

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0259-20

**DATE:** October 13, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; AMENDING THE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to approve a revised signatory document on file with the United States Department of Interior Office of the Special Trustee.

**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: Johnson  
Website Posting Time/Date: 5:18pm 10-15-20  
Posting End Date: 10-20-20  
Eligible for Action: 10-21-20

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—SECOND YEAR, 2020

3 INTRODUCED BY

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6 Primary Sponsor

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14 DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR  
15 AMERICAN INDIANS

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 **Section One. Authority**

- 20 A. The Budget and Finance Committee is established as a standing committee of the  
21 Navajo Nation Council. 12 N.N.C. § 300(A).  
22 B. The Budget and Finance Committee is empowered to exercise oversight authority  
23 including but not limited to budget, finance, investment, contracting, and audits in  
24 order to coordinate, oversee, and regulate the fiscal, financial, investment,  
25 contracting, and audit polices of the Navajo Nation. 12 N.N.C. § 300(C)(1).  
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27 **Section Two. Findings**

- 28 A. The Navajo Nation acknowledges the United States Department of Interior Office  
29 of the Special Trustee for American Indians (the "Office of the Special Trustee")  
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1 requires the designation of tribal officials to conduct financial business with the  
2 Office of the Special Trustee.

- 3 B. The Navajo Nation Office of the Controller has submitted a revised designation form  
4 in the document, "Tribal Officials Authorized to Initiate Disbursements and Receive  
5 Information on Tribal Accounts," attached as **Exhibit A**. The Department of Justice  
6 has reviewed the revised designation form and determined it to be legally sufficient.  
7 The Department of Justice review is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 8 C. The prior designation of tribal officials authorized to conduct business in BFMY-08-  
9 16 shall be replaced with the updated authorization form in **Exhibit A**.

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11 **Section Three. Approval**

12 The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the designation by the Navajo Nation Office of  
13 the Controller, as set forth in the attached **Exhibit A**, to conduct business with the  
14 Office of the Special Trustee, including but not limited to requests for tribal  
15 disbursements and fund drawdowns.

Tribal Officials Authorized to Initiate Disbursements and  
Receive Information on Tribal Accounts

Tribe Name: Navajo Nation

The following individuals are recognized by Tribal Resolution number \_\_\_\_\_ to conduct business with the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. (Resolution attached.)

Pearline Kirk \_\_\_\_\_ Controller \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_ Until Notice \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed) Title Election Date (if applicable) Term of Office or Contract Signature

The individual named above is authorized to: (Check all that apply.)

Receive Information on Tribal Accounts  Initiate Tribal Disbursements  Provide Investment Consultation

Brent Wauneka \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Analyst \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_ Until Notice \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed) Title Election Date (if applicable) Term of Office or Contract Signature

The individual named above is authorized to: (Check all that apply.)

Receive Information on Tribal Accounts  Initiate Tribal Disbursements  Provide Investment Consultation

Geraldine Delgado \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Accountant \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_ Until Notice \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed) Title Election Date (if applicable) Term of Office or Contract Signature

The individual named above is authorized to: (Check all that apply.)

Receive Information on Tribal Accounts  Initiate Tribal Disbursements  Provide Investment Consultation

Parthenia Tom \_\_\_\_\_ Accountant \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_ Until Notice \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed) Title Election Date (if applicable) Term of Office or Contract Signature

The individual named above is authorized to: (Check all that apply.)

Receive Information on Tribal Accounts  Initiate Tribal Disbursements  Provide Investment Consultation

Cynthia Scott \_\_\_\_\_ Office Assistant \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_ Until Notice \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed) Title Election Date (if applicable) Term of Office or Contract Signature

The individual named above is authorized to: (Check all that apply.)

Receive Information on Tribal Accounts  Initiate Tribal Disbursements  Provide Investment Consultation

Submitted by: [Signature] Date: 9/17/20

EXHIBIT  
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NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**DOCUMENT  
 REVIEW  
 REQUEST  
 FORM**



DOJ  
 9-17-20 @ 153pm  
 DATE / TIME  
 7 Day Deadline  
 DOC #: 015072  
 SAS #:  
 UNIT: T&F

RESUBMITTAL

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**CLIENT TO COMPLETE**

DATE OF REQUEST: 9/17/2020 DIVISION: OF FINANCE  
 CONTACT NAME: Brent Wauneka DEPARTMENT: Office of the Controller  
 PHONE NUMBER: 6023 E-MAIL: btwauneka@nnooc.org  
 TITLE OF DOCUMENT: BFC Resolution for BIA Signatory

