

**MINUTES OF THE
UNTF DINEH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMBINED MEETING**

UNTF Dineh Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees Combined Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2025 (5:00 pm – 8:00 pm)
Hybrid Meeting: In-Person & Teleconference Meeting
Base Location: UNTF Conference Room, 151 East 500 North, Blanding, UT 84511
Teleconference Meeting: Google Meet
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MEETING AGENDA

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Melvin Capitan, Jr., Chair, *called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Five advisory members were in attendance, which constituted a quorum.*

1. Roll Call:

X	Melvin Capitan Jr.	Chair, Aneth
X	Aretta Begay	Vice-Chair, Teecnospos
X	Rebecca Benally	Secretary, Red Mesa
	Jaime Harvey	Aneth
X	Anna Mae Jim	NaatsisAan
X	Stanley Nez	Blue Mtn Dineh Comm.

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Marlo M. Oaks, Chair, *called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. All three board members were in attendance, which constituted a quorum.*

1. Roll Call:

X	Marlo Oaks, Chair	State Treasurer
X	Van Christensen	State Finance Division Director
X	Evan, Curtis	Governor's Office of Planning & Budget

2. Recognition of Guests & Staff

1. Tony Dayish, UNTF Administrator
2. Maury Bergman, UNTF Finance Manager
3. Rose Dandy, UNTF Projects Specialist
4. Dorothy Phillips, UNTF Education Specialist
5. John Nakai, UNTF Project Manager
6. Alta Issacs, Navajo Mtn Chapter CSC (On-line)
7. Paul Moberly NRF Program Manager
8. RONALDA JOE, Red Mesa Chapter CSC
9. Silvia Stubbs, SJ County Commissioner & NRF Board Member
10. Robert Steed, General Counsel, Office of the Attorney General
11. Collin Warner, USU Blanding
12. Bayley Hedglin, USU Blanding
13. Jaimee Little, UNTF Accounting Specialist

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| 1. May 06, 2025 DAC Meeting | DAC Members |
| 2. May 06, 2025 Board Meeting | Board Members |

Aretta Begay motioned to approve the May 06, 2025 DAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Rebecca Benally seconded the motion and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 5-0-0.

Evan Curtis motioned to approve the May 06, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Van Christensen seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 3-0-0.

C. NEW BUSINESS

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| 1. Navajo Young Men Program Initiative, USU-Blanding – Bayley Hedglin | \$45,000 |
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Bailey Hedglin and Collin Warner from USU-Blanding program presented their "Empowering the Next Generation of Navajo Leaders" program, seeking \$45,000 in seed money. This program's primary objective is to empower Navajo young men, ages 15-28 through a cohort-based, culturally-grounded program combining education, workforce development and entrepreneurship, beginning in high school and culminating in sustainable careers or self-employment. They are requesting \$45,000 to be used as match funding to recruit additional partners and funding to implement the program. The committee members asked a number of questions and the committee recommended to defer the request until an assessment could be made. The committee recommended that Dorothy Phillips, Education Specialist, should study the program and make a recommendation of the request to the DAC and BOT.

Rebecca Benally motioned to defer the request of \$45,000 for the USU-Blanding Navajo Young Men Initiative until an assessment could be made. Anna Mae Jim seconded the motioned and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 5-0-0

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| 2. Aneth Chapter | Three Small Houses | Chapter Projects | \$134,847.90 |
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The Aneth Chapter requests \$134,847.90 from their Chapter Projects allocation to build three small houses for Garold Burke, Jerry Lansing, and Herbert C. Claw. The Chapter has conducted an Invitation for Bids and has awarded the contract to Ed Yazzie Construction of Rock Point, AZ. The Navajo Revitalization Fund approved the match funding at the same amounts.

<u>Client Name</u>	<u>Size of House</u>	<u>NRF Amount</u>	<u>UNTF Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Garold Burke	18 x 32	\$ 39,760.60	\$ 39,760.60	\$ 79,521.20
Jerry H. Lansing	18 x 32	\$ 39,760.60	\$ 39,760.60	\$ 79,521.20
Herbert C. Claw	24 x 36	\$ 55,326.70	\$ 55,326.70	\$ 110,653.40
Totals		\$ 134,847.90	\$ 134,847.90	\$ 269,695.80

The proposal included detailed financial breakdowns, scope of work, RFP documents, contractor bids, contract, and all the necessary Homesite and Archaeological clearances. The project was recommended for approval by UNTF Staff.

Stanley Nez motioned to recommend approval of the Aneth projects for \$134,847.90 as presented. Rebecca Benally seconded the motion and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 5-0-0.

