

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0011-19

DATE: January 29, 2019

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GARRETT SILVERSMITH AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to confirm Garret Silversmith as the Director of the Navajo Division of Transportation.

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 review the proposed resolution in detail.-

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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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13 DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

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15 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 16 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102
17 (A).
18 B. A proposed resolution requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be
19 assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §501(C)(1).
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21 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 22 A. The Navajo Nation President recommends Garret Silversmith as the Division Director
23 of the Navajo Division of Transportation. The appointed Division Director is
24 confirmed by the Navajo Nation Council. *See* CAP-13-13 (2013).
25 B. The appointed Navajo Division of Transportation Division Director serves at the
26 pleasure of the Navajo Nation President. CAP-13-13 (2013).
27 C. The Navajo Nation President appoints Garret Silversmith as the Division Director for
28 the Navajo Division of Transportation. Mr. Silversmith's appointment letter and
29 résumé are attached as Exhibit A.
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1 **SECTION THREE. Confirmation of the Division Director of the Navajo Division of**
2 **Transportation**

3 The Navajo Nation Council confirms the appointment of Garret Silversmith as the
4 Division Director of the Division of Transportation.
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THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER VICE PRESIDENT



January 15, 2019

Garrett Silversmith
Post Office Box
Heams 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 §13-1 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 the 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.

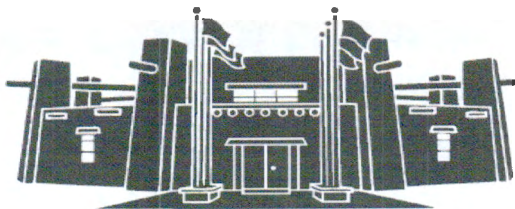
1996-2001
Project Engineer

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.

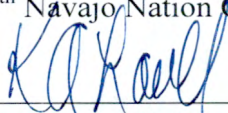
- As an Acting Technical Design Manager, occasionally supervised the daily operations of office staff numbering from 20-30 employees.
- Participated in contractor pre-bid sessions, construction progress meetings, staff coordination meetings, and final inspections.
- Coordinated with Federal, State of 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, Keams Canyon, Arizona Lecturer (Readings)
	2005 – 2010	St. Joseph Parish Council, Keams 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



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mark Freeland
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: 
Kristen Lowell, Principal Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: January 29, 2019

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DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION**

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, “the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration.” 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.

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