

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GARRET SILVERSMITH AS DIVISON
DIRECTOR FOR THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).
- B. A proposed resolution requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'íyátí Committee. 2 N.N.C. §501(C)(1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS


- A. The Navajo Nation President recommends Garret Silversmith as the Division Director of the Navajo Division of Transportation. The appointed Division Director is confirmed by the Navajo Nation Council. See CAP-13-13 (2013).
- B. The appointed Navajo Division of Transportation Division Director serves at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation President. CAP-13-13 (2013).
- C. The Navajo Nation President appoints Garret Silversmith as the Division Director for the Navajo Division of Transportation. Mr. Silversmith's appointment letter and résumé are attached as **Exhibit A**.

**SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION OF THE DIVISION DIRECTOR OF THE NAVAJO
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

The Navajo Nation Council confirms the appointment of Garret Silversmith as the Division Director of the Division of Transportation.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 21 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 17th day of April 2019.


Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker
24th Navajo Nation Council

April 18, 2019
DATE

Motion: Honorable Jamie Henio
Second: Honorable Nelson S. BeGaye

Speaker Seth Damon not voting

THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER VICE PRESIDENT



January 15, 2019

Garrett Silversmith
Post Office Box
Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034


RE: Appointment as Division Director for the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation

Dear Mr. Silversmith,

The Nez Lizer Administration was elected on a mandate of change for the Navajo Nation. This change involves appointing qualified, motivated and experienced individuals who will move the Navajo Nation forward by "Working Together" to serve the Navajo people. This letter shall serve as a formal notification to your appointment as Division Director for the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation (NNDOT). This appointment will take effect on January 15, 2019 at 12:00PM. Please note that this position is subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

Your duties as director are outlined at 2NNC §13.71 and CAP 13-13. You shall be responsible for the administration and management of the Division of Transportation and supervision of all applicable personnel. This includes ensuring compliance with all applicable Navajo Nation laws and policies.

Your salary will be that of the current budgeted salary for the position. Throughout this appointment, you will report to the Chief of Staff under the Office of the President and Vice President. Again, we thank you for your willingness to serve the Navajo people. Ahe'hee.


Jonathan Nez, President
THE NAVAJO NATION


Myron Lizer, Vice President
THE NAVAJO NATION

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Garret Silversmith

Objective To actively continue my thorough involvement within the transportation field.

Professional Experience 2016 to Present
Executive Director

Navajo Division of Transportation
Window Rock, Arizona
Supervisor: President Russell Begaye
Vice President Jonathan Nez

- Oversee staff of approximately 130 and a budget more than \$60 million.
- Developed Navajo Nation's transportation priorities, goals, and plans with assistance from elected leaders and community members.
- Oversee the reorganization, expansion, and decentralization of the division.
- Interface and represent the Nation's transportation interest before the federal government, as well as county and state governments.
- Effectively managed the planning, development, operation and sustainment of a variety of transportation services and programs that address the needs of the Navajo Nation chapters/communities.

2012 – 2016
Supervisory Highway Engineer

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Chinle, Arizona
Division of Transportation
Supervisor: Mr. Herby Larsen

- Effectively supervised a staff size numbering in excess of 18 employees.
- Supervised and planned work for subordinates, established priorities and prepared weekly staff schedules for its completion.
- Worked collectively with an emphasis on public involvement for upcoming new construction and/or maintenance of highways, gravel roads, and bridge projects.
- Represented the Chinle Agency Division of Transportation at Chapter House, County, State, and Federal meetings.
- Oversaw the implementation of a Fiscal Yearly Maintenance budget in excess of 1 million dollars.
- Fully participated in the creation and submittal of all Agency minor road and drainage structure designs.
- Provided technical assistance in all aspects of transportation infrastructure to State, County, and/or Tribal entities.

