



## OFFICE OF NAVAJO NATION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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### **Newly appointed Commissioners met on October 7, 2016.**

**St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (ARIZ)** – Newly appointed Commissioner’s met October 7, 2016, for their first regular commission meeting at Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission (“Commission”) conference room.

Three new commissioners and two returning commissioners were appointed by Speaker LoRenzo Bates in September and four commissioners were confirmed by the Naabik’i yati’ Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council on September 22, 2016 and one commissioner confirmed on September 13, 2016.

New to the Commission are Carl Smith, represent the Social Service sector Henrietta Sandoval-Soland, represent the law enforcement sector and Michelle Cook to represent the at-large sector. Returning commissioners are Steven A. Darden to represent the business sector and Dr. Jennifer Nez Denetdale, the education sector.

During the regular meeting commissioners tabled two resolutions for the next commission meeting. The tabled resolutions Selecting the Chairperson of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission and Selecting the Vice Chairperson of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.

The Commission passed NNHRCOCT-07-16 Resolution: Approving the Regular Meeting Dates for the 2016-2020 Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission. The passed resolution was to set Commission’s regular meeting on the first Friday of every month, in accordance with policy the regular meeting will be published in the Navajo Times, Navajo Nation website and the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission website, 10-business days before the regular meeting date.

Next, to help orientate the commissioners about Navajo human rights, the Commission staff members will provide an orientation session about the functions of the office. Commissioner’s orientation session is scheduled for October 25-26, 2016.

For more information contact the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission at 928-871-7436.

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