

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2025

AN ACTION
RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; AMENDING THE NAVAJO-HOPI
LAND COMMISSION OFFICE PLAN OF OPERATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission is a commission of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office. 2 N.N.C. § 851(A) and § 853(B)(10).
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the enumerated authority and responsibility to serve as the oversight committee for commissions established under the Legislative Branch, such as the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(5).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS.

- A. As the legislative oversight authority for the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office, the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission has authority to recommend amendments to the Office's Plan of Operation.
- B. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office desires its Plan of Operation to reflect changes in settlements and the amendment of tribal and federal laws.
- C. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission recommends the amendments to the Plan of Operation proposed by the Navajo Land Commission Office and adopted by Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Resolution No. NHLCD-08-2024, attached herein as **Exhibit A**.
- D. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee supports the amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office Plan of Operation as recommended by the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission and set forth in **Exhibit A's** Attachment 1.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL AND ENACTMENT

The Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby approves and enacts the amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office Plan of Operation set forth in **Exhibit A's** Attachment 1. The approved

amendments, without underlines and overstrikes, are attached herein as Exhibit B.

SECTION FOUR. SAVING CLAUSE

If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Naton (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 15 in Favor, and 02 Opposed, on this 21st day of August 2025.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Chairwoman
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

8/26/2025

Date

Motion: Honorable Casey Allen Johnson

Second: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Chairwoman Crystalyne Curley not voting



NHLCD-08-2024

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE
NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION OFFICE PLAN OF OPERATION

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 851(A), the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission of the Navajo Nation Council ("Commission") is established within the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation Government; and
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 853(B)(10), the Commission shall serve as the legislative oversight commission for the function of the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office ("Office"); and
3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 856(A) the Office was established under the direction of the President of the Navajo Nation. The President of the Navajo Nation shall appoint the Executive Director who shall head the Office and serve at the pleasure of the President of the Navajo Nation.
4. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 856(B) the Commission shall utilize the Office in performing its assigned functions.
5. The Office desires to update its Plan of Operation to reflect current changes in settlements and laws.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission hereby recommends approval of amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office's Plan of Operation as set forth in Attachment 1, and recommends approval of the same to the Naabik'iyáti Committee.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 04 in favor, 00 opposed, on this 06 day of December, 2024.


Honorable Vince R. James, Pro Tem Chairman
Navajo-Hopi Land Commission
Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Herman M. Daniels, Jr.

Second: Honorable Crystalyne Curley

NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION OFFICE

PLAN OF OPERATION

I. Establishment:

(a) The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office ("~~Commission-Office~~") is established under the ~~of~~ Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation. The President of the Navajo Nation ("~~President~~") shall appoint an Executive Director who shall head the ~~Land-Commission-Office~~ and who shall serve at the pleasure of the President of the Navajo Nation.

(b) The ~~Commission-Office~~ shall perform its assigned functions as outlined in this plan of operation.

II. The purpose of the ~~Commission-Office~~ shall be to:

A. ~~Monitor, collect and update information on any land use conflicts among the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, the group recognized by the federal government as the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe and any other claimants in and to lands within the area described in the Act of June 14, 1934, (48 Stat. 960).~~ Assist the Commission with its meetings and negotiations with Hopi Tribe and San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe on matters under the Commission's authority.

B. Recommend to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission ("~~Commission~~") of the Navajo Nation Council and the President of the Navajo Nation ("~~President~~") potential land selection and land exchanges.

C. Under the direction of the President, pursue a ~~comprehensive legislative settlement/resolution of disputes~~ by and between Navajo, Hopi, and other parties in the ~~1882 Executive Branch Order Reservation dispute and the 1934 Boundary Bill litigation upon adoption of such policy by the Commission or the Navajo Nation Council related to Navajo Partition Land and Hopi Partition Land.~~

D. Under the direction of the President, coordinate plans for the administration and utilization of the Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Funds ~~as authorized by P.L. 100-666 and,~~ as authorized by the Commission.

E. Under the direction of the President, direct, initiate, manage and control Rehabilitation Plan and funds as authorized by the Commission in cooperation with the various tribal, state and federal agencies. Be accountable for the Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Funds by submitting project status reports to the Commission and the President periodically as needed.

F. Under the direction of the President, participate actively in various local, state, and federal activities indirectly or directly related to the Navajo Rehabilitation Program and

provide tribal input into related regulations and a funding distribution formula for the best interest of the Navajo Nation.

G. Manage and administer the Dine' Relocatee Fund ("DRF") in accordance with the Dine' Relocatee Fund Management Plan, the Dine' Relocatee Fund Manual, and the DRF Policy, as they may be amended from time to time.

H. Disburse Former Bennett Freeze Area ("FBFA") Escrow funds allocated by the Commission

I. Develop internal procedures, forms, and eligibility criteria for the administration of any other funds allocated to the Office.

J. Administer and manage the Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

III. Objectives of the Commission Office are to:

A. Identify, assess, evaluate and analyze various community needs for planned and coordinated economic and community development in the areas affected by the land dispute including the Nahata'Dziil Nahat'a'Dzil community.

B. Prepare comprehensive regional development plans for community infrastructure, community facilities, housing including family homes, transition and rental units, sanitation facilities, resource management and business and economic development with appropriate tribal entities.

~~C. Identify and evaluate native construction materials and develop them to use for road building and infrastructure construction, and to provide local employment in coordination with appropriate tribal entities.~~

~~C.D.~~ Provide technical and administrative support to coordinate with other concerned authorities including chapters, districts and agencies.

~~D.~~ Formulate and implement policy guidelines as adopted by the Commission to address issues related to the ~~Commission Office.~~

E. Develop grant proposals to solicit outside matching funds for ~~the development of~~ on the affected lands.

F. Identify, evaluate and compare development costs and benefits of various business and industrial sites, assist cost-effective development of feasible projects in cooperation and coordination with other appropriate tribal entities.

