



DINÉ COLLEGE

THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION SINCE 1968

Board of Regents

Meeting Name: Dine College Board of Regents Special Meeting

Meeting Start Time: 9:00 AM MST

Meeting Start Date: December 23, 2020

Meeting Location: Teleconference

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

Or Join by phone at (253)215-8782

Meeting ID: 991 0202 8363

Minutes – Approved on March 12, 2021

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

I. Call to Order. The Diné College Board of Regents convened at 9:14 AM Wednesday, December 23, 2020, 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
- Regent Anderson Hoskie, Member [teleconference][Arrived at 9:21 AM]
- Regent Daniel Tso, Member
- Vacant seat, Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools

III. Invocation. Regent Toadecheenie provided the meeting prayer.

IV. Approval of Agenda. Regent Toadecheenie motions to approve and adopt the presented agenda, seconded by Regent Thinn.

Discussion: Regent Toadecheenie motions to amend agenda to include “tallsalt”, seconded by Regent Bigman.

Vote for amending motion: 5-0-0.

Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

V. Items Approved

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item - “Authorizing and approving the Dine College Shiprock Math and Science building construction project with Nez/FCI Native American, LLC in the amount of Six Million, One Hundred Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$6,111,000.00).”**

Regent Toadecheenie moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Hoskie. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record. Discussion: Director of Projects & Operations Mr. Jackson provides an overview of the bidding process. CIIP reviewed bids and bid matrix shared with the board of regents. Deadline to expend fund is June 2023.

Regent Toadecheenie motions to table resolution, seconded by Regent Hatathlie.

Vote for tabling motion: 5-0-0.

Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

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

Regent Toadecheenie moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Hatathlie. Regent Thinn reads the resolution into the record. Discussion: Regent Bigman shares a few example amendments but states overall review and edit of the presented version. Examples included § 2003. Board of Regents C. 2, change to 60 days, section 2.c.5 ~~Diné College Foundation LLC~~ Diné College Foundation affiliates or subsidiaries; under qualifications “c” consider adding conflict of interest and ethical character; 2004 update to vice-chairperson. Regent Bigman provided the presentation of proposed amendments to the council to the full board. He expressed his appreciation for the service to regents to date in serving the college past their terms.

Vote for amending motion: 5-0-0.

Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

3. **Action Item- “Approving amendments made to the approved Severance Pay Policy.”**

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

Discussion: Director of Human Resources Mr. Dayzie updated the board on legal opinion on recommended edits. Regent Bigman motions to amend the resolution to reflect, “This Severance Pay Policy is being updated to clarify the language and agreements that may be perceived as..”, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie.

Vote for amending motion: 5-0-0.

Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

❖ Recess start 10:39 a.m. | ends 10:56 a.m.

4. Action Item- “Approving the creation of a Tallsalt Direct fund and agreement for investments by Diné College.”

Regent Hatathlie moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie. Regent Bigman reads the resolution into the record.

Discussion: Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Blackwater shared a presentation in structuring alternative investments. Included are four models showing differing options for investments.

Regent Toadecheenie motions to table the resolution for legal review, seconded by Regent Thinn.

Vote for tabling motion: 5-0-0.

Vote for approving motion: 5-0-0.

VI. Executive Session. There was no executive session held during this meeting.

VII. Next Meeting

- A. January 8, 2020 Regular Meeting
Time: 9 AM MST, Teleconference
- B. January 11-12 BOR Virtual Retreat
- C. February 12, 2020 BOR Committee Meetings
Finance, Audit, Investment Committee (FAIC) - 9 a.m.
Academic and Student Success (ASSC) - 11 a.m.
Governance Committee (GC) - 1 PM.
Location: Teleconference

VIII. Adjournment. Regent Thinn motions for adjournment at 11:33 AM, seconded by Regent Toadecheenie. Vote: 5-0-0.