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23rd Navajo Nation Council confirms three Begaye-Nez cabinet members



The 23rd Navajo Nation Council unanimously confirmed three cabinet members of the Begaye-Nez administration on July 23. Pictured here are Ethel Branch, Vice President Jonathan Nez, Speaker LoRenzo Bates and Jackson Brossy. (Photo by Rick Abasta)

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.—On July 23, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council confirmed three cabinet members of the Begaye-Nez administration.

The tribal council confirmed Jackson Brossy, Ethel Branch and Jesse Delmar as executive directors of their respective divisions.

“We appreciate the members of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council for confirming three of our appointments to Begaye-Nez Cabinet,” said Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye.

“Their education, experience and knowledge in their fields of study will be an asset as we execute the four pillars of our administration,” he added.

Vice President Jonathan Nez was in attendance at the council chamber for the confirmations and praised the working relationship between the Executive and Legislative branches.

“Thank you for confirming our appointees. They can now advance and move our divisions toward the priorities we agreed upon for the Navajo Nation,” Vice President Nez said.

He said there are going to be more executive directors to report before the Navajo Nation Council for confirmation very soon.

“We look forward to similar approval for our next group of directors,” Vice President Nez said.

Brossy was confirmed as executive director of the Navajo Nation Washington Office after Legislation No. 0223-15 passed by a vote of 20-0. Honorable Speaker Lorenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, T’iistsoh Sikaad, Tse’Daa’Kaan, Upper Fruitland) sponsored the bill.

Brossy is a graduate of Harvard University, where he earned his master’s degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy

School of Government. He is also a graduate of Stanford University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in economics, statistics and public policy.

Originally from Red Mesa, Ariz., Brossy is no stranger to Capitol Hill and has plenty of diplomatic connections after serving as a Native American policy advocate and senior associate with Upper Mohawk, Inc. He also worked for the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C.

Branch was confirmed as Navajo Nation Attorney General for the Department of Justice when Legislation No. 0225-15 was passed by a vote of 19-0. Delegate Dwight Witherspoon (Black Mesa, Forest Lake, Hard Rock, Pinon, Whippoorwill) was the sponsor.

Branch is a graduate of Harvard Law School with transactional and litigation experience. She also earned her master’s degree in public policy and bachelor’s degree from Harvard.

Born in Tuba City, Ariz., Branch grew up nearby in Leupp on her family’s ranch. She is licensed to practice law on the Navajo Nation, Arizona, Oregon and Washington.

Delmar was confirmed as executive director of the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety after Legislation No. 0227-15 passed by a vote of 16-0. Delegate Otto Tso (Tónaneesdizi) sponsored the legislation.

Delmar is a graduate of Northern Arizona University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice administration with a minor in psychology. He also graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Academy and FBI National Academy.

Most recently, he served as chief of police for the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation. He was also an executive fellow with the FBI Executive Fellowship Program in Washington, D.C. Additionally he served as vice president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and as president of the Indian Country Intelligence of Arizona.

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