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## BIA Regional Director Meets with Navajo Nation Council

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**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — The Naabik'iyati Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council (NNC) held a discussion with newly appointed Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Navajo Area Regional Director, Gregory Mehojah, during a special meeting on Tuesday. Mehojah visited the Navajo Nation Council Chambers along with Deputy Bureau Director of Field Operations, Bartholemew Stevens.

“I am very much looking forward to my tenure as the regional director for the Navajo region, serving the tribe, working with the honorable council delegates, president, speaker, and learning from the committees individually,” said Mehojah. “I look forward to learning about the issues and the priorities, the challenges and the successes that we can bring together.”

Mehojah is a member of the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma and began his career serving Tribal Nations as an attorney for the Department of Interior's Regional Solicitor's Office. He was also the Deputy of Trust and Indian Services, acting Regional Director at the Southwest Region, acting Regional Director at the Eastern Region, and Special Assistant to the Director of International Affairs for the Department of Interior.

The NNC immediately spoke to the many projects that are still pending across the Navajo Nation such as transportation, broadband, economic development, infrastructure, natural resources, energy development and other priorities.

“I want to thank Mr. Stevens on his service to the Navajo Region and wish him all the best on his future endeavors. It was a privilege working with him and helping all of Eastern Agency,” said Council Delegate Mark Freeland (Becenti, Lake Valley, Náhodishgish, Standing Rock, Whiterock, Huerfano, Nageezi, Crownpoint). “I'd also like to thank Mr. Tsose for his tenure as acting Regional Director and the many ways he helped and assisted the Navajo people.”

Mehojah offered to set up one-on-one discussions with the council delegates to listen in and discuss ways to better serve the Navajo Nation. The 24th Navajo Nation Council accepted BIA's report with 15 in favor, 1 not voting, and chair not voting.

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