

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0037-22

**DATE:** February 11, 2022

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYATI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. RACHEL BROWN TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, AS THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

**PURPOSE:** If approved, this resolution will confirm Ms. Rachel Brown to be appointed to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, as the Health, Education and Human Service Committee representative.




**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.**

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: A Johnson  
Website Posting Time/Date: 7:59am; 02-17-22  
Posting End Date: 02-22-22  
Eligible for Action: 02-23-22

**Health Education & Human Services Committee**  
**Thence**  
**Naabik'iyati' Committee**  
**Thence**  
**Navajo Nation Council**

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year 2022

3 INTRODUCED BY

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6 (Prime Sponsor)  
7 Tracking No. 0037-22 

8 AN ACTION  
9 RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND  
10 NAABIK'ÍYATI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;  
11 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. RACHEL BROWN TO THE  
12 COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, AS THE  
13 HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
14 REPRESENTATIVE

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16 **BE IT ENACTED:**

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18 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 19 A. The Naabik'iyati' Committee has legislative oversight over the Commission on Navajo  
20 Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 970.  
21 B. The Naabik'iyati' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council  
22 and is empowered to recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on  
23 matters within the Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 701  
24 (A)(3).  
25 C. One member shall be nominated by the Health, Education and Human Services  
26 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council; the nominee shall be an enrolled graduate  
27 student from any accredited college or university located in Arizona, Colorado, New  
28 Mexico, or Utah. Such member shall serve so long as said nominee is a full-time  
29 graduate student, but no longer than four years from the date of confirmation by the  
30 Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A)(7).

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**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. The Commission is established within the Legislative Branch. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is a special entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the People’s project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable, responsible, ethical, and equally representative government. 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- B. The Commission consists of twelve (12) members confirmed by and serving at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A).
- C. One member shall be nominated by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council; the nominee shall be an enrolled graduate student from any accredited college or university located in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, or Utah. Such member shall serve so long as said nominee is a full-time graduate student, but no longer than four years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A)(7).
- D. Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated scholarship, a strong sense of civic interest, knowledge of Dine’ history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the commission. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (D).
- E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee nominates and recommends Ms. Rachel Brown to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(7).
- F. Ms. Rachel Brown’s letter of interest and resumé are attached as **Exhibit A**.

**SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms Ms. Rachel Brown to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development as the Health, Education and Human Services Representative, so long as Ms. Rachel Brown is a full-time graduate student, but no longer than four-years from the date of confirmation.

Rachel Brown  
Box [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**HEHS Committee**

**Window Rock, AZ**



Dear HEHS committee,

I am writing a letter of interest in regards to Health, Education, and Human Services Committee Representative on the Commission on Navajo Government Development. With my educational and work experience, I will deliver confidence, passion and knowledge my people.

Currently, I am working in my Master's degree in Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education from Fort Lewis College. While working on my Master's degree, I have been employed with Central Consolidated Schools in Shiprock, NM. I work in Intercultural & Community Outreach Program. We work with all eighteen schools in our school district, local chapter government, parents and community members. Working with CCSD has increased my awareness on parental, student and community voice. Our Dine' people need encouragement to get involved with their children's education and support their future endeavors. As I spoke with chapter officials on various projects within their community, I was motivated to continue my voice for my people.

As mentioned previously, I am currently working with our local chapters. I have attended meetings (in person and virtually), presented to them, collaborated on getting supplies to community members. The more I engage in meetings with them, I gain knowledge on important issues that our people face. Although, Navajo Nation is considered a sovereign nation. I personally think are not because we still receive funds from the government and still have to comply with their "rules". Our ancestors did not back down in Hwcedli for our people to get permission on moving forward. Our nation is resilient and strong. We have overcome so many obstacles.

Please consider my resume and completed application as a sincere intent of interest. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and further discuss the available position. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Warm regards,

Rachel Brown

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Rachel Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

# RACHEL BROWN

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## EXPERIENCE

**7/16-PRESENT**

**CULTURE SPECIALIST, CENTRAL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS**

My duties are to counsel students and parents with Dine Teachings with Mental/ Behavioral Health concerns, District PAX Partner (Positive Behavior), and assist School Social Workers with counseling. Also, Cultural presentations to all 16 schools (staff and students). Oversee, the Community Pantry/Closet for CCSD students and working with non-profit organizations to fill the pantry for families.

**7/15-6/16**

**1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> TEACHER, DREAM DINE' CHARTER SCHOOL**

My position consisted of lesson plans, reading, math, science, language arts lessons and most importantly Dine Language and Teachings. Professional Development, Parent Involvement and Staff meetings were required as well.

