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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Confirming the Appointment of Phillip Etsitty to the Black Mesa Review Board as the Chilchinbeto Chapter Representative for a Term of Four (4) Years**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0212-25

**DATE:** August 25, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP ETSITTY TO THE BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD AS THE CHILCHINBETO CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this proposed resolution is to confirm Phillip Etsitty to the Black Mesa Review Board.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Naabik'iyati' 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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NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL— Third Year, 2025

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**AN ACTION**

**RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE  
APPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP ETSITTY TO THE BLACK MESA REVIEW  
BOARD AS THE CHILCHINBETO CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE FOR A  
TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS**

BE IT RESOLVED:

**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. An appointment to the Black Mesa Review Board as made by the respective Chapter 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 (the "Board") shall be to advocate for fair and just compensation for Navajo families within the five Navajo Nation Chapters whose socio-economic 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 of the Navajo Nation, the

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

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

8 C. The Kayenta Chapter has appointed Phillip Etsitty to the Black Mesa Review Board by  
9 Resolution KY25-05-019, which is attached as **Exhibit A**.

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

13 E. If confirmed by the Naabik'íyáti Committee, Mr. Etsitty's term shall not commence until  
14 he is administered an oath of office by a judge or justice of the Navajo Nation courts. 2  
15 N.N.C. § 903 (B).

### 16 17 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

18 The Naabik'íyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council confirms the appointment of Phillip  
19 Etsitty as the Kayenta Chapter representative to the Black Mesa Review Board for a term of four  
20 (4) years.