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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Confirming the Appointment of Dr. Dolly Manson to the Diné College Board of Regents for a 6 Year Term

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0210-25

DATE: August 26, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. DOLLY MANSON TO THE DINÉ COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR A 6 YEAR TERM

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would appoint Dr. Dolly Manson to the Diné College of Regents for a 6 year term.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'iyáti' Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: 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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD:
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Eligible for Action: 09-08-25

Health Education & Human Services Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – THIRD YEAR, 2025

Introduced By


OTTO TSO
(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION
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NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT
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FOR A 6 YEAR TERM

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has oversight of the Navajo Nation Board of Education, and colleges within the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 401(C) (3). The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has the authority to review and recommend resolutions relating to education in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(6)(a).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation and is authorized to confirm members to the Diné College Board of Regents. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 10 N.N.C. § 2003(C),
- C. The President of the Navajo Nation shall recommend appointed member candidates to serve on the Board of Regents. Candidates are subject to the confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. These appointments will include criteria based on the appointee's expertise. Some areas of expertise include, but not

1 limited to education, business, investment, healthcare, traditional knowledge, and/or
2 legal. The number of new appointments for Board seats shall not exceed the half of the
3 board's membership. 10 N.N.C. § 2003(C).
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5 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

6 A. The Board of Regents (the "Board") is vested with all powers to govern effectively and
7 set policy for Diné College in accordance with laws of the Navajo Nation and applicable
8 State and Federal laws. It is the responsibility of the Board to establish the process for
9 the accomplishment of the purposes mission of Diné College, ensure the College's fiscal
10 integrity, conduct business in an exemplary fashion with appropriate transparency,
11 preserve and protect the College's autonomy and ensure to the College provides its
12 students a quality education. Subject to applicable laws, employees and officials of the
13 Navajo Nation and candidates for Navajo Nation office shall not interfere with or
14 interrupt the day-to-day activities of the Board of Regents or Diné College employees
15 carrying out their responsibilities as such. 10 N.N.C. § 2003(A).

16 B. All appointed members of the Board of Regents shall meet the following qualifications:

- 17 1. Bachelor's Degree, from an accredited institution, or experience equivalent to such.
- 18 2. Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the appointment; and
- 19 3. Must not be an employee of the Diné College; and
- 20 4. Must not have a conflict of interest with the College President or any member of the
21 Executive management team of Diné College; and
- 22 5. Must have good moral and ethical character revealing no dishonesty or moral
23 turpitude within the five (5) years preceding the recommended date of appointment
24 as demonstrated by the appointment and confirmation process. Must not have any
25 felony convictions.
- 26 6. All Appointed members shall possess, at least, one of the following expertise:
 - 27 a) A professional qualification i.e. certified public accountant, financing,
28 investment, or legal background,

1 b) A business background with at least five (5) years of executive management,
2 executive management experience in areas such as business, healthcare, social
3 services or similar need on the Navajo Nation.

4 c) A good understanding of Diné spiritual ceremonial knowledge, preferably
5 Hataalii, or,

6 d) Expertise in higher education and/or education.

7 10 N.N.C. § 2003(B)(1).

8 C. Pursuant to 10 N.N.C. § 2003(C)(1)(a), in the event the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the
9 Navajo Nation Council appointed member declines or fails for any reason to pass a
10 resolution confirming their appointment made by the Navajo Nation President within
11 thirty (30) calendar days of the appointment:

12 1. The appointee shall not sit as a Diné College Board of Regent; and

13 2. The Navajo Nation President shall submit an alternative appointee within fourteen
14 (14) calendar days of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
15 action failing/declining to confirm the appointment, or the expiration of the thirty
16 (30) calendar day confirmation period.

17 D. The Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren by an appointment letter dated September
18 6, 2024 has appointed Dr. Dolly Manson to serve on the Diné College Board of Regents
19 for a terms of six (6) years, attached as **Exhibit A**. According to President Nygren's
20 letter, Dr. Dolly Manson has "experience in higher education, dedication to the
21 improvement of our educational systems, and expertise, aligns perfectly with my mission
22 and goals."

23 E. Dr. Dolly Manson meets the qualifications as required by 10 N.N.C § 2003(B)(1). Dr.
24 Manson's Letter of Interest and Resume attached as **Exhibit B** and **Exhibit C**,
25 respectively.

26 27 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

28 The Navajo Nation hereby finds that Dr. Dolly Manson meets the qualifications set forth in 10
29 N.N.C. § 2003(B)(1) and confirms the appointment of Dr. Dolly Manson to serve on the Diné
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1 College Board of Regents for a 6 year term, effective upon confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti'
2 Committee.

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