Evan Curtis motioned to approve the Aneth projects for \$134,847.90 as presented. Van Christensen seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 3-0-0.

3. Mexican Water Chapter 24x40 House Melvin and Janelia Redhorse Chapter Projects \$60,400.00

The Mexican Water Chapter is requesting \$60,400 from the Chapter Projects allocation to build a 24x40 new house for Melvin Redhorse and Janelia to be built by the UNTF work crews. NRF approved \$50,000 in 2021, but a new homesite lease had to be processed which took about 4 years to complete with technical assistance from UNTF. Now that the HSL is resolved, this project can request for match funding from UNTF. All documentation is in order now and the UNTF staff recommend approval.

Anna Mae Jim motioned to recommend approval for \$60,400 for the construction of a 24x40 new house for Melvin Redhorse and Janelia Benally as presented. Rebecca Benally seconded the motion and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 5-0-0.

Van Christensen motioned to approve \$60,400 for the construction of a 24x40 new house for Melvin Redhorse and Janelia Benally. Evan Curtis seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor, none opposed. Vote: 3-0-0.

4. Nav Mtn 20x24 House Micah DeJolie Chapter Projects \$32,500.00

The Navajo Mountain Chapter is requesting \$32,500 from their Chapter Projects allocation to construct a small 16x24 house for Micah DeJolie. The Navajo Revitalization Fund will also provide match funding in the amount of \$32,500. All documentation is in order and the UNTF staff recommends approval.

Note: Jamie Harvey arrived at 6:13 pm and the DAC quorum is now six members.

Jamie Harvey motioned to recommend approval of business items 4-7 (all the Navajo Mountain projects) as presented. Anna Mae Jim seconded the motion and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 6-0-0

Evan Curtis motioned to approve items 4-(all the Navajo Mountain projects) as presented. Van Christensen seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor, none opposed, Vote: 3-0-0.

5. Nav Mtn Security Gate to Protect Watershed (Supplemental) Chapter Projects \$2,425.25

The Navajo Mountain Chapter is requesting an additional \$2,425.25 from their Chapter Projects allocation to complete a third gate to protect a watershed area by preventing unauthorized people from driving on the base of the mountain. UNTF and NRF approved previous grants in the amount of \$5,000 each to construct the other gates. The NRF approved \$2,425.25 in their meeting for this project. All documentation is in order and the UNTF staff recommends approval.

6. Nav Mtn Senior Citizen's Center Septic Tank Cleaning/Repairs Chapter Projects \$1,000.00

The Navajo Mountain Chapter is requesting \$1,000.00 from their Chapter Projects allocation to pay for septic tank cleaning service and for repairs of the grease trap at the Senior Citizen's Center. NRF will be requested to approve \$1,000 match funding as well. All documentation is in order and the UNTF staff recommends approval

7. Nav Mtn New Copy Machine for Chapter Office Chapter Projects \$5,625.00

The Navajo Mountain Chapter is requesting \$5,625.00 to purchase a new Xerox copier machine for the chapter office. The original request was for \$7,500.00; however, because UNTF policies only allow 75% of the request to be approved for copiers. NRF approved \$7,500 match funding for this machine. All documentation is in order and the UNTF staff recommends approval.

8. Oljato New 16x35 DBU House: Christine (Cly) Yazzie Chapter Projects \$27,200.00

The Oljato Chapter requests \$27,200 to a 560 sq. ft. new house for Christine Cly Yazzie to be built by Design Build Utah (DBU). DBU is a University of Utah Architectural Program. NRF will be requested to provide match funding in the amount of \$27,200 at their next board meeting. The project is a small house with one bedroom that is being constructed by architectural graduate students with the help of a full-time mentor and builder. The house is expected to be completed by December of 2025. Despite initial discrepancies in paperwork regarding the client's last name of Cly or Yazzie, the surname of Yazzie was used since that appeared on all the pertinent documents. UNTF recommends approval for this project.

Anna Mae Jim motioned to recommend approval of \$27,200.00 from Chapter Projects for Christine Cly Yazzie as presented. Stanley Nez seconded the motioned and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 6-0-0

Van Christensen motioned to approve \$27,200.00 for Christine Cly Yazzie as presented. Evan Curtis seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor, none opposed. Vote: 3-0-0.

