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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0090-25

**DATE:** May 15, 2025

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

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution will appoint Dr. Janet Slowman Chee to the Diné College Board of Regents.

**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  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

INTRODUCED BY



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AN ACTION

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APPOINTMENT OF DR. JANET SLOWMAN CHEE TO THE DINÉ COLLEGE  
BOARD OF REGENTS FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS**

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such is empowered to give final confirmation to appointments to boards, commissions, and colleges, unless otherwise provided by law. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701(A)(1).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. The Diné College Board of Regents is vested with all powers and authority to govern effectively and set policy for Diné College and to establish the process for the accomplishments of the purposes and mission of Diné College. 10 N.N.C. § 2003 (A).
- B. The Board of Regents shall initially be comprised of seven (7) members. By a duly adopted resolution of the Board of Regents, the number of members may increase from seven (7) voting members and two (2) non-voting members (Faculty Association and Staff Association President), but shall not exceed nine (9) nor be less than seven (7). 10 N.N.C. § 2003 (D).

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).

1 H. The President of the Navajo Nation shall recommend appointed member candidates to  
2 serve on the Board of Regents and such recommended appointments shall be subject to  
3 confirmation by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 10 N.N.C. § 2003 (C).

4 I. The President of the Navajo Nation, Dr. Buu Nygren, has appointed Dr. Janet Slowman  
5 Chee to serve as an appointed member to the Diné College Board of Regents. See Letter  
6 of Appointment attached as **Exhibit A**.

7 J. Dr. Slowman Chee meets the qualifications as set forth in 10 N.N.C § 2003 (B). See  
8 Dr. Slowman Chee's Letter of Interest, Resumé, and BIA Verification of Indian  
9 Preference for Employment (demonstrating enrollment with the Navajo Nation)  
10 attached as **Exhibit B**.

### 11 12 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

13 The Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Dr. Janet Slowman Chee  
14 to the Diné College Board of Regents for a staggered term beginning immediately and  
15 ending on October 1, 2030, in accordance with 10 N.N.C. §2003 (E).