



# DINÉ COLLEGE

THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION SINCE 1968

## Board of Regents

Meeting Name: Diné College Board of Regents Regular Meeting

Meeting Start Time: 9:00 AM MST

Meeting Start Date: March 12, 2021

Meeting Location: Lecture Rooms 101 A&B, 1st floor NHC Building, Tsaile, AZ

Remote Meeting Details: <https://dinecollege.zoom.us/j/91567214467>

Or Join by phone (669)900-9128

Meeting ID: 915 6721 4467

### Minutes – Approved on July 9, 2021

*Regent Toadecheenie motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Regent Dennison. Vote: 5-0-0.*

**I. Call to Order.** The Diné College Board of Regents convened at 9:30 AM Friday, March 12, 2021, with the Board President Greg Bigman presiding and calling the meeting to order.

### II. Roll Call

- Regent Greg Bigman, President
- Regent Theresa Hatathlie, Vice President
- Regent Sharon Toadecheenie, Treasurer
- Regent LeTanya Thinn, Secretary
- Regent Johnson Dennison, Member [teleconference]
- Regent Anderson Hoskie, Member [teleconference][arrived at 9:56 a.m.]
- Regent Daniel Tso, Member
- Vacant seat, Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools

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

### IV. Approval of Agenda.

**REGENT TOADECHEENIE MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED,  
SECONDED BY REGENT TSO. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

### V. Introduction of Guests and Staff

Henry Stoever  
Patti Kunkle  
President Roessel

Cris Balzano  
Winifred Jumbo  
Velveena Davis

Malcolm Bob  
Leon Jackson  
Dr. Christina Ami  
Bo Lewis  
Michael Upshaw  
Kevin Mitchell  
Fray Gray  
Alexandrea Delarosa

Earl Manson  
Thomas Bennett  
Natasha Goldtooth  
Dewayne Crank  
Dr. Geraldine Garrity  
Michelle Cury  
Merle Dayzie  
Dr. Franklin Sage

**VI. Public Comments (Time Limit of 3 Minutes).** There was no public comments during this meeting.

### **VII. Announcements**

- A. Association of Governing Boards of University and Colleges (AGB) 2021 John W. Nason Award for Board Leadership. The Nason Award is presented in partnership with TIAA.

### **VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- A. January 15, 2021, Regular Meeting, Teleconference
- B. February 11, 2021, Special Meeting, Teleconference

**REGENT THINN MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY REGENT TOACHEENIE. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

### **IX. Consent**

#### A. Action Items

1. Action Item – “Authorizing and Approving the expenditure of One Hundred Forty-three Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-four Dollars and Ninety-nine Cents (\$143,544.99) for the purchase of outdoor learning and exploration equipment (children playground) to expand facility usage for Student Family Housing Complex at Tsaile Campus.”
2. Action Item – “Authorizing and approving the expenditure of One Hundred Fifty Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars and Five Cents (\$150,557.05) for the purchase of Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment to transition Oak Hall into a Student Wellness Center at Tsaile Campus.”
3. Action Item – “Approval of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biomedical Sciences Program.”

## B. Written Reports

1. Office of the President- Dr. Monty Roessel, President
  - a. Projects and Operations
  - b. OIPR
2. Office of the Provost- Dr. Geraldine Garrity, Provost
3. Office of Finance & Administration- Bo Lewis, VP
4. Office of External Affairs- Marie Nez, VP
5. Office of Student Affairs- Glennita Haskey, VP
6. Staff Association- Winifred Jumbo, Staff Association President
7. Faculty Association- Dr. Joseph A. de Soto, Faculty Association President

**REGENT TSO MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS AND WRITTEN REPORTS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY REGENT THINN. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

## X. Reports

### A. Oral Reports

1. **Office of the President - Dr. Monty Roessel, President.** President Roessel reports on plans to have spring commencement in-person and outdoors, continue offering online classes, and returning in phases. An update on funding from BIE and C4, along with legislative efforts. The college is voicing the need to allow usage of funds toward construction, collaborating with AIHEC. In addition, the need to make broadband more affordable would be another priority for the college. The creation of the Innovation Committee for addressing systemic challenges. President Roessel plans to have college newspaper next fall. At NABI meeting discussion on some funds that will be required to be returned.
  - a. New Mexico Lobbyist- Mr. Cris Balzano
2. Associated Students of Diné College - LeTanya Thinn, Associated Students of Diné College President
3. Faculty and Staff Association Reports - Winifred Jumbo, SA President & Dr. Joseph A. de Soto, FA President

**REGENT HATATHLIE MOTIONS TO APPROVE ORAL REPORTS AS PROVIDED, SECONDED BY REGENT TSO. VOTE: 7-0-0.**

**XI. Old Business. THERE WAS NO ITEMS UNDER OLD BUSINESS FOR THIS MEETING.**

**XII. New Business**

- A. Action Item – “Recommends the Confirmation of Natasha Goldtooth as the Diné College Student Representative to the Navajo Nation Commission on Navajo Government Development for a two-year term.”
  
- B. Action Item – “Amending Diné College Board of Regents Resolution DC-JAN-2422-20 with a change order for no cost time extension for Diné College Agricultural Multipurpose Center (AMC) Architecture and Engineering Project with Dyron Murphy Architect due to limitations posed by the COVID19 pandemic.”
  
- C. Action Item – “Amending Diné College Board of Regents Resolution DC-JAN-2421-20 with a change order for no cost time extension for the Diné College Navajo Nation Livestock Research and Extension Center (NNLREC) with Dyron Murphy Architects due to limitations posed by the COVID19 pandemic.”
  
- D. Action Item – “Approves and Authorizes Minor in Native American Studies as a New Diné College Academic Program.”
  
- E. Action Item – “Approve amendments to the Fundraising Committee Bylaws to establish Sub-Committees for Major and Minor Fundraising Initiatives, as well as, to clarify the roles of the Board of Regents, and members of the Fundraising Committee.”

**XIII.** Executive Session (If Deemed Necessary).

**REGENT TOADECHEENIE MOTIONS TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:20 P.M., SECONDED BY REGENT THINN. VOTE: 6-0-0. | REGENT TOADECHEENIE MOTIONS TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:12 P.M., SECONDED BY REGENT THINN. VOTE: 6-0-0.**

**XIV.** Next Meeting Dates

- A. Board of Regents Committee Meeting - Friday, April 9, 2021
- B. Board of Regents Regular Meeting - Friday, May 14, 2021

**XV.       Adjournment**

**REGENT THINN MOTIONS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:13 P.M., SECONDED BY  
REGENT TOADECHEENIE. VOTE: 6-0-0.**