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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0045-25

**DATE:** April 7, 2025

## TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. MAGGIE GEORGE TO THE DINÉ COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution will appoint Dr. Maggie George to the Diné College Board of Regents for a term of six (6) years.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'íyáti Committee

**VOTING REQUIREMENT:** Simple Majority

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

	HOLD PERIOD: Naabik'íyáti' Co sting Time/Date: Date: 04–15–25	mmittee
Eligible for		
1	PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION	
2	25 <sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year 2025	
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6	(Prime Sponsor)	
7	TRACKING NO. 0045-25	
8	AN ACTION	
9	RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE	
10	APPOINTMENT OF DR. MAGGIE GEORGE TO THE DINÉ COLLEGE	
11	BOARD OF REGENTS FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS	
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13	BE IT ENACTED:	
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15	SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY	
16	A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation	
17	Council standing committee and as such is empowered to give final confirmation to	
18	appointments to boards, commissions, and colleges, unless otherwise provided by law.	
19	2 N.N.C. § 700 (A) and 701(A)(1).	
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21	SECTION TWO. FINDINGS	
22	A. The Diné College Board of Regents is vested with all powers and authority to govern	
23	effectively and set policy for Diné College and to establish the process for the	
24	accomplishments of the purposes and mission of Diné College. 10 N.N.C. § 2003 (A).	
25	B. The Board of Regents shall initially be comprised of seven (7) members. By a duly	
26	adopted resolution of the Board of Regents, the number of members may increase from	
27	seven (7) voting members and two (2) non-voting members (Faculty Association and	
28	Staff Association President), but shall not exceed nine (9) nor be less than seven (7).	
29	10 N.N.C. §2003 (D).	
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1	C. The Board of Regents shall be comprised of four (4) appointed members who meet the
2	qualifications as outlined in 10 N.N.C. §2003 (B)(1), three (3) Ex Officio members,
3	and, if applicable, two (2) designated members.
4	D. A majority of all Board of Regent members shall be enrolled members of the Navajo
5	Nation. 10 N.N.C. § 2003 (D)(2).
6	E. Pursuant to 10 N.N.C. §2003 (B)(1)(a)-(e), all appointed members of the Board of
7	Regents shall meet the following requirements:
8	1. be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of appointment;
9	2. must not be an employee of Diné College;
10	3. must not have a conflict of interest with the College President or any member
11	of the Executive management team of Diné College; and
12	4. must have good moral and ethical character revealing no acts of dishonesty or
13	moral turpitude within the five (5) years preceding the recommended date of
14	appointment as demonstrated by the appointment and confirmation process.
15	Must not have any felony convictions
16	F. Pursuant to 10 N.N.C. §2003 (B)(1)(f), all appointed members shall possess, at least,
17	one of the following expertise:
18	1. professional qualification i.e. certified public accountant, financing, investment
19	or legal background;
20	2. business background with at least five (5) years of executive management
21	experience in areas such as business healthcare, social services or similar need
22	on the Navajo Nation;
23	3. good understanding of Diné spiritual ceremonial knowledge, preferably
24	Hataalii; or
25	4. expertise in higher education and/or education.
26	G. Appointed members shall serve six (6) year terms with the terms being staggered,
27	beginning the date of the Annual Meeting and ending on the date of the Annual Meeting
28	occurring in the sixth calendar year. 10 N.N.C §2003 (E).
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- H. The President of the Navajo Nation shall recommend appointed member candidates to serve on the Board of Regents and such recommended appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 10 N.N.C. §2003 (C).
- I. The President of the Navajo Nation, Dr. Buu Nygren, has appointed Dr. Maggie George to serve as an appointed member to the Diné College Board of Regents. See Letter of Appointment attached as **Exhibit A**.
- J. Dr. George meets the qualifications as set forth in 10 N.N.C §2003 (B). See Dr. George's Letter of Interest, Resumé, and BIA Form 4432 (verifying Dr. George's enrollment with the Navajo Nation) attached as **Exhibit B**.

## SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION

The Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Dr. Maggie George to the Diné College Board of Regents for a term of six (6) years in accordance with 10 N.N.C. §2003 (E).