



Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.

Monthly August Board Meeting Minutes

1 Date of Meeting: 08/04/2026 | 1:00 PM

2 Location of Meeting: Navajo Preparatory School

3 Present at the Meeting: Attendees (18): 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; Octavia Redhouse, Ad Hoc Member;
7 Shawna A. 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 Manager; April Chee, Executive Assistant to the Head of School;
14 Sean Bekis, Director of Technology; Gregory Redhouse, Parent;
15 Justine Yazzie, Navajo Health Education Program; Garrett Pablo,
16 Navajo Health Education Program; Cassandra Chee, Parent

17 The August Board Meeting of Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. was convened at 1:00 PM on
18 August 4, 2026, with the Board President, Dr. Bernadette Todacheene presiding. All elected
19 board members were present, establishing a quorum, and the recording secretary announced
20 the roll call.

21 **INVOCATION**

22 Marlene Laughter, Member At Large, provided the invocation.

23 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

24 The Land Acknowledgement was read by Octavia Redhouse, Ad Hoc Member.

25 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

26 The proposed agenda for the August 4, 2026 meeting was approved with no edits or
27 modifications.

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

30 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

31 The June Board Meeting minutes from June 18, 2026 were approved with no edits or
32 modifications.

33 Motion to approve minutes made by Jennifer Redhouse and seconded by Marlene Laughter.
34 Vote: 5-0-0

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

36 Shawna Becenti, Head of School, introduced Navajo Prep staff members present at the
37 board meeting. The Board of Trustees introduced themselves to guests present at the
38 meeting. Octavia Redhouse introduced her father, Gregory Redhouse, to the board and
39 guests present. Cassandra Chee, Navajo Prep Parent, introduced herself to the board.

40 **REPORTS**

41 **A. Administrative Team**

42 The Administration Team provided department updates and highlights to the Board of
43 Trustees, including the Navajo Code Talkers Museum project, IB results and
44 evaluation, Class of 2026 analysis, 2026–2027 admissions updates, technology
45 upgrades, the HVAC upgrade project, and upcoming events and Board priorities.



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Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, President, called for a break in the meeting at 2:23 PM. The meeting reconvened at 2:34 PM.

B. Board of Trustees

All elected members of the board attended Navajo Prep's All Staff Back to School Convening at the Farmington Civic Center from August 3-4, 2026 for training and orientation for the new school year. No official board business or action took place.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Motion to retain all current Board officers in their existing positions made by Charley Long, Sr. and seconded by Ernestine Begay. Vote: 5-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

A.Resolution Approval: Aztec Bus Route

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

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Approval: Navajo Health Education Program – Navajo Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Justine Yazzie and Garrett Pablo with the Navajo Health Education Program presented information to the Board of Trustees regarding the Navajo Youth Risk Behavior Survey (NYRBS). The presentation provided an overview of the survey, its purpose, and the data collected related to health behaviors, risk factors, and protective factors among Navajo youth.

The resolution was presented for consideration; however, no motion was made, and no action was taken.

Charley Long, Sr. motioned to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters at 3:36 PM. Jennifer Redhouse seconded this motion. The board exited executive session at 3:56 PM.

AGENDA AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on September 4, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

M/S: Charley Long, Sr./Jennifer Redhouse

Vote: 5-0-0

Dr. Bernadette Todacheene,
President

Charley Long, Sr.,
Secretary/Treasurer