



Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.

Monthly January Special Board Meeting Minutes

1 Date of Meeting: 01/03/2025 | 10:00 AM MT

2 Location of Meeting: Navajo Preparatory School

3 Present at the Meeting: Attendees (15): Sherrick Roanhorse, President; Craig Lee
4 Sandoval, Vice President; Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, Secretary;
5 Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Member At Large; Haylei Redhouse, Student
6 Ad-Hoc; Shawna A. Becenti, Head of School; Keith Neil, Associate
7 Head of School for Academics & Operations; Dr. Darah Tabrum,
8 Associate Head of School for Advancement & Outreach; Manuel
9 Watchman, Division Director of Business & Human Services; April
10 Chee, Executive Assistant to the Head of School; Lynwandowski
11 Filfred, Human Resource Manager; Sean Bekis, Director of
12 Technology; Shawna Eaton, Lead IT Specialist; Patricia Williams,
13 School Lawyer; Winifred M. Tah, Community Member

14 The Special January Board Meet of Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. was convened at 10:14
15 AM on January 3, 2025, with the Board President, Sherrick Roanhorse presiding. All four
16 elected board members were present, establishing a quorum, and the recording secretary
17 announced the roll call.

18 **INVOCATION**

19 Craig Sandoval, Vice President, provided the invocation.

20 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

22 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

23 The proposed agenda for January 3, 2025, has been approved with some minor adjustments.
24 Item IV. Travel was moved to Consent Agenda, Item B under Reports would be moved to Item
25 A, request to include "Retention Pay" under New Business Item A, and Item C. 2024-2025 SY
26 Personnel Policy Amendment was added under New Business.

27 Motion to approve the agenda made by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene and seconded by Craig
28 Sandoval. Vote: 4-0-0

29 **REPORTS**

30 A. Navajo Nation School Board Election, Patricia Williams

31 Ms. Williams provided an update on the recent Navajo Nation School Board Election
32 and its impacts on Navajo Preparatory School.

33 B. 2025 Navajo Nation State of New Mexico Legislative Priorities, Patricia Williams

34 Ms. Williams gave a report on the Navajo Nation State of New Mexico Legislative
35 Priorities and highlighted NM Capital Outlay and Education priorities.

36 C. Health, Education, and Human Services Committee School Re-Authorization Resolution

37 Shawna Becenti, Head of School, shared the Navajo Nation Health, Education, and
38 Human Services Committee School Re-Authorization Resolution and that the Diné Bi'
39 Olta School Board Association had requested Navajo Prep to offer a recommendation.
40 Board members recommended that the response to DBOSBA be to conduct a public
41 forum and receive insight from the community.

42 D. Board of Trustees

43 Board of Trustees, no reports.

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45 **CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**



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A. Resolution Approval: 2024-2025 SY Budget Amendment

Manuel Watchman, Division Director of Business & Human Services, presented the recommendation that identified priority staff receive a pay increase up to 25% and remaining staff members will have a 2% increase beginning January 1, 2025.

Dr. Bernadette Todacheene motioned to enter Executive Session at 12:13 PM to discuss personnel. Return to regular session at 12:56 PM.

B. Resolution Approval: The Great American Outdoors Act

Shawna Becenti, Head of School, reviewed the resolution to request that Congress extend the Legacy Restoration Fund by re-authorizing the Great American Outdoors Act.

C. Resolution Approval: 2024-2025 SY Personnel Policy Amendment

Shawna Becenti, Head of School, outlined recommended edits to the 2024-2025 SY Personnel Policy and confirmed this would be sent to the school lawyer for final review.

Motion to approve Items A-C made by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene and seconded by Craig Sandoval
Vote: 4-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

TRAVEL

A. Approval: United Negro College Fund Fidelity Scholar Selection – Washington D.C., February 19-24, 2025

B. Approval: Brown University Admissions Advisory Board Meeting – Providence, RI, April 26-29, 2025

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene and seconded by Craig Sandoval.
Vote: 4-0-0

AGENDA AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board Meeting Work Session will be held on January 17, 2025 at Navajo Preparatory School.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM by Sherrick Roanhorse, Board President.

M/S: none taken

Dr. Bernadette Todacheene

President

Secretary/Treasurer