G. Provide necessary assistance to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission in carrying out its goals and objectives.

H. ~~Make necessary and prudent efforts to maximize the revenue generation from Paragon Ranch and its resources in consultation with Dine' Power Authority, and provide technical and administrative assistance in implementing feasible resource-related projects of the Ranch.~~ economic development projects on lands acquired under the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act.

I. Provide prompt and effective emergency services to the communities and families in "land dispute" affected areas.

J. ~~To Do~~ Do everything possible to improve the lives and well-being of Navajo people affected by the 1882 and 1934 land disputes.

~~K. Provide advocacy for and assistance to Navajo citizens who signed Accommodation Agreements for homesites, farming, and grazing uses of the Hopi Partitioned Land ("HPI") before the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation Chapters to which these Navajo citizens belong.~~

IV. Organization:

~~The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office shall be made up of the following:~~

A. ~~An Executive Director who shall be the chief executive officer.~~

B. ~~Community Involvement Specialists~~ Technical Support Service.

C. ~~Administrative Assistant~~ Management and Information.

D. ~~Community Contact Office~~ Office Specialist.

E. ~~Any other positions that may be budgeted by the Navajo Nation Council or funded by other sources acceptable to the Commission and the President.~~

V. Personnel Hiring:

~~The positions established in the Commission Office include, but are not limited to the following:~~

~~An Executive Director, Technical Advisor, Administrative Assistants, Secretaries, and such other positions as may from time to time be recommended to and budgeted by the Navajo Nation Council or by other sources acceptable to the Commission and the President.~~

A. ~~The Executive Director of the Commission Office shall be appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation to serve at a negotiated salary and at the pleasure of the President.~~

B. All other personnel shall be hired and compensated pursuant to the Navajo Tribal ~~Nation~~ Personnel Policies and Procedures.

VI. Authority, Responsibility and Duties:

The Executive Director of the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office is hereby authorized and directed to:

A. Report ~~and be responsible to the President for Navajo Nation for the~~ and accomplishment of ~~them~~ of the purposes and objectives of the ~~organization~~ Office as set forth by the Commission and the Navajo Nation Council.

B. Formulate and enforce overall administrative, financial, and operating policies and procedures for the efficient and effective operation of the ~~Commission~~ Office.

C. Provide supervision and direction, delegate authority, approve leave and travel, and review ~~and amend the functions and duties of Office employees as needed, and monitor and evaluate the performance of various departments under this organization.~~ Office employees.

D. Represent the ~~Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office~~ with project planning and scheduling at the executive level ~~of project planning and scheduling for the Navajo Nation as delegated by the President, Navajo Nation and at the state and federal government level.~~

E. Provide technical reviews, ~~and/or recommendations, and provide technical assistance on~~ submitted to the Navajo Nation and act as a key technical person for the Navajo Rehabilitation Projects.

F. Work with staff to develop applications, inspection checklists, and eligibility criteria for disbursement of DRE funds for housing, infrastructure, and education assistance.

~~F.G.~~ Establish and maintain communication with local, state, federal and other organizations on ~~all~~ technical and policy matters related to the ~~Commission~~ Office's mission ~~purpose.~~

H. Review and comment on all technical and policy materials and documents that need require the President's signature.

G.I. Meet with the Navajo Public (individually and collectively), tribal officials who desire access to and communication with the President ~~Vice President~~ for projects related to NPL Navajos who reside on the HPL pursuant to Accommodation Agreement leases with the Hopi Tribe, EBFA residents, and NaDCC Ghata Dził residents, the "land dispute" affected areas.

HJ. Establish and implement policies consistent with the policies of the Commission and the Navajo Nation Council for project and/or program operations to ensure compliance with guidelines, rules and regulations, cost control, quality assurance, and project management requirements mandated by the funding agencies and the Navajo Nation government and seek additional funding to support on-going projects.

VII. Amendment:

This plan of operation may be amended from time to time by the ~~Government~~ Naabik'iyati' ~~Services Committee of the Navajo Nation upon the Recommendation of the Navajo-Hopi Land~~ Commission.

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- D. Represent the Office with project planning and scheduling at the executive level.
- E. Provide technical reviews, recommendations, and provide technical assistance on Navajo Rehabilitation Projects.
- F. Work with staff to develop applications, inspection checklists, and eligibility criteria for disbursement of DRF funds for housing, infrastructure, and education assistance.

G. Establish and maintain communication with local, state, federal and other organizations on technical and policy matters related to the Office's purpose.

H. Review and comment on all technical and policy materials and documents that require the President's signature.

I. Meet with the Navajo Public (individually and collectively), tribal officials who desire access to and communication with the President for projects related to NPL, Navajos who reside on the HPL pursuant to Accommodation Agreement leases with the Hopi Tribe, FBFA residents, and Nahata'Dziil residents.

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This plan of operation may be amended from time to time by the Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation upon recommendation of the Commission.

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Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Special Meeting

8/21/2025
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MOT Johnson, C
SEC Mitchell, A

CONSENT/[Modified]
New Business: B - D.
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Yeas : 15

Nays : 2

Excused : 5

Not Voting : 1

Yea : 15

Begay, H	Johnson, C	Notah, N	Tolth, G
Begay, N	Mitchell, A	Simonson, G	Tso, O
Charles-Newton, E	Nez, A	Simpson, D	Yanito, C
James, V	Nez, R	Slater, C	

Nay : 2

Claw, S	Crotty, A
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Excused : 5

Daniels, H	Parrish, S	Yazzie, C	Yazzie, L
Jesus, B			

Not Voting : 1

Arviso, S

Presiding Speaker: Curley, C