



Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council



Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council Spring Session Report April 16, 2025

Legislations

1. Executive Order No. June 2016
2. Three-Branch Agreement: August 21, 2016
3. Legislation CAP-26-17, Resolution: February 21, 2017

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1. Vision: Hozho'o Keh'go Ahil na'anish: Build Connect Reunite
2. Mission: The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) seeks to advocate and improve essential life skill development by increasing involvement within communities to ensure the success of future generations.

Executive Branch Focus Area

1. Recruitment of Navajo Youth to re-establish 12 members of NNYAC

Progress: The Office of Miss Navajo Nation and Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay, is actively recruiting and continuing to promote NNYAC. On March 23, 2025, our team developed a recruitment flyer. On April 16, 2025, we received six (6) applicants, and we'll schedule a meeting to review the applicants' applications and select members.

2. Government Operations – Classification of two (2) employment positions

Progress: The Office of Miss Navajo Nation ("OMNN") is waiting for the final result of the two (2) Position Classification Questionnaires ("PCQ"), the PCQs were submitted to the Department of Personnel Management ("DPM") for the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Coordinator and Chaperone positions. Our office is waiting for DPM to create the 2 new positions within the Navajo Nation Government.

3. Government Operations – Develop NNYAC's website and email address for the 12-member NNYAC usage.

Progress: The new website for NNYAC is <https://www.nnyac.navajo-nsn.gov/>.

The new email address for NNYAC is nnyac@navajo-nsn.gov.

The Office of Miss Navajo Nation decided to have the new 12-member of NNYAC the task of establishing the new Mission and Vision Statement.

4. Government Operations – Office space/building/location for 12 NNYAC members to host meetings, events, and leadership training sessions.

Progress: OMNN and Miss Navajo Nation continue to explore potential office spaces within Window Rock, St. Michaels, Tse Bonito, and Fort Defiance areas as ideal office spaces.



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5. Government Operations – Fiscal Year 2025 NNYAC Program Budget

Progress: OMNN submitted an Unmet Needs Budget for \$196,445.00. The Unmet Needs Budget will allow OMNN to procure computer laptops, mobile phones with WIFI monthly services, and annual Zoom subscriptions for 12 members of NNYAC. OMNN will procure NNYAC promotional items, signage, etc.

6. Government Operations –The NNYAC members' advisory status with the Department of Personnel Management hinders reimbursement payments for the former 12 members of NNYAC.

Progress: OMNN has submitted a request for service to the Navajo Department of Justice to review a document that will incorporate the language and establish the Job Code and Job Title of Navajo Nation Youth Advisory member to resolve the Personnel Action Form (PAF) with the Human Resources Information Services (HRIS) that impacts NNYAC's 12 members' payments and/or reimbursements.

7. NNYAC Proposed Plan of Operation

Progress: OMNN will schedule a work session when the NNYAC has comprised its 12 members, and they will meet with the Navajo Department of Justice, Department of Personnel Management, including the Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, and Legislative advisors, with a projected timeline for accomplishment in the 3rd Quarter of FY 2025.

8. Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council Application

Progress: NNYAC is available at <https://nnyac.navajo-nsn.gov/> and OMNN's www.omnn.navajo-nsn.gov website, and shared on multiple social media platforms.

Community Outreach for NNYAC

1. The Office of Miss Navajo Nation and Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay, continues to promote the recruitment of youths from the ages of 14 to 24 years through radio station segments, presentations at school functions, and/or activities.
2. The Office of Miss Navajo Nation and Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay continues to promote the values of NNYAC by presenting on youth opportunities that will be available once deemed a NNYAC member by producing community service projects, addressing youth-related issues/concerns, establishing mentorship programs, and producing scholarship opportunities.
3. The Office of Miss Navajo Nation and Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay, has attended the Mid-year National UNITY Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, to maintain a working relationship with the National UNITY organizers.

Conclusion

The Office of Miss Navajo Nation and Miss Navajo Nation 2024-2025, Ranisha Begay, continues to identify solutions and eliminate any hindrances. OMNN strongly believes that the NNYAC needs to remain with the Executive Branch, where OMNN will provide better services and ensure the stability of NNYAC's operations and functions in meeting the FY2025 Goals and Objectives.