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TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Confirming President Dr. Buu Nygren's Appointment of Nicole Horseherder to the Black Mesa Review Board for a Term of Four (4) Years

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0116-25

DATE: June 04, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING PRESIDENT DR. BUU NYGREN'S APPOINTMENT OF NICOLE HORSEHERDER TO THE BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to confirm Nicole Horseherder to the Black Mesa Review Board.

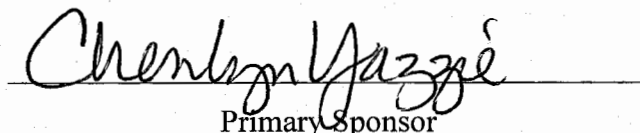
FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'iyáti' Committee

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.

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

INTRODUCED BY


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TRACKING NO. 0116-25

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'İYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING PRESIDENT
DR. BUU NYGREN'S APPOINTMENT OF NICOLE HORSEHERDER TO THE
BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to boards, commissions, and colleges unless otherwise provided in law. 2 N.N.C. §701 (A) (1).
- B. President Dr. Buu Nygren's appointment of Nicole Horseherder to the Black Mesa Review Board requires confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 903 (B).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The purpose of the Black Mesa Review Board (or the "Board") shall be to advocate for fair and just compensation for Navajo families within the five Navajo Nation Chapters whose socioeconomic and environmental interests are adversely affected or impacted by coal mining and related operations of Peabody Western Coal Company ("PWCC"). The Board may also make appropriate recommendations to the President

1 of the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation Council, the Resources Committee of the
2 Navajo Nation Council, or to PWCC, concerning the health, social welfare,
3 education, and environment of the Navajo People affected by any of PWCC's mining
4 and post-mining or related operations. 2 N.N.C. § 902.

5 B. The Black Mesa Review Board shall be comprised of seven (7) members, one of
6 whom shall be appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation. Each Board
7 appointee shall serve a term of four (4) years. 2 N.N.C. § 903(A).

8 C. President Dr. Buu Nygren has appointed Nicole Horseherder. President Dr. Buu
9 Nygren's appointment letter is attached as **Exhibit A**.

10 D. Ms. Horseherder's letter of interest to be a Board Member, her resume of her
11 qualifications, and her Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood are attached as **Exhibit B**.

12 E. Within thirty (30) days of their appointment, each Board appointee shall be presented
13 to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council for confirmation. 2
14 N.N.C. § 903(B).

15 F. If confirmed by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee, Ms. Horseherder's term shall not
16 commence until she is administered an oath of office by a judge or justice of the
17 Navajo Nation courts. 2 N.N.C. § 903(B).

18 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION OF NICOLE HORSEHERDER TO THE**
19 **BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD**

20 The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the
21 President Dr. Buu Nygren's appointment of Nicole Horseherder to the Black Mesa
22 Review Board for a term of four (4) years.
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