



# DINÉ COLLEGE

THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION SINCE 1968

## Board of Regents

Meeting Name: Diné College Board of Regents Special Meeting

Meeting Start Time: 9:00 AM MDT

Meeting Start Date: 10/28/2020

Meeting Location: Teleconference

Zoom: <https://dinecollege.zoom.us/j/97802924494>

Or Join by Phone: (253)215-8782

Meeting ID: 97802924494

### **Minutes – Approved on November 13, 2020**

*Regent Toadecheenie motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Regent Hatathlie. Vote: 6-0-0.*

**I. Call to Order.** The Diné College Board of Regents convened at 9:22 AM Wednesday, October 28, 2020, with Board President Greg Bigman presiding and calling the meeting to order.

**II. Roll Call.** Regent Bigman conducted roll call.

- Regent Greg Bigman, President [Teleconference]
- Regent Theresa Hatathlie, Vice President [Teleconference]
- Regent Sharon Toadecheenie, Treasurer [Teleconference]
- Regent LeTanya Thinn, Secretary [Teleconference]
- Regent Johnson Dennison, Member
- Regent Anderson Hoskie, Member [Teleconference] (arrived at 9:25 AM)
- Regent Daniel Tso, Member [Teleconference]
- Vacant seat, Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools

**III. Invocation.** Regent Hatathlie provided the meeting prayer.

**IV. Approval of Agenda.** Regent Hatathlie motions to approve and adopt the presented agenda, seconded by Regent Tso.

Discussion: The meeting called to address urgent items to address expenditures to meet college needs in meeting COVID deadlines.

*Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.*

## V. Items Approved

### A. Action Items

1. **Action Item – Approving the Designated Official to execute the needs of the Sub-recipient Agreement with the Navajo Nation to accept the Coronavirus Relief Funds in the amount of \$300,500.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to create a trauma awareness and healing pilot program.**

Regent Hatathlie motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Discussion: Dr. Roessel explains that the Department of Health's original plan was going to proceed with the contract. The Navajo Nation controller request a sub-recipient agreement process.

*Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.*

2. **Action Item - "Approving and authorizing the memorandum of agreement between Diné College and Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health to lease office space."**

Regent Thinn motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Discussion: Regent Bigman asked about the cost of renovation or requested modifications within the agreement. Dr. Roessel stated the room is ready and there is no expectation for modifying.

- Regents' overall questions relate to the agreement's length and additional details about the organization's work. Leonela Nelson states the request is for office space rental and the programs work with Native Vision and Honoring Life.
- Regent Thinn calls the point of order questioning if the MOA was reviewed. Regent Bigman notes reviewed administratively and included as a supporting document.
  - The presented MOA has legal review completed and language incorporated into the language.

*Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.*

3. **Action Item - "Approving and Authorizing Master Agreement between Diné College (owner) and Dyron Murphy Architects for**

**services provided under multiple service orders for a term of five years, renewable on an annual basis on the date of contract execution."**

Regent Hatathlie motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Tso. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Discussion: Regent Bigman summarized the procurement process was taken. Regent Bigman asks if a legal review was completed with IAIA. Dr. Roessel confirms that the legal attorney negotiated the contract with architecture. The board already approved the contract and this expands the original terms to meet the additional items.

- Regent Bigman motions to amend Therefore be it resolved #1, adding "design-build portion will be evaluated annually." Whereas #5, "The Navajo Nation is under a State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus and due to the strict guidelines and deadlines of the CARES Act funding, the capacity to design-build will be evaluated annually, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie.

*Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.*

*Vote for amending motion: 6-0-0.*

**4. Action Item - Approving and Authorizing the total expenditure of Ten million one hundred sixty-one thousand seven hundred seventy-seven dollars and seventy-six cents (\$10,161,777.76) for the upgrade of existing facilities, creation of micro campuses, and outdoor learning spaces to ensure COVID-19 compliance for Diné College to operate during the pandemic.**

Regent Hatathlie motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Tso. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Discussion: Regent Bigman informed the board of a revised amount of \$9,237,979.78. Regent Bigman also questioned if a contingency of 10 percent was factored into calculations. Mr. Jackson replied no and confirmed the newer amount with contingency as \$10,161,777.76.

- President Roessel advised 3<sup>rd</sup> party completing energy audit and analyzing HVAC in optimizing the system.
- Regent Thinn motions to amend the amount as \$10,161,777.76 within the resolution, seconded by Regent Tso.

*Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.*

*Vote for amending motion: 6-0-0.*

**5. Action Item - "Support for the Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board Application for the study on the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Navajo Language Immersion Programs."**

Regent Hatathlie motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Thinn. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Discussion: The resolution supports the next steps with the board of education.

*Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.*

**VI. Executive Session.** There was no executive session called for this meeting.

**VII. Next Meeting**

- A. November 13, 2020 Regular Meeting, 9 AM MST, Teleconference
- B. December 4, 2020 BOR Committee Meetings, Teleconference
  - Finance, Audit, Investment Committee (FAIC) - 9 a.m.
  - Academic and Student Success (ASSC) - 11 a.m.
  - Governance Committee (GC) - 1 PM.

**VIII. Adjournment.** Regent Toadecheenie motion for adjournment, seconded by Regent Hoskie at 10:31 AM. Vote: 6-0-0.