9. UNTF Policy Revision: Design Build Utah Match Funding Program Tony Dayish

The UNTF Administration is proposing to create a \$27,000 set-aside amount in the UNTF Annual Budget for one Design Build Utah (DBU) project per year. The proposal was deferred at the request of the committee until an amount could be identified. In the previous meeting, the wording that the UNTF Administration used was "50% of the total cost necessary". The total cost has been \$54,000 for the past three years that DBU has worked on and having a percent amount would allow for any increases in the future. The committee indicated they would rather entertain a dollar amount than a percentage. UNTF has a Veterans Housing setaside that is identified in the budget and this DBU would work in the same way that would allow each Chapter to supplement its budget with the DBU setaside. The committee members raised a question about whether new policies should be incorporated into an administrative rule or a policy manual and whether the committee can engage in rule- or policy-making. Tony Dayish explained that while some rules are required by statute, not everything needs to be an administrative rule, and policies can supplement the rule and statute. Mr. Dayish explained that the hierarchy of rules and policies is that federal legislation is the highest level, next is state statute, then rules, then policies, then procedures and lastly protocol and practices. It was noted that policies are much more nimble and easier to adjust, while the State's rule-making process is a four-to-six-month process with specific language requirements. Realizing this, the Committee members expressed concern about the process of introducing policy changes during regular meetings, suggesting that such amendments typically occur during a retreat where more discussion and consensus-building can take place. Tony Dayish clarified that policy and rule changes can be entertained at any time. UNTF is still attempting to hold a policy review meeting during 2025; however, we have not held a meeting yet due to scheduling conflicts and availability of the committee's time. It was recommended to proceed with the \$27,000 DBU match funding setaside and to ask counsel to review if it could be adopted as policy rather than an administrative rule.

Rebecca Benally motioned to recommend approval of a \$27,000 Design Build Utah project match funding setaside each year in the Annual Budget and to determine if the revision could be a policy addition or a rule amendment. Anna Mae Jim seconded the motioned and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 6-0-0

Evan Curtis motioned to approve a \$27,000 Design Build Utah project match funding setaside each year in the Annual Budget and request general counsel to clarify the policy or rule amendment requirements. Van Christensen seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor, none opposed, Vote: 3-0-0.

10. UNTF Policy Revision: Bar Exam Fees (Revise R661-23 GED Fees) Tony Dayish

Tony Dayish reported that there have been requests to revise the UNTF Rules & Policies that would enable UNTF for pay bar exam fees for those students that are graduating from law school. He proposed that this could be added to the existing R661-23 Payment of GED Fees Rule since it is a similar payment for completion of a program. A preliminary approval to proceed is being requested at this time. After that, the process would involve a draft and coordinating with general counsel, board members, and chapters to negotiate for input and feedback. Following that process would be the State of Utah's formal Rules Amendment process, which would place the Rule in front of the committee and the board for other approvals required by the process. Rebecca recommended deferring this item to a specific policy-revision strategic planning retreat meeting that would include a training session on policy-making, revisions, the difference between rules and policies, and entertaining revision of the policies.

Rebecca Benally motioned to table the Bar Exam Fees revision as presented until the Revision Process could be further discussed in a strategic planning meeting. Anna Mae Jim seconded the motioned and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 6-0-0

No Board action was taken.

11. UNTF – USU Endowment Agreement

Robert Steed

Board Chair and Treasurer Marlo Oaks requested that the DAC and board to table the discussion regarding the Endowment Fund Agreement until he could review the investment modifications language again for new changes.

Jamie Harvey motioned to table the Endowment Fund Agreement at the request of Treasurer Oaks. Rebecca Benally seconded the motioned and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 6-0-0

No Board vote was needed

12. Trade Land or Purchase 1 Acre Next to Blanding GSB

Tony Dayish

UNTF Administration proposed to trade an approximate a one-acre section of land with a neighboring landowner, Phil Lyman, to acquire a more square and usable section of land that would be adjacent to the Trust Fund's building. The current land that UNTF owns has a skinny and long panhandle section that extends to the east. The guess was that this was probably for a road to connect to Highway 191, but now there are plans to extend 500 North to Highway 191 on the south side of the UNTF-owned land. This trade would result in an acre-for-acre swap, ensuring no loss or gain of land or value for either party. UNTF recommends moving forward with this plan and having the land surveyed to ensure the acre-for-acre land exchange and authorizing the Board Chair to sign the necessary real estate documents.

Jamie Harvey motioned to proceed with the land exchange and authorizing the Board Chair sign the documents. Aretta Begay seconded the motioned and five DAC members voted in favor of the motion with one member opposed. Vote: 5-1-0, motion carried.

Evan Curtis motioned to proceed with the land exchange and authorizing the Board Chair to sign the documents. Van Christensen seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor, none opposed. Vote: 3-0-0.

