



Diné College Board of Regents Special Meeting

Minutes

Diné College
Jun 11, 2021 at 8:00 AM MDT

@ Teleconference

Minutes – Approved on September 10, 2021

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

Attendance

Members Present (Remote):

Greg Bigman, Johnson Dennison, Theresa Hatathlie, Anderson Hoskie, LeTanya Thinn, Sharon Toadecheenie, Daniel Tso

Guests Present (Remote):

Loyd Lee, Marie Nez, Dr. Monty Roessel, Michael Upshaw

Staff Present (Remote):

Crystal Cree, Michelle Cury, Dr. Geraldine Garrity, Glennita Haskey, Leon Jackson, Winifred Jumbo, Marie Nez, Dr. Monty Roessel

I. Call to Order

The Diné College Board of Regents convened at 8:01 AM Friday, June 22, 2021, with Board President Greg Bigman presiding and calling the meeting to order.

Board President conducted roll call.

- Regent Tso joined at 8:06 a.m. MDT.
- Regent Toadecheenie joined at 8:10 a.m. MDT.

II. Roll Call

Regent Greg Bigman, President

Regent Theresa Hatathlie, Vice President

Regent Sharon Toadecheenie, Treasurer

Regent LeTanya Thinn, Secretary

Regent Johnson Dennison, Member

Regent Anderson Hoskie, Member

Regent Daniel Tso, Member

Vacant seat, Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools

III. Invocation

Regent Toadecheenie provided the meeting prayer.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Approving the presented agenda.

Motion moved by Johnson Dennison and motion seconded by LeTanya Thinn. Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

Motion:

Amending the agenda to add a resolution titled "Approving and supporting Diné College to submit a proposal and plan to Navajo Nation ARPA Fund." as action item #7.

Motion moved by Sharon Toadecheenie and motion seconded by LeTanya Thinn. Vote for amending motion: 5-0-0.

V. Items Approved

A. Action Items

1. Action Item -

"Approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Regents of the University of New Mexico and Diné College."

Motion:

Approving the resolution. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Motion moved by Sharon Toadecheenie and motion seconded by LeTanya Thinn. Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

Professor Loyd Lee, Director of the Center for Regional Studies, establishes tribal community college research scholar programs for regions and the state. President Roessel states this initiative aligns/promotes faculty research and is focused on our region.

- Regent Toadecheenie asked if the organization was for-profit or non-profit. *Professor Lee responds the program is Research Public Service Program (RPSC), affiliated with the State of New Mexico and funding from state legislatures.*

2. Action Item -

"Approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Diné College and Arizona State University in the amount of \$675,000."

Motion:

Approving the resolution. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Motion moved by LeTanya Thinn and motion seconded by Sharon Toadecheenie. Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

This initiative written into the Title III grant for the amount noted in the resolution. A joint effort with the Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance office. MOA with ASU along with ONNSFA. The opportunity is also available to DODE employees.

3. Action Item -

"Approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Diné College and San Juan College.

Motion:

Approving the resolution. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Motion moved by Johnson Dennison and motion seconded by Sharon Toadecheenie. Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

Provost Garrity explains the MOU change is now a 3-year term, rather than yearly.

4. Action Item -

Approving and Supporting the Proposal for IHS/NIH Funding for a Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) in Collaboration with Northern Arizona University, the University of Colorado-Anschutz, and the Navajo Department of Health to conduct Health Research and Develop High School, Undergraduate and Graduate-Level Programs in Public Health.

Motion:

Approving the resolution. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Motion moved by LeTanya Thinn and motion seconded by Sharon Toadecheenie. Vote for approving motion: 6-0-0.

Dr. Bauer shared the Navajo NARCH Partnership Organizational chart and this proposal is a renewal. The proposal continues to foster a mentorship pathway from highschool to graduate school.

5. Action Item -

"Approving and Authorizing Diné College to enter into an agreement with Wingate High School. Subject: Dual Credit."

Motion:

Approving the resolution. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Motion moved by Johnson Dennison and motion seconded by Anderson Hoskie. Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

6. Action Item-

Authorizing and Approving the Construction Administration contract between RMKM and Diné College in the amount of Eighty-Eight thousand and Four Hundred Dollars (\$88,400 - including reimbursable expenses) for Construction Administration during the construction of the Shiprock Math and Science building.

Motion:

Approving the presented resolution. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Motion moved by Sharon Toadecheenie and motion seconded by LeTanya Thinn. Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

Leon Jackson states resolution for RMKM to ensure the building meets STEM and Higher Ed standards. Plans to have notice of proceeding issued by Monday, June 14, 2021. The legal attorney reviewed and supports having the contract and architect overseeing the plans and specs during construction. A review of ensuring proper insurance coverage is in place.

- Regent Toadecheenie inquires about the expiration date for liability insurance. Mr. Upshaw advises specified insurance is a special liability, workman's insurance, and professional liability and all are current. The attachment includes a certificate of liability and covers the projected completion date.

- Regent Toadecheenie notes one document shows expiration June 2021. Mr. Upshaw advised coverage shows expires June 2022, and project completion is March 2022.
- Regent Tso asks if the contracting company understands the project is on the Navajo Nation therefore NN taxes are to be factored. Mr. Upshaw would recommend exhibit A include NN taxes applied and payed by the contractor.

7. Action Item-

"Approving and supporting Diné College to submit a proposal and plan to Navajo Nation ARPA Fund."

Motion:

Approving the presented resolution. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

Motion moved by Theresa Hatathlie and motion seconded by Sharon Toadecheenie. Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

President Roessel presented overview of presentation shown to NABI committee at the request of the speaker. The detailed proposal finalized after. The presentation on how CARES fund were expended along with a budget breakdown. The total amount is \$71.3 million and \$53 million specific to Diné College.

VI. Executive Session

VII. Next Meeting

- A. Friday, July 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

Time: 9 a.m. MDT, Tsaille, AZ

VIII. Adjournment

Motion:

Adjourning the meeting at 9:15 a.m. MDT.

Motion moved by Anderson Hoskie and motion seconded by Johnson Dennison. Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.