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**TITLE: An Action relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Confirming the Appointment of Dr. LeManuel Lee Bitsoi to the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents Representing the Fort Defiance Agency for a Staggered Term of Four Years**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0083-25

**DATE:** May 6, 2025

**AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. LEMANUEL LEE BITSOI TO THE NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY FOR A STAGGERED TERM OF FOUR YEARS**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this proposed resolution is to confirm the appointment of Dr. LeManuel Lee Bitsoi to the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents representing the Fort Defiance Agency for a staggered term of four 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.

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

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**LEMANUEL LEE BITSOI TO THE NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY FOR**  
**A STAGGERED TERM OF FOUR YEARS**

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(3), the Health, Education and Human Services Committee has oversight of the Navajo Nation Board of Education, and colleges within the Navajo Nation, and has the authority to review and recommend resolutions relating to education in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(6)(a).
- B. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (B), the President of the Navajo Nation shall appoint the five members of the board who represent the five agencies of the Navajo Nation, subject to confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. *See also* CJY-35-13.

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (A), the Corporation shall be governed by a board of regents composed of six members. There shall be one member of the board appointed

1 from each of the five agencies of the Navajo Nation. These five Board members shall  
2 have experience in the fields of education, business, science or technology or any other  
3 related field, and at a minimum, a bachelor's degree. The President of the Student Senate  
4 of the Navajo Technical University shall serve as a member of the Board by virtue of  
5 his/her office and shall be a voting member of the Board. *See also* CJY-35-12.

6 B. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (C), Board members shall serve terms of four years each,  
7 with the exception of the President of the Student Senate, who shall serve as a board  
8 member by virtue of his/her office. The terms shall be staggered. A Board member shall  
9 continue to serve after the formal expiration of the term until a successor has been  
10 confirmed by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. The appointed Board members' terms of  
11 office shall begin upon their confirmation by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. The Board  
12 shall notify the President of the Navajo Nation of an approaching vacancy and may  
13 recommend to the President of the Navajo Nation persons to fill vacancies on the board.  
14 A Board member may be re-appointed to subsequent terms of office. *Id.*

15 C. The Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren has appointed Dr. LeManuel Lee Bitsoi to  
16 serve as a member of the Board of Regents to represent the Fort Defiance Agency for a  
17 term of four years, letter of appointment attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

18 D. Dr. LeManuel Lee Bitsoi meets the qualifications as required by 15 N.N.C § 1204 (A).  
19 *See* Letter of Interest, Résumé, and Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood attached hereto as  
20 **Exhibits B, C and D**, respectively.

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22 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

23 The Navajo Nation hereby finds that Dr. LeManuel Lee Bitsoi meets the qualifications set  
24 forth in 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (B) and confirms the appointment of Dr. LeManuel Lee Bitsoi to  
25 serve on the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents as a representative of the Fort  
26 Defiance Agency for a staggered term of four years, effective upon confirmation by the  
27 Naabik'íyáti' Committee, set forth in 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (C).