Diné College Board of Regents Special Meeting Minutes

Present: Johnson Dennison, Anderson Hoskie, Sharon Toadecheenie, LeTanya Thinn, and Daniel E. Tso (Quorum of 5 is met) 7 Regents in attendance.

Teleconference: Greg Bigman and Theresa Hatathlie

Absent: n/a

Location: Diné College Tsaile Main Campus, Lecture room 101 A&B.

Time: 1:00 p.m. MDT

Agenda

June 20, 2020 special meeting minutes approved September 11, 2020. Motion by Regent Toadecheenie, Seconded by Regent Tso. Vote: 5-0-0.

I. Call to Order: Regent Toadecheenie served as acting chair presiding over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. Regent Toadecheenie appoints Regent Tso to serve as acting secretary.

II. Roll Call: Regent Tso

III. Invocation: The meeting prayer was conducted during the morning work session by Regent Dennison.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Regent Thinn to approve the agenda, seconded by Hoskie. Regent Bigman motions to amend the agenda by moving resolutions concerning the board and president goals onto the July regular meeting agenda. Regent Toadecheenie request moving charter resolution as non-consent item #2, then resequencing resolutions thereafter. In addition, Regent Toadecheenie requests to hold an executive session prior to discussing resolution concerning the President's contract, seconded by Regent Thinn.

Vote on amended motion: 6-0-0.
Vote on approving motion: 6-0-0.

Follow-Up Action:

- Update the agenda with noted amendments.

Responsible POC: BOR Executive Assistant

V. Approved Items

A. Consent

1. Action Item – "Approving the Extension of the Attorney Contract with Michael Upshaw, Attorney at Law, for an Additional Term of Two Years."

[2.] Student Code of Conduct - Follow-up on disciplinary structure to Board of Regents
2. **Action Item** – "**Approving the adoption of an updated Diné College Student Code of Conduct Handbook.**"

Regent Tso motions to approve the consent items, seconded by Regent Bigman.

*Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.*

**B. Non-Consent**

1. **Action Item** – "**Approving and supporting Diné College and Navajo and Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief Fund Collaboration from June to December 2020.**"

Regent Bigman calls point of order for motion and second. Regent Thinn motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Regent Dennison. Read into record by Regent Tso.

Discussion: Ethel Branch provides a presentation to the Diné College Board of Regents on the Navajo and Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief Fund efforts and requests from the college. The assistance provided includes two weeks’ worth of food and supplies to help minimize contact and exposure. The volunteers receive training to become aware of symptoms and stop working immediately if infected.

- Dr. Roessel and board members share their individual and group support for the request.
- Regent Toadecheenie request for timeframe referenced within the request letter to be included in the title and therefore be it resolved by adding, ’... from June to December 2020."
- Regent Bigman request amendment for clarity, Whereas #5, revision for clarity …." to support their efforts in providing aid to the surrounding communities; and"
- Regent Tso states his appreciation and mentions plans for formal recognition at a HEHSC meeting.

*Vote for approving motion: 6-0-1.*

*Vote for amending motion: 6-0-1. Regent Hatathlie abstains.*

2. **Action Item** – "**Approving updates and revisions to the Diné College Charter [10 NNC § 2001 (2015 ed.)] for consideration and approval by the Navajo Nation Council.**"

promote as recommendations or guidelines for disciplinary actions.

[B.1.] Resolution - Two amendments:
- Add from "from June to December 2020," within the title and therefore be it resolved.
- Whereas #5, revision for clarity …." to support their efforts in providing aid to the surrounding communities; and"

[B.2.] Resolution – grammar corrections to resolution and redline versions. One amendment: Strike

Resolution Sponsor
Regent Thinn motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Regent Bigman. Read into record by Regent Tso.

Discussion: Regent Bigman summarizes changes as appointment schedule, selection based on expertise, increased loan amount. Regent Tso mentions legislation submitted that would impact some areas in suggested charter revisions. Regent Bigman read the Navajo Nation President's veto letter. Dr. Roessel adds the other change includes telephonic attendance for meetings.

- Regent Toadecheenie requests correction to grammatical errors within resolution: Whereas #3, #6a and d.
- Strike "Fundraising Committee" from §2007.D. within the redline version.
- Correct §2003.C. Composition.1.c. to show "student body"

Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.
Vote for amending motion: 7-0-0.

Motion by Regent Toadecheenie to move into executive session, seconded by Regent Tso. Vote: 7-0-0. Entered: 2:31 p.m. No items provided

Motion by Regent Tso to move into executive session, seconded by Regent Bigman. Vote: 7-0-0. Entered: 3:26 p.m.

3. Action Item – "Approving the Contract Between Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel and the Diné College Board of Regents, as Amended."

Regent Hatathlie motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Regent Bigman.
Read into record by Regent Tso.

Discussion: Regent Bigman advised the version approved by the board in July 2019, did not include revisions provided for recommended edits. The performance bonus structure was not implemented. The current amendments include the bonus structure,

Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.
4. **Action Item** - "**Authorizing the One-Time Bonus Payment to President Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel from June 2019 to May 2020 for performance and progress on goals.**"

   Regent Thinn motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Regent Dennison. Read into record by Regent Tso.

   Discussion: President Roessel provides overview of goals and its progress toward completion. Dr. Roessel advised progress made toward CIIP with priority toward faculty and staff housing. Regent Bigman motions to recommend 92%, seconded by Regent Hatathlie. Vote: 7-0-0.

   Vote for approving motion: 7-0-0.

### VI. **Executive Session:**

See documented motions with enter and exit times noted after non-consent item #2.

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   *Motion by Regent Tso to move into executive session, seconded by Regent Bigman. Vote: 7-0-0. Entered: 3:26 p.m.*

### VII. **Next Meeting:**

- **Board of Regents Work Session**
  - Thursday, July 9, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
  - Proposed Location: Shiprock Campus
  - Shiprock, Navajo Nation (NM)

- **Board of Regents Regular Meeting**
  - Friday, July 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
  - Proposed Location: Tsaile, Navajo Nation (AZ)
VIII. Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn by Regent Tso. Seconded by Regent Hoskie.
There was no discussion.
Vote: 7-0-0.
Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Michelle Cury, Diné College Board of Regents Executive Assistant