



Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.

Monthly December Board Meeting Minutes

1 Date of Meeting: 12/10/2025 | 8:30 AM MST

2 Location of Meeting: Navajo Preparatory School

3 Present at the Meeting: Attendees: Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, President; Jennifer
4 Redhouse, Vice President; Charley Long, Sr.,
5 Secretary/Treasurer; Marlene Laughter, Member At Large;
6 Ernestine Begay, Member At Large; Bradley Redhouse, Ad Hoc
7 Member; Shawna A. Becenti, Head of School; Dr. Darah Tabrum,
8 Associate Head of School for Advancement & Outreach; Manuel
9 Watchman, Division Director of Business & Human Services;
10 Roderick Denetso, Division Director of Student Life & Wellness;
11 Jerrold Platero, Facility & Operations Manager; April Chee,
12 Executive Assistant to the Head of School; Sean Bekis, Director of
13 Technology; Jeffrey Tome, Admissions Coordinator

14 The December Board Meeting of Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. was convened at 8:42 AM
15 on December 10, 2025, with the Board President, Dr. Bernadette Todacheene presiding. All
16 elected board members were present, establishing a quorum, and the recording secretary
17 announced the roll call.

18 **INVOCATION**

19 Charley Long, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer, provided the invocation.

20 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

21 The Land Acknowledgement was read by Ad-Hoc Member, Bradley Redhouse.

22 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

23 The proposed agenda for December 10, 2025 was approved with no edits or modifications.
24 Motion to approve the agenda made by Jennifer Redhouse and seconded by Marlene
25 Laughter. Vote: 5-0-0

26 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

27 The November Board Meeting minutes from November 14, 2025 were approved with no
28 edits or modifications.
29 Motion to approve the November Board Meeting minutes made by Charley Long, Sr. and
30 seconded by Marlene Laughter. Vote: 5-0-0

31 **CONSIDERATION OF OPEN ISSUES**

32 **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

33 Shawna Becenti, Head of School, introduced herself and Navajo Prep staff present at the
34 board meeting both in person and virtually. Mrs. Becenti thanked the Board of Trustees for
35 their leadership and insight during the Winter Work Session. Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate
36 Head of School for Advancement & Outreach, shared updates on a grant from the New
37 Mexico Indian Affairs Department that was awarded to Navajo Prep. Dr. Tabrum noted that
38 Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren provided a letter of support for the grant application
39 and extended thanks on behalf of the school for his ongoing support. Roderick Denetso,
40 Division Director of Student Life & Wellness, shared plans on the tree lighting event taking
41 place on campus at Navajo Prep for the students. The Board of Trustees introduced
42 themselves to guest present at the meeting both in person and virtually.

43 **REPORTS**

44 A. Board of Trustees

45 Charley Long, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer, shared that he recently attended the Mariano
46 Lake Tree Lighting community event where chapter officials expressed their
47 appreciation to Mr. Long for his work with the school and community. Bradley
48 Redhouse, Ad Hoc Member, gave an update on the Care Kits for Teens Helping



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1 Teens Donation Drive coordinated by Student Senate and expressed thanks to the
2 Board of Trustees and Administrative team for supporting student initiatives. Dr.
3 Bernadette Todacheene, President, shared details on the upcoming Navajo Prep
4 Staff Holiday Party where board members are requested to attend.

5 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 6 A. Resolution Approval: 2025-2026 SY Admissions Policy
- 7 B. Resolution Approval: 2025-2026 SY Budget Amendment
- 8 C. Resolution Approval: 2025-2026 SY Advocacy Plan
- 9 D. Resolution Approval: 2025-2026 SY Community Handbook Amendment
- 10 E. Resolution Approval: 2025-2026 SY Continuity of Operations Plan Amendment

11 Motion to move New Business Items A, B, C, D, and E to Consent Agenda made by Jennifer
12 Redhouse and seconded by Marlene Laughter. Vote: 5-0-0

13 **AGENDA AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

14 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on January 16, 2026 at 2:00 PM at Navajo
15 Preparatory School

16 **ADJOURNMENT**

17 The meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.

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19 M/S: Jennifer Redhouse / Marlene Laughter

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21 Dr. Bernadette Todacheene,
22 President

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24 Charley Long, Sr.,
25 Secretary/Treasurer
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