



Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.

Monthly July 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

1 Date of Meeting: 07/24/2024 | 6:30 PM – (EST)

2 Location of Meeting: Navajo Nation Washington Office, Washington, D.C.

3 Present at the Meeting: Attendees(13): Anderson Yazzie Jr., President; Sherrick
4 Roanhorse, Vice President; Dr. Bernadette Todacheene,
5 Secretary; Craig Lee Sandoval (virtual); Member At-Large; Haylei
6 Redhouse (virtual), Student Ad-Hoc; Shawna A. Becenti, Head of
7 School; Keith Neil, Associate Head of School for Academics &
8 Operations; Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for
9 Advancement & Outreach; Roderick Denetso (virtual), Division
10 Director for Student Life & Wellness; Manuel Watchman (virtual),
11 Division Director of Business & Human Services; Kevin Belin,
12 Director of the Diné Bizaad Institute; April Chee, Executive
13 Assistant to the Head of School; Yvette Escojeda, Advocacy &
14 Outreach Coordinator; DeWayne Crank, Deputy Executive
15 Director of the Navajo Nation Washington Office

16 The regular July board meeting of Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. was convened at 6:44 pm
17 on July 24, 2024, with the board Vice President, Sherrick Roanhorse presiding. Three elected
18 board members were present, establishing a quorum, and the recording secretary announced
19 the roll call.

20 **INVOCATION**

21 Dr. Bernadette Todacheene provided the invocation.

22 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

23 The Land Acknowledgement was read by Student Ad-Hoc Haylei Redhouse.

24 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

25 The proposed agenda for Friday, July 24, 2024, was approved with no edits or modifications.

26 Motion to approve agenda made by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene and seconded by Craig Lee
27 Sandoval. Vote: 3-0-0

28 **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

29 The minutes of the meeting held on June 13, 2024, and June 26, 2024, were approved with
30 no edits or modifications.

31 Motion to approve previous minutes made by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene and seconded by
32 Craig Lee Sandoval. Vote: 3-0-0

33 **CONSIDERATION OF OPEN ISSUES**

34 **INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

35 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti made the introductions for the staff present for the board
36 meeting in person and virtually. Vice President, Sherrick Roanhorse, introduced Deputy
37 Executive Director DeWayne Crank with the Navajo Nation Washington Office. Board of
38 Trustees introduced themselves. Mrs. Becenti announced updates on the New Student Home
39 Grand Opening. Associate Head of School for Academics and Operations, Keith Neil provided
40 an update on New Student Orientation. Mrs. Becenti thanked Kevin Belin and April Chee for
41 their work in coordinating the New Student Home Blessing-way ceremony.

42 **REPORTS**

43 A. Navajo Nation Washington Office

44 Deputy Executive Director, DeWayne Crank, provided reports and updates for the
45 Navajo Nation Washington Office and advocacy efforts. She was thanked for the



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1 opportunity to provide NPS Board and staff for the use of the renovated Navajo Nation
2 Washington Office.

3 B. Manuel Watchman, Division Director of Business and Human Services

4 Mr. Watchman provided reports on current financial statements and investments.

5 H. Board Reports, Board of Trustees

6 Mr. Roanhorse shared that the Board of Trustees would be attending the 2024 IB
7 Global Conference along with Navajo Preparatory school staff and admin. Vice-
8 President Roanhorse also shared that visits to congressional offices would be made
9 to advocate on behalf of Navajo Preparatory School and Tribally Controlled Schools.

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CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

12 A. Resolution Approval: FY 2026-2030 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)

13 Board President, Anderson Yazzie Jr., resumed meeting and turned Item A. over to
14 the Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti, to review. Mrs. Becenti reviewed the
15 resolution to approve the FY 2026-2030 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan.

16 Motion to approve Item A made by Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Dr. Bernadette
17 Todacheene. Vote 4-0-0

18 B. Approval Memo: RMA Advisory Contract

19 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti, reviewed the resolution to renew the contract with
20 RMA Advisory LLC. Vice President Sherrick Roanhorse expressed thanks to RMA
21 Advisory's team and the work they have done for Navajo Preparatory School.

22 Motion to approve Item B made by Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Dr. Bernadette
23 Todacheene. Vote: 4-0-0

24 **PERSONNEL**

25 A. Approval Personnel Memo: Resignations

26 B. Approval Personnel Memo: New Hires

27 Division Director for Business and Human Services, Manuel Watchman, reviewed
28 Items A-B.

29 Motion to approve all Items A-B was made by Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Dr.
30 Bernadette Todacheene. Vote: 4-0-0

31 **AGENDA AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

32 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on August 16, 2024, at 2:00 PM at Navajo
33 Preparatory School.

34 **ADJOURNMENT**

35 The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM by Anderson Yazzie Jr., Board President.

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37 M/S: none taken

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Sherrick Roanhorse

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President

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Dr. Bernadette Todacheene,

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Secretary/Treasurer