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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and
Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Confirming the Appointment of Dr. Vincent Werito to
the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents Representing the Eastern Navajo
Agency for a Term of Four Years**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0024-26

DATE: January 20, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. VINCENT WERITO TO THE NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution will appoint Dr. Vincent Werito to the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents to represent the Eastern Navajo Agency.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Health, Education and Human Services Committee

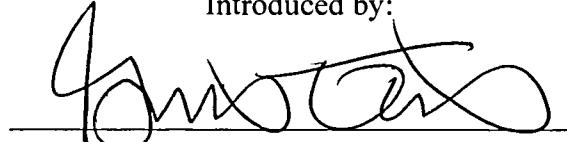
VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

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

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:
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6 (Sponsor)

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13 VINCENT WERITO TO THE NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF
14 REGENTS REPRESENTING THE EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY FOR A TERM
15 OF FOUR YEARS

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

20 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the
21 Navajo Nation Council and has oversight of the Navajo Nation Board of Education, and
22 colleges within the Navajo Nation, and has the authority to review and recommend
23 resolutions relating to education in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(6)(a) and (C)(3).
24 B. The President of the Navajo Nation shall appoint the five members of the Navajo
25 Technical University Board of Regents who represent the five agencies of the Navajo
26 Nation, subject to confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation
27 Council. 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (B).

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29 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

1 A. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204(A), the Navajo Technical University (“Corporation”) shall
2 be governed by a Board of Regents composed of six members. There shall be one
3 member of the board appointed from each of the five agencies of the Navajo Nation.
4 These five Board members shall have experience in the fields of education, business,
5 science or technology or any other related field, and at a minimum, a bachelor’s degree.
6 The President of the Student Senate of the Navajo Technical University shall serve as a
7 member of the Board by virtue of his/her office and shall be a voting member of the
8 Board.

9 B. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (C), Board members shall serve terms of four years each,
10 with the exception of the President of the Student Senate, who shall serve as a board
11 member by virtue of his/her office. The terms shall be staggered. A Board member shall
12 continue to serve after the formal expiration of the term until a successor has been
13 confirmed by the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee. The appointed Board members’ terms of
14 office shall begin upon their confirmation by the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee. The Board
15 shall notify the President of the Navajo Nation of an approaching vacancy and may
16 recommend to the President of the Navajo Nation persons to fill vacancies on the board.
17 A Board member may be re-appointed to subsequent terms of office.

18 C. The Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren has appointed Dr. Vincent Werito to serve
19 as a member of the Board of Regents to represent the Eastern Navajo Agency for a term
20 of four years. Dr. Werito’s letter of appointment is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

21 D. Dr. Vincent Werito meets the qualifications as required by 15 N.N.C § 1204 (A). *See*
22 Certificate of Letter of Interest, Résumé, and Certificate of Indian Blood attached hereto
23 as **Exhibits B, C, and D**, respectively.

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25 SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT

26 The Navajo Nation hereby finds that Dr. Vincent Werito meets the qualifications set
27 forth in 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (A) and confirms the appointment of Dr. Vincent Werito to serve
28 on the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents as a representative of the Eastern
29 Navajo Agency for a term of four years, effective upon confirmation by the Naabik’iyáti’
30 Committee as set forth in 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (C).