

Mr. Robert Black, Jr.
BIO

Robert Black, Jr., was recently appointed by the Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez to serve as Executive Director of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office (“NHLCO”). The NHLCO is the office within the Navajo Nation designated with the duty and responsibility to rehabilitate and improve the lives of families and communities impacted by the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act. Mr. Black is a lifetime member of the Shonto community within the Shonto Chapter on the Navajo Nation.

Mr. Black has resided on the Navajo Nation for most of his life and has worked in various capacities within the Navajo Nation governmental structure to improve the lives of the Navajo people. During his time with the Navajo Nation government, Mr. Black has served as a chapter coordinator at Sawmill and Ts’ah Bi Kin Chapters for a total of five years. He has also worked for the Navajo Election Administration-Western Agency office for seven years. In addition, for fourteen years Mr. Black held the position as the Shonto Chapter Manager for his own community.

Mr. Black has also served in various elected positions inside and outside of the Navajo Nation government. Within the Nation, he has served 12 years as a local School Board Member and two years as the Shonto Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. In addition, Mr. Black has served two years on the Navajo County Board of Supervisor within the State of Arizona.

Mr. Black has an extensive work history with Navajo Nation President Nez. Together the two have blazed new trails and opportunities for local governance empowerment with the emphasis on local decision making abilities.