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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Confirming Chilchinbeto Chapter's Appointment of Peter Hewey to the Black Mesa Review Board for a Term of Four (4) Years**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0246-24

**DATE:** November 12, 2024

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING CHILCHINBETO CHAPTER'S APPOINTMENT OF PETER HEWEY TO THE BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the resolution is to confirm the Chilchinbeto Chapter's appointment of Peter Hewey to the Black Mesa Review Board for a term of four years.

**Final Authority:** Naabik'íyáti' Committee

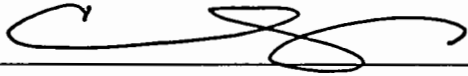
**Vote Requirement:** Simple Majority

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Second Year, 2024

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12 CHILCHINBETO CHAPTER'S APPOINTMENT OF PETER HEWEY TO THE  
13 BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS

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15 **BE IT RESOLVED:**

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17 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 18 A. The Naabik'iyáti Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council  
19 has the authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to boards,  
20 commissions, and colleges unless otherwise provided in law. 2 N.N.C. § 701 (A)  
21 (1).  
22 B. Chilchinbeto Chapter's appointment of Peter Hewey to the Black Mesa Review  
23 Board requires confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 903(B).

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25 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 26 A. The purpose of the Black Mesa Review Board (or the "Board") shall be to advocate  
27 for fair and just compensation for Navajo families within the five Navajo Nation  
28 Chapters whose socio-economic and environmental interests are adversely affected  
29 or impacted by coal mining and related operations of Peabody Western Coal  
30 Company (PWCC). The Board may also make appropriate recommendations to the

1 President of the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation Council, the Resources  
2 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, or to PWCC, concerning the health,  
3 social welfare, education, and environment of the Navajo People affected by any of  
4 PWCC's mining and post-mining or related operations. 2 N.N.C. § 902.

5 B. The Black Mesa Review Board shall be comprised of seven (7) members, one of  
6 whom shall be appointed by the Chilchinbeto Chapter. Each Board appointee shall  
7 serve a term of four (4) years. 2 N.N.C. § 903 (A).

8 C. The Chilchinbeto Chapter has appointed Peter Hewey to the Black Mesa Review  
9 Board by Resolution #CCH-11-21-2023C which is herein attached as **Exhibit A**.

10 D. Mr. Hewey's resume is attached as **Exhibit B**.

11 E. Within thirty (30) days of their appointment, each Board appointee shall be  
12 presented to the Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council for  
13 confirmation. 2 N.N.C. § 903 (B).

14 F. If confirmed by the Naabik'iyáti Committee, Mr. Hewey's term shall not  
15 commence until she is administered an oath of office by a judge or justice of the  
16 Navajo Nation courts. 2 N.N.C. § 903 (B).

17 G. The Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby finds that it is in  
18 the best interest of the Navajo Nation to confirm the Chilchinbeto Chapter's  
19 appointment of Peter Hewey to the Black Mesa Review Board.

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21 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION OF PETER HEWEY TO THE BLACK**  
22 **MESA REVIEW BOARD**

23 The Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the  
24 Chilchinbeto Chapter's appointment of Peter Hewey to the Black Mesa Review Board  
25 for a term of four (4) years.