



Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.

Monthly April Special Board Meeting Minutes

1 Date of Meeting: 04/06/2026 | 1:00 PM

2 Location of Meeting: Navajo Preparatory School

3 Present at the Meeting: Attendees (16): Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, President; Jennifer
4 Redhouse, Vice President; Charley Long, Sr.,
5 Secretary/Treasurer; Ernestine Begay, Member At Large; Marlene
6 Laughter, Member At Large; Bradley Redhouse, Ad Hoc Member;
7 Shawna Becenti, Head of School; Keith Neil, Associate Head of
8 School for Academics & Operations; Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate
9 Head of School for Advancement & Outreach; Roderick Denetso,
10 Division Director of Student Life & Wellness; Manuel Watchman,
11 Division Director of Business & Human Services; Kevin Belin,
12 Director of the Diné Bizaad Institute; Jerrold Platero, Facilities &
13 Operations Manager; April Chee, Executive Assistant to the Head
14 of School; Sean Bekis, Director of Technology; Yvette Escojeda,
15 Advocacy & Outreach Coordinator; Josett Monette, NM Secretary
16 for Indian Affairs Department; Stephanie Rodriguez, NM Secretary
17 for the Higher Education Department; Debra Garcia y Griego, NM
18 Secretary for the Cultural Affairs Department; Leah Mountain, NM
19 Governors Office; Anthony Allison, Former NM State
20 Representative; Vern Lee, Navajo Code Talkers Museum, Inc.

21 The Special April Board Meeting of Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. was convened at 1:06 PM
22 on April 6, 2026, with the Board President, Dr. Bernadette Todacheene presiding. All elected
23 board members were present, establishing a quorum, and the recording secretary announced
24 the roll call.

25 **INVOCATION**

26 Ernestine Begay, Member At Large, provided the invocation.

27 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

28 The Land Acknowledgement was read by Student Ad-Hoc Bradley Redhouse.

29 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

30 The proposed agenda for April 6, 2026 was approved with no edits or modifications.

31 Motion to approve the agenda made by Charley Long, Sr. and seconded by Jennifer
32 Redhouse. Vote: 5-0-0

33 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

34 A. Resolution Approval: State of New Mexico Agreement – Navajo Code Talker Museum

35 Shawna Becenti, Head of School, reviewed the resolution to enter into a Memorandum
36 of Agreement with the State of New Mexico to design, construct, and operate a Navajo
37 Code Talkers Museum at Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. The New Mexico Cabinet
38 Secretaries present at the meeting offered clarification on the project to the Board of
39 Trustees and answered questions from community present at the meeting.

40 Motion to approve Items A made by Charley Long, Sr. and seconded by Jennifer Redhouse.
41 Vote: 5-0-0

42 **CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

43 A. Resolution Approval: Navajo Code Talker Museum Scope of Work for Architectural and
44 Engineering Services

45 Shawna Becenti, Head of School, reviewed the resolution and outlined the scope of
46 work for architectural and engineering services for the Navajo Code Talker Museum
47 project.



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1 Motion to approve Item A made by Charley Long, Sr. and seconded by Ernestine Begay.
2 Vote: 5-0-0

3 B. Resolution Approval: Navajo Code Talker Museum Scope of Work Exhibition Design,
4 Fabrication, and Installation Services

5 Shawna Becenti, Head of School, reviewed the resolution and outlined the scope of
6 work for exhibition design, fabrication, and installation services for the Navajo Code
7 Talker Museum project.

8 Motion to approve Item B made by Jennifer Redhouse and seconded by Charley Long, Sr.
9 Vote: 5-0-0

10 **AGENDA AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

11 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on April 17, 2026 at 2:00 PM at Navajo
12 Preparatory School. A special session date is forthcoming.

13 **ADJOURNMENT**

14 The meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM by Dr. Bernadette Todacheen, President.

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16 M/S: Jennifer Redhouse/Ernestine Begay

17 Dr. Bernadette Todacheene,
18 President

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21 Charley Long, Sr.,
22 Secretary/Treasurer