

MINUTES OF THE UNTF DINEH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UNTF Dineh Advisory Committee

Saturday, August 1, 2026 (8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Courtyard by Marriott, University Place, 750 E. Park Avenue, Orem, Utah 84097

In-person Meeting with Teleconference Meeting Access

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MEETING AGENDA

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Melvin Capitan, Jr., Chair. Melvin Capitan, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:37 p.m. *Six committee 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
X	Jamie Harvey	Aneth
X	Anna Mae Jim	Naastsis'Aan
X	Stanley Nez	Blue Mtn Dineh Community

2. Recognition of Guests & Staff

1. *Tony Dayish, UNTF Administrator*
2. *Maury Bergman, UNTF Finance Manager*
3. *Dorothy Phillips, UNTF Education Specialist*
4. *Janice Bitsouie, UNTF Projects Specialist*
5. *Rose Dandy, UNTF Projects Specialist*
6. *John Nakai, UNTF Project Manager*
7. *Carma Claw, Aneth Chapter President*
8. *Shirley Lane, Aneth Chapter Manager*
9. *Corri Benally, Aneth Chapter Housing Specialist*
10. *Manuel Morgan, Aneth Resident*
11. *Susie Philemon, Aneth Resident*
12. *Idalene Becenti, Aneth Resident*
13. *Virginia Jim, Aneth Resident*
14. *Rueben Jim, Aneth Resident*
15. *Victor Dee, Red Mesa Chapter*
16. *Jolynne Tsosie, Oljato Chapter*
17. *Ben Nakai, Aneth Resident*
18. *Marion Filfred, Aneth Resident*

19. Amos Nakai, UNTF Construction Staff
20. Tracy Capitan, UNTF Construction Staff
21. Sue Nakai, Attendee

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 15, 2026 DAC Meeting

DAC Members

Rebecca Benally motioned to approve the July 15, 2026 DAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Stanley Nez seconded the motion and all DAC members voted in favor, none opposed. Vote: 6-0-0.

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation: Lawsuits and Actions Affecting the Utah Navajo Trust Fund...Tony Dayish

Tony Dayish presented a history of various lawsuits and actions that directly or indirectly affected the Trust Fund.

- Act of 1933
- 1968 Amendment
- Sekezzie v. Utah (1961)
- Sekezzie v. Utah (1963)
- Consent Degree in 1975, 1995, 1996
- 1997 Sinajini vs. San Juan School District (Meyers v. SJSD, Chee v. SJSD)
- Jim v. United States
- Bigman v. UNDC
- Nelson Report
- 1991 Gov. Bangerter froze the Trust Fund
- Performance Audit of 1991
- Pelt v. Utah
- 1992 Settlement Agreement
- 2009 & 2010 Public Hearings Washington, D.C.
- Utah v. Babbitt (1993)
- Utah v. Chuska (1995)
- 2008 UNTF was Sunsetted, UNRHF under Dept. of Admin. Services
- 2008-2014 Utah Navajos New Trustee Search Efforts
- Benally v. Herbert
- 2015 SB-90 Re-Opened UNTF
- 2016 UNTF Policies & Rules Development & Public Hearings
- 2017 UNTF started providing grants again

2. Presentation: The Nelson Report Tony Dayish

Tony Dayish gave an explanation of the Nelson report and reviewed some of the specific case findings, which was an audit of the Utah Navajo Development Council (UNDC) and Utah Navajo Industries (UNI) Corporation. This report provided documentation that the Utah Navajos used to bring a lawsuit against the State of Utah.

3. Presentation: 1991 UNDC & UNI Performance Report..... Tony Dayish

Tony Dayish reported on UNDC & UNI Performance history, the state's involvement in the organization, different projects, transfer of assets to UNTF etc.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. UNTF Policy Review..... Tony Dayish

Tony Dayish reviewed all the UNTF Rules with various recommendations for changes. Some of the amendments were word changes that had no significant impact on the Rule's content but the following changes were presented that has some impact:

- Separate purchasing procedures for Certified and Non-Certified Chapters
- UNTF DAC and Board can approve another 10% funding on project without having to go back to the Chapter, applies to all projects.
- Increases in the various projects program funding to account for inflationary costs.
- Identification of a Lead Agency in projects that match funds with the Navajo tribe.
- The assistance for photovoltaic (solar) program will be available to all applicants and the previous requirement that if a client will be served by a powerline project within two years will no longer apply. Also, those applicants on some type of medical machine are eligible for solar as a backup.
- A new funding program was introduced to pay for fees when a student completes a program in order to obtain their license such as GED fees, CPA test fees, lawyer bar exams, etc.
- Elimination of \$5,000 advances to building contractors if they don't have working capital. UNTF has converted over to using the Schedule of Values system of paying contractors in phases.
- The UNTF Residency Requirement of living in San Juan County continuously (every day and every night) for 5-year previous to receiving UNTF funding assistance was discussed. One recommendation was 2-years for those originally from Utah Navajo and 5 years for those not originally from Utah Navajo.

2. Aneth Residents Residents

Several Aneth Chapter residents from the Cahone and McCracken Mesa area attended the meeting with the intent of voicing their concerns. The primary topic was funding for a single-wide trailer that was destroyed by a tornado last year. The group has been working with the Aneth Chapter, which is a requirement to receive UNTF funding, however, the chapter informed them that they need to adhere to the rules in order to obtain a Chapter resolution and UNTF funding. The group doesn't agree with the Chapter and so there has been no progress made.

Additional comments were made by the community regarding other concerns they had regarding the UNTF Rules, and other presentation materials.

E. REPORTS

1. No Reports

F. NEXT MEETING

DAC Meeting: September 11, 2026 Naatsis'Aan Chapter House 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Aretta Begay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 p.m.