

NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
12-8-2017

Friday, December 8, 2017.

Karigan Office Building—St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (Arizona)

Note: Motions are in bold face.

MINUTES

Meeting called to Order by Casey Watchman, Vice President @ 10:20 am

Mariana Kahn, CH (In person)

Cassie Fleming, CR (phone)

Dorothea Denetsosie, KY (In person)

Patricia Williams, ART (In person)

Esther Keeswood, Sr., absent

Cecelia Tallman, TC, absent proxy to Dorothea Denetsosie prior to arrival.

Dennis Glanzer, TC (In person)

Colin Bradley, WR (phone)

Colleen Silversmith, WR (In person)

Julia Guarino, WR (phone)

QUORUM (6 required) 8 present + 1 proxy = 9 commissioners attending or appearing by proxy at time meeting was called to order.

Officers:

Lawrence Ruzow, absent

Casey Watchman, Vice President (In person)

David Jordan, Secretary (In person)

Brian K. Nichols, absent

NNBA Adm. Staff: Yolanda Wauneka, NNBA Administrative Assistant (Present)

Visitors: None.

Mr. Watchman turned the matter over to Mr. Glanzer as co-chair of the prior meeting.

I. Adoption of Agenda for Board Meeting: [] Regular; [x] Special; [] Annual

Approval of minutes of last meeting and removal of president. Continuation of last meeting.

Motion to approve Dorothea Denetsosie. Second. Julia Guarino. Unanimous approval. Proposed agenda is adopted.

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II. Approval of minutes of 11-17-17 Meeting.

Motion to approve. Cassie Fleming. Second. Dorothea Denetsosie. 8 voted in favor of approval, one abstention.

III. Removal of President.

Mr. Ruzow requested a peacemaking session with the board. Mr. Ruzow emailed a response to Yolanda Wauneka. He asked that his response be held in abeyance until his peacemaking request be discussed. He did not submit a response other than a law review article by former Chief Justice Yazzie, "Life Comes From It".

The peacemaking issue will be addressed first.

Motion to approve peacemaking request first. Patricia Williams. Second. Colin Bradley. Unanimous approval.

Vote to go into executive session. Motion. Colin Bradley. Second. Colleen Silversmith. Unanimous approval.

[The meeting went into executive session at 10:37 am.]

[The meeting came out of executive session at 12:24 pm.]

Motion to refer the matter of the issues between the NNBA BOC and Larry Ruzow to peacemaking for resolution. Patricia Williams. Second Mariana Kahn. 4 in favor, 5 opposed. Motion fails.

Dorothea Denetsosie left the meeting. Proxy to Cecelia Tallman.

Motion to go into Executive Session. Patricia Williams. Second. Cassie Fleming. Unanimous approval.

[The meeting went into executive session at 12:30 pm.]

[The meeting came out of executive session at 1:02 pm.]

Motion to censure Larry Ruzow pursuant to Section 8(e) of the bylaws. The censure shall be written and circulated for approval before another meeting is set to vote on the form of censure. Motion. Cecelia Tallman. Second. Cassie Fleming. Seven in favor, One opposed.

Patricia Williams will draft censure.

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IV. Next Regular Commissioners' Meeting will be set by email consensus.

V. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn. Colin Bradley. Second. Colleen Silversmith. Unanimous approval.

Adjournment @ 1:12 pm.