years of operations on the Navajo Nation on Tuesday, July 16th.



Left to right: Delegates Paul Begay, Thomas Walker, Jr., Edison Wauneka, and Eugene Tso speak before the Session begins on Monday, July 15th.



Delegate Elmer Begay (center) presents legislation 0073-19 on Tuesday, July 16th, with Nicole Horseherder (left), and Office of Navajo Government Development Executive Director Edward K. Dee. It was referred to RDC.



Traditional practitioner Avery Denny provides the invocation for the Summer Session. He shared some wisdom with the Council and audience before beginning his prayer.

COUNCIL HONORS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

ATHLETIC AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS NOTED BY COUNCIL. OUTGOING EASTERN ROYALTY COMMENDED.

Each day of the Summer Session, the Council set aside time to recognize Navajo persons, teams, or institutions for their contributions to the Nation.

Monday

Delegate Otto Tso led the recognition of the Tuba City Starlings Club Volleyball team. In June, the team won the Aloha Summer Classic in Hawaii. The championship follows another championship at the 2019 AAU Las Vegas Jam Festival Grand Prix in Las Vegas this past March. Delegate Tso noted how discipline, hardwork, and determination are required to produce the championship results the Starlings have earned.

The team is comprised of Melia Barlow, Mikeya Sheppard, Gracie Henderson, Rhiannon Eldridge, Bailey Patterson, Peyton Lomayaktewa, Daveigh Bedonie, McKenna Lomayaktewa, Jadan Sixkiller, Emerilee Cowboy, Jayda Chee, Camille Secatero, with coaches Harlan Barlow, Elijah Begay and April Clairmont. [Starlings pictured on the opposing page]

Tuesday

Tuesday's Council session began with Delegate Rickie Nez (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, T'iis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland) delivering a recognition of the Raytheon Diné Facility (RDF).

The facility was founded in 1989 under the auspices of General Dynamics. Through a series of mergers and acquisitions, the facility is now owned by Raytheon



Speaker Seth Damon and Delegate Rickie Nez recognize representatives and management of the Raytheon Diné Facility on Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

Company.

The facility manufactures various portions of Raytheon's portfolio of missile and bomb systems.

Delegate Nez highlighted the 93% Navajo workforce at the facility, which is a part of the Fortune 100 company. According to Raytheon, the 396 employees of the facility have an outsized impact on the company, performing a high number of the work hours for many of the systems on which they work.

In her presentation before the Council, Sharlene Begay-Platero, who works with the facility on behalf of the Division of Economic Development, traced the origins of the Business Development Industrial Fund (BIDF) and its impact on the expansion of the facility. In addition to the original investment, two further BIDF investments along with funding from the State of New Mexico have fueled the growth of the facility.

The buildings in which the RDF operates are owned by the Navajo Nation and Raytheon rents the space. Rental payments are reinvested in the BIDF, helping pay for similar partnership projects in the future.

General Dynamics and later Raytheon, were attracted to the area by the skill sets of Navajo artisans and craftsman, believing their abilities would be well-suited for the highly technical, detailed-oriented work.

Tuesday



Delegate Mark Freeland speaks to the outgoing Eastern Agency royalty on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. He was joined by other Eastern Agency delegates (below).

Delegates Mark Freeland, Daniel Tso, and Jamie Henio presented the soon-to-be outgoing royalty of Eastern Agency with certificates of appreciation for their contributions to the youth and care of elders on the Navajo Nation.

Miss Navajo Autumn June Montoya and Miss Eastern Agency Charon Otero received their recognitions for serving as positive role models for the Diné.

Council Standing Committees

Budget and Finance Committee

Jamie Henio (Chair)
Raymond Smith, Jr. (Vice Chair)
Elmer Begay
Nathaniel Brown
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Jimmy Yellowhair

Law and Order Committee

Eugenia Charles-Newton (Chair)
Otto Tso (Vice Chair)
Vince James
Eugene Tso
Edmund Yazzie

Health, Education, and Human Services Committee

Daniel Tso (Chair)
Charlaine Tso (Vice Chair)
Paul Begay
Nelson S. BeGaye
Pernell Halona
Edison Wauneka

Resources and Development Committee

Rickie Nez (Chair)
Thomas Walker, Jr. (Vice Chair)
Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Herman Daniels
Mark Freeland
Wilson Stewart, Jr.

