



# 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: 8:15 AM MST

Meeting Start Date: February 12, 2021

Meeting Location: Teleconference

Remote Meeting Details: <https://dinecollege.zoom.us/j/99102028363>

Or Join by phone (669)900-9128, Meeting ID: 991 0202 8363

### **Minutes – Approved on March 12, 2021**

*Regent Thinn motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie. Vote: 7-0-0.*

**I. Call to Order.** The Diné College Board of Regents convened at 8:17 AM Friday, February 12, 2021, with the Board President Greg Bigman presiding and calling the meeting to order.

### **II. 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 [teleconference]
- Regent Anderson Hoskie, Member
- Regent Daniel Tso, Member [teleconference] [arrived at 8:30 AM]
- Vacant seat, Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools

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

**IV. Approval of Agenda.**

**REGENT DENNISON MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY REGENT THINN. VOTE: 6-0-0.**

### **V. Items Approved**

#### **A. Action Items**

1. Action Item - “Approval to support Ms. Annabah Conn, Director of Assessment Accreditation to conduct her research at Diné College.

Dissertation Project Title: Weaving The Way: Developmental Education in Three Southwestern Tribally Controlled Colleges.”

Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

REGENT DENNISON MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, SECONDED BY REGENT TOACHEENIE.

Discussion: Ms. Conn shares seeking approval for submission to present IRB process. A presentation shared the discussion of the significance of the study, research questions, and references.

- ✚ Regent Dennison expressed his appreciation for the study and inquired if the interview would include community-level interviewees to touch on remote areas’ obstacles.
- ✚ Regent Tso inquires if the education level of parents.
  - Ms. Conn advised the demographic survey includes student age, high school location, and the funding of developmental courses.
- ✚ President Roessel shares internally the college is developing a doctoral program allowing real-time research.
- ✚ Regent Toacheenie inquires of the timeframe for the research and a recommendation to present findings.
  - Ms. Conn shares an overview of each institution’s IRB process and plans for research beginning the end of March through the summer with completion by next fall. The findings will be presented to the Provost’s council, executive team, the board of regents, and the Navajo Nation.

**VOTE FOR APPROVING MOTION: 7-0-0.**

2. Action Item - “Authorizing and approving the Dine College Shiprock Math and Science building construction project with Arviso Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of Six Million Nine Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,999,950.00).”

Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record.

REGENT TSO MOTIONS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, SECONDED BY REGENT TOACHEENIE.

Discussion: Leon Jackson advises the project resubmitted for rebid. Legal counsel also reviewed the CIIP committee recommendation to proceed.

- ✚ Regent Bigman requested the advertisement included within the bid documents.

- ✚ President Roessel advised the increase of one million dollars with the bidding process within the reservation.
  - Regent Tso requests additional information to support the comment of concern to support addressing at the council. Regent Bigman also offers support.

**VOTE FOR APPROVING MOTION: 7-0-0.**

Regent Bigman provided an update on the charter. HEHSC, LOC, and B&F Committee with slight amendments with the following review with NABI committee. There were public comments submitted for the legislation.

**VI. Executive Session (If Deemed Necessary).** There was no executive session called during this meeting.

**VII. Next Meeting**

- A. Friday, February 12, 2021 BOR Committee Meetings
  - Finance, Audit, Investment Committee (FAIC) - 9 a.m.
  - Academic and Student Success (ASSC) - 11 a.m.
  - Governance Committee (GC) - 1 p.m.
  - Location: Teleconference
- B. Friday, March 12, 2021, Regular Meeting
  - Time: 9 a.m. MST, Tsale, AZ

**VIII. Adjournment. REGENT DENNISON MOTIONS TO ADJOURN AT 8:58 AM, SECONDED BY REGENT TOACHEENIE. VOTE: 7-0-0.**