

PRESS RELEASE

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Commission hires Town Manager



On January 29, 2024, newly hired Town Manager Jarvis Williams took over the vacant position. The Commission conducted interviews over the last few months and came to a decision to select Mr. Williams. Town Manager Williams came to the Township as a community outreach consultant with over 15 years of working with tribal communities.

“Mr. Williams was selected based on his experience and knowledge of tribal government and his work with communities. As a Commission, we are confident that he is the person we need to move the organization forward,” said Kayenta Township Commission Chairman Ed Seaton.

Williams holds a Bachelor of Arts in Southwest Studies from Fort Lewis College and a Master of Legal Studies in Oil, Gas and Energy Law from University of Oklahoma. He has worked in the coal industry for 10 years and worked with tribal communities in Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana. Additionally, he has worked with the 21st and 22nd Navajo Nation Council’s Office of the Speaker.

While the search was conducted by the Commission, the Town Manager responsibilities were held by Township’s Geraldine Laughter. Ms. Laughter was provided with the title of Acting Town Manager until the position was filled. She is the current Economic Development Specialist for the Township. Chairman Seaton further stated, “We want to thank Ms. Laughter for her service as the Acting Town Manager and providing her leadership while we searched for a new Town Manager.”

The Kayenta Township Commission is a 3,606-acre home rule political subdivision of the Navajo Nation located in Kayenta, Navajo County, Arizona. The Commission was first established in 1985 by the Navajo Nation Council as a “pilot project” for local governance. After codification in 2003



The Kayenta Township Commission

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by the Council, the Commission has the broad authority and responsibility to govern for the welfare of Township and its residents, including the inherent authority to enact ordinances, rules and regulations as it deems in the best interests of the Township.

The Commission is overseen by a 5-member Commission.

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