2019 Summer Council Session

LEGISLATIVE RESULTS

Speaker Seth Damon chaired all discussions and only votes in the event of a tie. Delegates may be excused at the discretion of the Speaker and are marked "Excused" below.

LEGISLATION 0139-19

An Act Relating to Law and Order, Naabik'íyáti' and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 104 and 11 N.N.C. § 8 to Prohibit Council Delegates Serving in Other Elective Positions

PRIMARY SPONSOR: Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

ACTION: DID NOT PASS

Yea: 7

Elmer Begay
Kee Allen Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Mark Freeland
Otto Tso
Charlaine Tso
Jimmy Yellowhair

Nay: 10

Paul Begay
Nathaniel Brown
Herman Daniels
Pernell Halona
Jamie Henio
Vince James
Rickie Nez
Daniel Tso
Thomas Walker
Edmund Yazzie

Excused: 4

Nelson BeGaye
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Raymond Smith
Eugene Tso

Not Voting: 2

Wilson Stewart
Edison Wauneka

LEGISLATION 0156-19

An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 403, Meeting Day for the Health, Education and Human Services Committee

PRIMARY SPONSOR: Daniel E. Tso

ACTION: PASSED

Yea: 20

Elmer Begay
Kee Allen Begay
Paul Begay
Nathaniel Brown
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Herman Daniels
Mark Freeland
Pernell Halona
Jamie Henio
Vince James
Rickie Nez
Raymond Smith
Wilson Stewart
Otto Tso
Charlaine Tso
Daniel Tso
Thomas Walker
Edison Wauneka
Edmund Yazzie
Jimmy Yellowhair

Nay: 0

Excused: 3

Nelson BeGaye
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Eugene Tso

Not Voting: 0

LEGISLATION 0042-19:

An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Resources and Development Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Law and Order Committee, Naabik'íyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Amending Rule 8 and Rule 9 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council

PRIMARY SPONSOR: Amber Kanazbah Crotty

ACTION: PASSED

Yea: 20

Elmer Begay
Kee Allen Begay
Paul Begay
Nathaniel Brown
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Herman Daniels
Mark Freeland
Pernell Halona
Jamie Henio
Vince James
Rickie Nez
Raymond Smith
Wilson Stewart
Otto Tso
Charlaine Tso
Daniel Tso
Thomas Walker
Edison Wauneka
Edmund Yazzie
Jimmy Yellowhair

Nay: 0

Excused: 3

Nelson BeGaye
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Eugene Tso

Not Voting: 0

LEGISLATION 0073-19:

An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee, Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Rescinding CO-50-13; Declaring the Navajo Nation's intention to Move Beyond Coal Source Revenues and Forward to Sustainable and Renewable Energy Sources; Directing the Department of Justice to Draft the Navajo Nation Energy Policy of 2019 in Conformity with the Declaration; Establishing the Navajo Generating Station Kayenta Mine Transition Taskforce; Directing Division Directors to Report Regarding Adherence to the Change in the Nation's Energy Policy

PRIMARY SPONSOR: Elmer P. Begay

ACTION: REFER BACK TO RDC

Yea: 12

Kee Allen Begay
Paul Begay
Nathaniel Brown
Herman Daniels
Raymond Smith
Wilson Stewart
Otto Tso
Charlaine Tso
Eugene Tso
Thomas Walker
Edison Wauneka
Jimmy Yellowhair

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LEGISLATION 0073-19 (continued):

Nay: 7

Elmer Begay
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Mark Freeland
Pernell Halona
Jamie Henio
Vince James
Daniel Tso

Excused: 2

Crotty
Nez, R

Not Voting: 1

Yazzie

2019 Summer Council Session

LEGISLATIVE RESULTS

Speaker Seth Damon chaired all discussions and only votes in the event of a tie. Delegates may be excused at the discretion of the Speaker and are marked "Excused" below.

