



25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

MEDIA CONTACT:

nnlb.communications@gmail.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 9, 2025

Central Agency Chapter officials sworn into office



Central Navajo Agency Chapter officials were sworn into office at the Rough Rock Community High School.

ROUGH ROCK, Ariz. – On Wednesday, Jan. 8, chapter officials from across the Central Navajo Agency gathered at the Rough Rock Community High School to be sworn into office during the 2025 Central Agency Inauguration.

During the inauguration, chapter officials—including chapter presidents, vice presidents, secretary-treasurers, farm board members, grazing officers, and school board members—took their oaths of office. In her remarks, Speaker Crystalyne Curley delivered a message of strength, purpose, and unity to all the newly elected officials.

“It’s a hard sacrifice to become an elected official, but it’s not a mistake. You are chosen for a purpose. God chooses leaders,” Speaker Curley said. “Work together. Your communities don’t have time for personal grudges or gossip. You’re here to bring solutions.”

Honored guests included Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren, Vice President Richelle Montoya, Speaker Curley, Council Delegate Shawna Ann Claw (Chinle), Arizona State Representative Myron Tsoisie, and Judge William J.J. Platero, who administered the oath of office for the incoming officials.

President Nygren expressed gratitude to the continuing chapter officials for their service and offered advice to the newly elected leaders on the importance of unity and collaboration.

"I'm eager to collaborate with local leadership to bring community projects to life, ensuring our initiatives reflect the values and needs of our people," President Nygren said. "Together, we can make a substantial impact."

Vice President Montoya also emphasized the strength of collaboration, underscoring the importance of community unity.

"The communities you serve are your family. Individually, we all have strength, but as a community, we're stronger. If we move forward together as the Navajo Nation, we are very strong," she said.

Melvin Harrison, former Chair of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, encouraged incoming officials to familiarize themselves with the laws governing their responsibilities.

"We're a nation of laws, and our laws will change. These changes are coming down the pike," Harrison said. "Learn the law and help your constituents."

Council Delegate Shawna Ann Claw congratulated the newly elected officials, and State Representative Myron Tsoie expressed his eagerness to work alongside them on issues impacting their chapters.

In her closing remarks, Speaker Curley emphasized the value of accepting constructive criticism as a tool for growth and expressed her excitement for the incoming leadership.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council congratulates all the Central Navajo Agency Chapter Officials who were sworn into office on Wednesday.

###