Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.

Monthly May Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 05/15/2026 | 10:00 AM

Location of Meeting: Navajo Preparatory School

Present at the Meeting: Attendees (15): Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, President; Jennifer Redhouse, Vice President; Charley Long, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer; Ernestine Begay, Member At Large; Marlene Laughter, Member At Large; Bradley Redhouse, Ad Hoc Member; Keith Neil, Associate Head of School for Academics & Operations; Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement & Outreach; Roderick Denetso, Division Director of Student Life & Wellness; Manuel Watchman, Division Director of Business & Human Services; Jerrold Platero, Facilities Manager; April Chee, Executive Assistant to the Head of School; Sean Bekis, Director of Technology; Jocelyn Jones, Human Resources Manager; Octavia Redhouse, Student;

The May Board Meeting of Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. was convened at 10:15 AM on May 15, 2026, with the Board President, Dr. Bernadette Todacheene presiding. All elected board members were present, establishing a quorum, and the recording secretary announced the roll call.

INVOCATION

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Land Acknowledgement was read by Octavia Redhouse, 2026-2027 SY Student Senate President, provided the invocation in place of Ad Hoc Member, Bradley Redhouse.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The proposed agenda for the May 15, 2026 meeting was approved with no edits or modifications.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Jennifer Redhouse. and seconded by Ernestine Begay. Vote: 5-0-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April Board Meeting minutes from April 17, 2026 were approved with no edits or modifications.

Motion to approve minutes made by Charley Long, Sr. and seconded by Marlene Laughter.

Vote: 5-0-0

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement and Outreach, shared that Head of School, Shawna Becenti, is not attendance at the May Board Meeting due to personal obligations. Dr. Tabrum announced that a shelter-in-place protocol would be activated at Navajo Preparatory School out of an abundance of caution due to an off campus situation that security personnel is closely monitoring.

Brenda Martin, Navajo Prep parent, introduced herself and her daughter Sophia to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Tabrum introduced members of Navajo Prep staff present at the board meeting both in person and online.

Keith Neil, Associate Head of School for Academics and Operations, introduced members of the Eagle's Track and Field Team and coaches who were present at the board meeting. The Board of Trustees presented a certificate of achievement to Elijah England, Darrington

Ramone, Deaken Begay, Kenai Begay, and Tyler Begay in recognition of outstanding athletic achievement at the 2026 NMAA Class 3A State Championship competition. Board of Trustees introduced themselves to guests present at the meeting both in person and online.

REPORTS

A. Administrative Team

Members of the Administrative Team shared highlights and updates from the 2025–2026 school year, including accomplishments of the Class of 2026; BIE accountability determinations; new faculty and staff appointments; Maximo work order progress; fundraising results; admissions initiatives; implementation of the language learning app; grant funding awards; Classroom Without Walls activities; recipients of the Navajo Nation Seal of Bilingual Proficiency; cultural exchange programs; and ongoing campus development projects.

B. Student Senate, Bradley Redhouse

Bradley Redhouse shared an update on Student Senate positions for the new school year and planned student leadership training for incoming student leaders. Bradley reflected on his experience as Ad Hoc Member for the 2025-2026 SY and shared the importance to continue to have the student voice in moving Navajo Prep into the future.

D. Board of Trustees

Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, President, gave an update from attending the Navajo Nation Health and Human Services Committee on May 11, 2026 to present the request for sponsorship of Navajo Prep's Indigenous STEAM Facility matching funds request and the request to pursue 105(L) agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution Approval: 2025-2026 SY Scholarships of Excellence
B. Resolution Approval: 2025-2026 SY Advancement & Outreach Scholarships
C. Personnel
    i. Approval Memo: Stipends
    ii. Approval Memo: Job Description Updates

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

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Approval: Investment and Brokerage Services

Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement & Outreach, reviewed the resolution and turned over to Manuel Watchman to introduce Alaska Permanent Capital Management Company to provide the presentation on investment and brokerage services.

Motion to approve Item A made by Jennifer Redhouse and seconded by Ernestine Begay.

Vote: 5-0-0

B. Resolution Approval: Ad Hoc Member Gift

Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement & Outreach, reviewed the resolution. Board of Trustees thanked Bradley for his service and leadership as Ad Hoc Member during the 2025-2026 SY.

Motion to approve Item B made by Ernestine Begay and seconded by Jennifer Redhouse.
Vote: 5-0-0

Dr. Bernadette Todacheene called for a break in the board meeting at 1:10 PM. Meeting resumed at 1:26 PM.

C. Resolution Approval: Certifying the Graduating Class of 2026

Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement and Outreach, reviewed the resolution. The Board of Trustee's congratulated the graduating Class of 2026 for their achievements.

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

D. Resolution Approval: 2026-2027 SY Personnel Handbook

Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement and Outreach, reviewed the resolution and turned over to Manuel Watchman to review the recommended edits and changes to the Personnel Handbook for the 2026-2027 SY.

Motion to approve Item D made by Jennifer Redhouse and seconded by Ernestine Begay.
Vote: 5-0-0

E. Resolution Approval: 2026-2027 SY Business Policy

Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement and Outreach, reviewed the resolution and turned over to Manuel Watchman to review the recommended edits and changes to the Business Policy for the 2026-2027 SY.

Motion to approve Item E made by Charley Long, Sr. and seconded by Marlene Laughter.
Vote: 5-0-0

F. Resolution Approval: 2026-2027 SY Proposed Operating Budget

Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement and Outreach, reviewed the resolution and turned over to Manuel Watchman to review the 2026-2027 SY Proposed Operating Budget.

Motion to approve Item F made by Jennifer Redhouse and seconded by Ernestine Begay.

Vote: 5-0-0

AGENDA AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on June 18, 2026 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mescalero, NM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.

M/S: Ernestine Begay/Jennifer Redhouse

Vote: 5-0-0

Dr. Bernadette Todacheene,
President

Charley Long, Sr.,
Secretary/Treasurer