## EDUCATION

**08/20-PRESENT**

**CULTURALLY LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE, FORT LEWIS COLLEGE  
GRADUATE STUDIES**

**08/07-05/09**

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Elementary Education Courses

**08/07-05/09**

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, DINE COLLEGE**

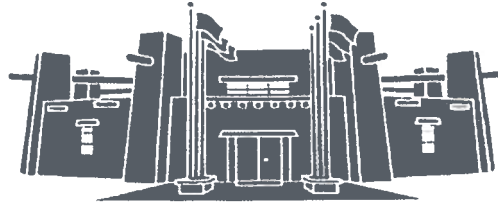
Courses required by Arizona State University

## SKILLS

- Hold NAV 520 licensure with NM PED
- Fluent Dine speaker
- Student Success Advisor License with NM PED
- Hardworking
- Determined
- 7-year Elementary Coach


## **ACTIVITIES**

I love running, spending time with my family and siblings, outdoor activities and learning Dine' Teachings from elders or mentors.



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Carl Slater  
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM:   
Chad Abeyta, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: February 11, 2022

RE: **AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYATI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. RACHEL BROWN TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, AS THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Per your request, the Office of Legislative Counsel has prepared the above-reference proposed legislation and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law, the legislation as drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, the proposed resolution is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

Please review the proposed legislation to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you approve, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed legislation will be given a tracking number and referred to the Office of the Speaker. If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of any revisions requested.

THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0037-22\_

SPONSOR: Carl R. Slater

TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Ms. Rachel Brown to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, as the Health, Education and Human Services Committee Representative

*Date posted:* February 17, 2022 at 7:59 PM

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Office of Legislative Services  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-7586

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LEGISLATION NO.: 0037-22

SPONSOR: Honorable Carl R. Slater

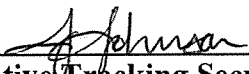
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Posted: February 17, 2022 at 7:59 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: February 22, 2022

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Comments/Recommendations	<i>None</i>

  
Legislative Tracking Secretary  
Office of Legislative Services

February 23, 2022; 8:29 AM  
Date/Time

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FOURTH YEAR 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

**Legislation No. 0037-22:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Ms. Rachel Brown to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, as the Health, Education and Human Services Committee Representative

**Sponsor:** Delegate Carl R. Slater

**Co-Sponsors:** Delegate Edison J. Wauneka  
Delegate Paul Begay, Jr.

Has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it DO PASS with no amendment.

And thence is referred to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Carl R. Slater, Vice-Chairman  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: February 23, 2022

Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka

Second: Honorable Charlene Tso

Vote: 4-0-0

**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 23, 2022**

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**Sponsor:** Delegate Carl R. Slater

**Co-Sponsors:** Delegate Edison J. Wauneka  
Delegate Paul Begay, Jr.

**VOTE TALLY SHEET:**

Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka

Second: Honorable Charlaine Tso

Yea: Paul Begay, Jr.; Pernell Halona; Charlaine Tso; Edison J. Wauneka

Nay:

Not Voting: Carl R. Slater (Presiding Vice-Chairman)

Excused: Daniel E. Tso

Absent:

Vote: 4-0-0

  
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Carl R. Slater, Vice-Chairman  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

  
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Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor  
Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
Office of Legislative Services

**24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT  
Fourth Year 2022**

The **NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

**NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #0037-22**

An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Ms. Rachel Brown to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, as the Health, Education and Human Services Committee Representative

*Sponsored by: Honorable Carl R. Slater*

*Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Paul Begay, Jr.*

*Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka*

Has had it under consideration and reports the same that the legislation **WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL.**

Respectfully Submitted,



*Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE*

**10 March 2022**

**MAIN MOTION**

*Motioned by: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*

*Seconded by: Honorable Nathaniel Brown*

*Vote: 20 In Favor, 00 Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)*

**NAVAJO NATION**

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3/10/2022

Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Regular Meeting

01:46:11 PM

Amd# to Amd#

New Business - (CONSENT AGENDA)

PASSED

MOT Charles-Newton

Legislations: 0026-22, 0025-22

SEC Brown

0037-22 ,0039-22, & 0044-22

**Yeas : 20**

**Nays : 0**

**Excused : 1**

**Not Voting : 2**

**Yea : 20**

Begay, K

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Begay, P

Freeland, M

Smith

Walker, T

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Halona, P

Stewart, W

Wauneka, E

Charles-Newton

Henio, J

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James, V

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**Nay : 0**

**Excused : 1**

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**Not Voting : 2**

Tso, C

Begay, E

**Presiding Speaker: Damon**