13. UNHS Request to Cross UNTF Property for Road to 40 Acre Housing Development

Tony Dayish

Tony Dayish reported that UNHS made a request to cross UNTF property (the east part of the North Housing Sub-division) for a road leading to a 40-acre housing development. UNHS has purchased the land from SITLA and plans to build a housing development for their staff. The proposed road would cross a small section of UNTF land to avoid a sharp 180-degree turn on UNHS property. This road would provide a permanent ingress and egress to UNHS' housing development for its residents. UNTF Administration indicated they preferred a "license" to cross rather than an easement for this access, which would allow UNTF to maintain control of the land. Rebecca Benally provided her support because of the long-term positive outcome of providing housing for doctors and nurses that provide beneficial services to the community. While recognizing concerns about land control and utility corridors, Rebecca believed the community benefit would outweigh any concessions or disadvantages that UNTF would experience, prompting further review. Tony Dayish emphasized that UNTF would need to receive value in return when giving up land rights, even if it is a small parcel and potential easements. The committee suggested a site visit to understand the site conditions would be in order.

The committee recommended to table this request until the group could execute a site visit to get a better understanding of the land layout before making a final decision.

14. Notice to Chapter of UNTF's Intent to Dispose of Utah Navajo Fair Equipment

Tony Dayish

Tony Dayish proposed to inform the Utah Chapters of UNTF's plans to dispose of the Utah Navajo Fair equipment, which has been stored at the sewing plant yard for several years. The current plan is to dispose of the equipment, giving Utah Chapters the first priority to claim ownership and use the equipment. The second priority would be to Utah Navajo groups that host events like rodeos, song & dance, and field games in the Utah Navajo area and last priority would be to sell the equipment to individuals. The equipment includes stockyard fences, rodeo arena fences, chutes, bleachers, an announcer's stand, and an old fair office single wide trailer.

Tony Dayish clarified that the fairground equipment was funded by a combination of sources, including the Trust Fund, NRF, San Juan County, for-profit contributors, and individual donors. The committee recommended that the equipment should be granted to chapters and event groups without a price and if to individuals, the equipment would be sold for a price. The committee recommended the equipment should be offered to Utah Navajo Chapters for six months, then three months to Utah Navajo event groups, and then individual sales after that.

D. REPORTS

1. DAC Member/Board Reports

DAC / BOT Members

2. NALLC Meeting: UNTF Annual Report Aug. 18, 2025 3:00 p.m.

Tony Dayish

3. Financial Report

Maury Bergman

4. UNTF Land & Buildings (Fixed Assets) Report

Maury Bergman

5. Education Report

Dorothy Phillips

6. Project Manager Report

John Nakai

7. Housing Report

Frank Warren

8. Administrator's Report

Tony Dayish

No reports were presented in the interest of time.

E. DAC MEMBER ISSUES, CONCERNS, & RECOMMENDATIONS

DAC Members

UNTF BOARD MEMBERS ISSUES, CONCERNS, & RECOMMENDATIONS

Board Members

Rebecca Benally suggested a training session with the Red Mesa Chapter staff regarding UNTF and NRF funding procedures specifically with the Big Projects budget, the NRF Non-Chapter budgets, and how to get on the agenda of these meetings.

Ana Mae Jim mentioned that a Navajo Mountain client was concerned about materials, specifically trusses, that were delivered, but not yet installed on her house and the effect the weather had on the materials. John Nakai explained that if the trusses were still banded together that they will be okay in the weather and that it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep materials covered.

Melvin Capitan Jr. reported on his meetings with the West Water septic tank & leach field engineers and the progress being made. He also attended the Utah Tribal Leaders meetings sponsored by the Utah Division of Indian Affairs in Page Arizona and discussed issues with other tribes and the State's involvement. Finally, he talked about the new museum being built at the state capitol building and that there will be a Native American section that will showcase the eight Utah tribes.

Jamie Harvey highlighted his intention to invite Utah State University to present before the San Juan County Commission. This presentation would assess USU's investment in the community, the county's economic development goals, and their commitment to Navajo students, especially in terms of critical advising and success. Jamie Harvey plans to keep DAC members and UNTF updated on USU's response and the university's plans to meet with local companies to discuss training needs for various economic organizations.

F. NEXT MEETING

DAC Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025 UNTF Conference Room 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

BOT Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025 UNTF Conference Room 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Dine' Advisory Committee

Aretta Begay motioned to adjourn the DAC meeting at 8:44 p.m.

UNTF Board of Trustees

Evan Curtis motioned to adjourn the board meeting at 8:44 p.m.