2003 – 2012
Civil Engineer Bighorse Engineers, St. Michaels, Arizona
Supervisor: Mr. Max Bighorse

- Completed all aspects of civil engineering low volume highway design, rural, and urban subdivision street/road designs, and street/highway drainage & site development drainage designs.
- Successfully accomplished all phases of design for airport runway & site designs, housing subdivisions, and residential/commercial water & sewer utility systems.
- Supervised topography land surveys, boundary retracements, street and highway construction staking & layout projects.
- Participated in contractor and subcontractor pre-bid sessions, construction progress meetings, and final project construction inspections.
- Coordinated with Federal, State of New Mexico, State of Arizona, and Navajo tribal entities on all aspects of contracted design projects.
- Knowledgeable and actively used the AutoCAD 2009 Land Desktop design software, Topcon GPT-3007W Total Station, and Topcon FC-200 Data Collector

2004
Substitute Teacher Cedar Unified School District, Jeddito, Arizona
Supervisor: Ms. Patricia Dowd (Principal)

- Served as a Substitute Teacher for all grade levels from Kindergarten – 8th grades.
- Instructed classroom subjects ranging from Math, Reading, English, History and Science.

2001-2002
Staff Engineer Nations Gas Technologies, Inc., Navajo New Mexico
Supervisor: Mr. Lupe Rosetta, (505) 777-2291

- Supervised and managed entire office/field staff numbering from 6-15 employees with the daily administrative and field operations.
- Sought potential jobs ranging from water, sewer, propane, and natural gas.
- Participated extensively in all construction phases of residential and commercial projects from start to finish.
- Lead office progress and project coordination meetings.

1996-2001
Project Engineer Navajo Housing Authority, Fort Defiance, Arizona
Supervisor: Mr. Max Bighorse, (928) 729-6371

- Developed estimates, budgets, and project scheduling of new/existing street & drainage construction within housing subdivisions.
- Involved extensively in the completion of 25 major street construction housing subdivision designs within the Navajo Reservation.
- Participated extensively in site land surveying and civil engineering design of new streets construction and street rehabilitation projects.

- As an Acting Technical Design Manager, occasionally supervised the daily operations of office staff numbering from 20-30 employees.
- Participated in contractor pre-bid sessions, construction progress meetings, staff coordination meetings, and final inspections.
- Coordinated with Federal, State of New Mexico, State of Arizona, and Navajo tribal offices on all aspects of current and past design projects.
- Actively participated in public housing subdivision meetings and Navajo Chapter House meetings on the Scope of Work portion of upcoming street design projects.
- Collectively and with other staff, created a NHA street maintenance program and design standards specifications manual.
- Knowledgeable and actively used the Sokkia Leitz Set3B Total Station and Sokkia SDR33 Data Collector.

Education	1993	New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering
	1994-1995	University of New Mexico, Gallup, New Mexico AutoCAD I, AutoCAD II, and AutoCAD III computer aided drafting classes
	2006	University of New Mexico, Gallup, New Mexico AutoDesk Land Desktop design software class
Volunteer	2012	Navajo Nation Treaty Days Rodeo, Window Rock, Arizona Rodeo Arena Helper
	2004- Present	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Kearns Canyon, Arizona Lecturer (Readings)
	2005 – 2010	St. Joseph Parish Council, Kearns Canyon, Arizona President
	2001 – 2002	Community Land Use Planning Committee, Navajo, New Mexico Red Lake Chapter
	2001 – 2002	Boys and Girls Club, Navajo, New Mexico Secretary/Treasurer
	1996	Tony Dorsett Touch Down Football League, Gallup, New Mexico Assistant Football Coach

NAVAJO NATION

	Amd# to Amd#	Legislation 0011-19: Confirming	PASSED
MOT Henio, J		the Appointment of Garret	
SEC BeGaye, N		Silversmith as Division Director	
		for Navajo Division of Transport	

Yea : 21

Nay : 0

Excused : 2

Not Voting : 0

Yea : 21

Begay, E	Crotty	James, V	Tso, D
Begay, K	Daniels	Nez, R	Tso, E
Begay, P	Freeland, M	Smith	Walker, T
BeGaye, N	Halona, P	Stewart, W	Yazzie
Brown	Henio, J	Tso	Yellowhair
Charles-Newton			

Nay : 0

Excused : 2

Wauneka, E	Tso, C
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Not Voting : 0

Presiding Speaker: Damon