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Navajo Vice-President Jonathan Nez, who came out on top of all the pre-election polls, had no problem coming in first in the Navajo Nation primary for tribal president Tuesday.

He won more chapters than all of the other 17 candidates combines, getting 14,105 votes, according to the unofficial totals.

Coming in second was former Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley Jr., who received 6,947 votes, but the story there was that throughout most of the night, he was fighting to keep that second place as Tom Chee, the tribal council delegate from Shiprock, who was challenging him all night, at times came within 150 votes.

Chee came in third place with 6,411 votes.

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The tribe's current president, Russell Begaye, came in fifth with 3,833 votes.

Nez and Shirley will now faced each other in the general election. This marks the fifth time that Shirley has won for president, winning twice and losing twice.



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