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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Confirming the Appointment of Carl Etsitty to the Black Mesa Review Board as the Navajo Nation Council Speaker's Representative for a Term of Four (4) Years

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0221-25

DATE: August 25, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARL ETSITTY TO THE BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD AS THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to confirm Carl 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
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL— Third Year, 2025

Introduced By:

Primary Sponsor

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING
THE APPOINTMENT OF CARL ETSITTY TO THE BLACK MESA
REVIEW BOARD AS THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL SPEAKER'S
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 and Development Committee of the Navajo
2 Nation Council, or to PWCC, concerning the health, social welfare, education, and
3 environment of the Navajo People affected by any of PWCC's mining and post-mining
4 or related operations. 2 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 Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, Speaker Crystalyne Curley, has appointed
9 Mr. Carl Etsitty to the Black Mesa Review Board, Speaker Curley's appointment letter
10 of Mr. Carl Etsitty is attached as **Exhibit A**.

11 D. Mr. Etsitty demonstrates the appropriate background and experience to serve on the
12 Black Mesa Review Board by submitting a letter of interest and resume, which is attached
13 as **Exhibit B**.

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

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

20 21 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

22 The Naabik'íyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of
23 Mr. Carl Etsitty as the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council's representative to the Black Mesa
24 Review Board for a term of four (4) years.