**DOJ SECRETARY TO COMPLETE**

DATE/TIME IN UNIT: SEP 17 2020 2:14 pm REVIEWING ATTORNEY/ADVOCATE: Adjua  
 DATE TIME OUT OF UNIT:

**DOJ ATTORNEY / ADVOCATE COMMENTS**

Sufficient; please use the attached revised draft BFC resolution, and the revised "Tribal Officials Authorized to Initiate Disbursements and Receive Information on Tribal Accounts" document

REVIEWED BY: (Print)	Date / Time	SURNAMED BY: (Print)	Date / Time
Adjua Adjei-Danso	17 September 2020; 7:48 pm	Mel Rodis	9.17.20; 8:10 p.m.

DOJ Secretary Called: Brent W. for Document Pick Up on 9-18-2020 at 9:09 AM By: CK

PICKED UP BY: (Print) DATE / TIME:

NNDJ/DRRF-July 2013

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 & emailed @ 2:22pm

Document No. 015072

Date Issued: 09/17/2020

**EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL REVIEW**

Title of Document: BFC Resolution for BIA Signatory Contact Name: WAUNKA, BRENT TREVOR

Program/Division: OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Email: btwauneka@nnooc.org Phone Number: 928-871-6023

**Business Site Lease** Sufficient Insufficient

1. Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Office of the Controller: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(only if Procurement Clearance is not issued within 30 days of the initiation of the E.O. review)

3. Office of the Attorney General: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business and Industrial Development Financing, Veteran Loans, (i.e. Loan, Loan Guarantee and Investment) or Delegation of Approving and/or Management Authority of Leasing transactions**

1. Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Office of the Attorney General: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fund Management Plan, Expenditure Plans, Carry Over Requests, Budget Modifications**

1. Office of Management and Budget: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Office of the Controller: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Office of the Attorney General: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Navajo Housing Authority Request for Release of Funds**

1. NNEPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Office of the Attorney General: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lease Purchase Agreements**

1. Office of the Controller: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(recommendation only)

2. Office of the Attorney General: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant Applications**

1. Office of Management and Budget: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Office of the Controller: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Office of the Attorney General: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Five Management Plan of the Local Governance Act, Delegation of an Approving Authority from a Standing Committee, Local Ordinances (Local Government Units), or Plans of Operation/Division Policies Requiring Committee Approval**

1. Division: OJC Paul Kish Date: 9/17/2020

2. Office of the Attorney General: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Relinquishment of Navajo Membership**

1. Land Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Elections: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Office of the Attorney General: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Land Withdrawal or Relinquishment for Commercial Purposes** Sufficient    Insufficient

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|--|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Division: _____                       | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Office of the Attorney General: _____ | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Land Withdrawals for Non-Commercial Purposes, General Land Leases and Resource Leases**

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|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. NLD _____      | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. F&W _____      | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. HPD _____      | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Minerals _____ | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. NNEPA _____    | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. DNR _____      | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. DOJ _____      | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Rights of Way**

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| 1. NLD _____                             | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. F&W _____                             | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. HPD _____                             | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Minerals _____                        | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. NNEPA _____                           | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Office of the Attorney General: _____ | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. OPVP _____                            | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Oil and Gas Prospecting Permits, Drilling and Exploration Permits, Mining Permit, Mining Lease**

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|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Minerals _____ | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. OPVP _____     | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. NLD _____      | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Assignment of Mineral Lease**

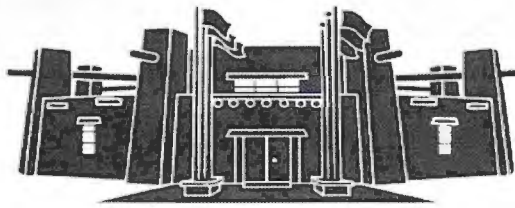
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| 3. DOJ _____      | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**ROW (where there has been no delegation of authority to the Navajo Land Department to grant the Nation's consent to a ROW)**

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| 2. F&W _____      | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. HPD _____      | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Minerals _____ | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. NNEPA _____    | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. DNR _____      | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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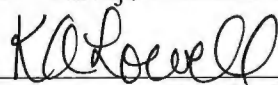
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Jamie Henio  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM:   
Kristen Lowell, Principal Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: October 13, 2020

**SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; AMENDING THE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS**

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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SPONSOR: Jamie Henio

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