LEGISLATION 0158-19:

An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Nomination of Shawnevan Dale to Commission on Navajo Government Development as Representative for Ft. Defiance Agency Council

PRIMARY SPONSOR:

Vince James

ACTION: PASSED

Yea: 20

Elmer Begay
Kee Allen Begay
Paul Begay
Nathaniel Brown
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Herman Daniels
Mark Freeland
Pernell Halona
Jamie Henio
Vince James
Rickie Nez
Raymond Smith
Wilson Stewart
Otto Tso
Charlaine Tso
Daniel Tso
Thomas Walker
Edison Wauneka
Edmund Yazzie
Jimmy Yellowhair

Nay: 0

Excused: 3

Nelson BeGaye
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Eugene Tso

Not Voting: 0

LEGISLATION 0167-19:

An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Amending CJY-57-18, Titled "Relating to an Emergency for the Navajo Nation; Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of Six Million Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three (\$6,333,333) to the Navajo Head Start Program, Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820 (E) and (F)"; Allowing the Navajo Nation Head Start Program to use Supplemental Funds to Pay Past Due Bills and Other Debts

PRIMARY SPONSOR:

Pernell Halona

ACTION: PASSED

Yea: 18

Elmer Begay
Kee Allen Begay
Paul Begay
Nathaniel Brown
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Herman Daniels
Mark Freeland
Pernell Halona
Jamie Henio
Vince James
Rickie Nez
Raymond Smith
Wilson Stewart
Otto Tso
Daniel Tso
Thomas Walker
Edison Wauneka
Jimmy Yellowhair

LEGISLATION 0167-19 (continued):

Nay: 0

Excused: 4

BeGaye, N
Crotty
Tso, C
Tso, E

Not Voting: 1

Yazzie

LEGISLATION 0181-19:

An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Amending CAP-35-18, Titled, "Adopting The Síhasin Fund Powerline and Chapter Project Expenditure Plan Pursuant to CD-68-14, as Amended by CJA-03-18, and 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501-2508, as Amended; Waiving 12 N.N.C. §§ 810 (F), 820 (I) And 860 (C) Relating to the Capital Improvement Budget and the Capital Improvement Process"; Updating Projects for Rock Point Chapter

PRIMARY SPONSOR:

Nelson S. BeGaye

ACTION: REFER TO RDC & BFC

Yea: 12

Elmer Begay
Kee Allen Begay
Nathaniel Brown
Eugenia Charles-Newton
Mark Freeland
Pernell Halona
Jamie Henio
Rickie Nez
Raymond Smith
Wilson Stewart
Thomas Walker
Jimmy Yellowhair

Nay: 6

Paul Begay
Herman Daniels
Vince James
Otto Tso
Daniel Tso
Edison Wauneka

LEGISLATION 0181-19 (continued):

Excused: 4

Nelson BeGaye
Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Charlaine Tso
Eugene Tso

Not Voting: 1

Edmund Yazzie

Subcommittees, Task Forces, and Commissions

Subcommittees & Task Forces

Title II Subcommittee

Naabik'iyáti' Committee: Vince James
 Naabik'iyáti' Committee: Edison J. Wauneka
 Law & Order Committee: Otto Tso
 Law & Order Committee: Eugenia Charles-Newton
 Budget & Finance Committee: Jamie Henio
 Budget & Finance Committee: Elmer P. Begay
 Resources & Development Committee: Rickie Nez
 Resources & Development Committee: Thomas Walker, Jr.
 Health, Education & Human Services Committee: Paul Begay
 Health, Education & Human Services Committee: Pernell Halona

Naabik'iyati' Navajo Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee

Naabik'iyati' Committee: Honorable Eugene Tso
 Resources & Development Committee: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.
 Law & Order Committee: Honorable Vince James
 Budget & Finance Committee: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty
 Health, Education & Human Services Committee: Honorable Paul Begay, Jr.
 Budget & Finance Committee: Honorable Nathaniel Brown

NIIP Negotiation Subcommittee

Naabik'iyati' Committee: Pernell Halona
 Law & Order Committee: Eugenia Charles-Newton
 Budget & Finance Committee: Raymond Smith, Jr.
 Resources & Development Committee: Rickie Nez
 Health, Education & Human Services Committee: Daniel Tso

State Task Force Committee

Arizona: Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
 Arizona: Paul Begay
 New Mexico: Mark Freeland
 New Mexico: Pernell Halona
 Utah: Herman M. Daniels
 Utah: Charlaine Tso

Commissions

Eastern Navajo Land Commission

Seth Damon
 Mark Freeland
 Jamie Henio
 Daniel Tso
 Edmund Yazzie

Navajo-Hopi Land Commission

Otto Tso (chair)
 Raymond Smith, Jr. (vice chair)
 Elmer Begay
 Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
 Herman Daniels
 Vince James
 Thomas Walker, Jr.
 Jimmy Yellowhair

Utah Navajo Commission

Nathaniel Brown
 Herman Daniels
 Charlaine Tso