

**PROPOSED AGENDA
OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
February 16, 2016
Regular Meeting
10 a.m.**

Presiding: Seth Damon, Chairperson
Dwight Witherspoon, Vice Chairperson

Place: Chapter Meeting Room, Shiprock Chapter, Shiprock, Navajo Nation (New Mexico)

Members Present:

_____	Mel R. Begay	_____	Lee Jack, Sr.
_____	Tom T. Chee	_____	Tuchoney Slim, Jr.
_____	Seth Damon	_____	Dwight Witherspoon

1. Call the Meeting to Order; the Roll Call; the Invocation; Announcements;
2. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials
3. Review and Adopt the Agenda
4. Review and Adopt the Journal: *December 29, 2015; January 13, 2016; January 20, 2016 Joint meeting with HEHSC*
5. Receive Reports:
 - a. Welcome Remarks and Shiprock Chapter Report – presented by Duane Yazzie, President, Shiprock Chapter and others
 - b. Recommendation re: to chapters non-compliant with required Financial Statements Audit – presented by Lorenzo Curley, Attorney, Economic/Community Development Unit, Department of Justice
 - c. Revised report on Chapter Issues – Categorized by Type of Findings and Amounts of Questioned Costs – presented by Karen Briscoe, Principal Auditor, Office of the Auditor General
 - d. Corrective Action Plan to Address Chapter Issues Moving Forward – presented by Robert Begay, Department Manager, Administrative Service Centers, Division of Community Development
 - e. Grazing officials’ stipends for chapter regular and planning meetings; legal opinion on who administers funds – presented by Lorenzo Curley, Attorney, Economic/Community Development Unit, Department of Justice
 - f. Recommendations for Amendments to Navajo Nation Code Title 26;– presented by Robert Begay, Department Manager, Administrative Service Centers, Division of Community Development with Arbin

Mitchell, Chief of Staff, Executive Branch and Lorenzo Curley,
Attorney, Department of Justice

- g. Recommendations to Address unpaid Federal and State Taxes by chapters – presented by with Robert Begay, Department Manager, Administrative Service Centers, Division of Community Development
 - h. Legal Opinion on Employee Grievances for Certified Chapters and Legal Opinion on Decertification of Certified Chapters – presented by Lorenzo Curley, Attorney, Economic and Community Development Department of Justice
 - i. Unexpended FY2015 Chapter funds –presented by Robert Jumbo, Senior Auditor, Office of the Auditor General
 - j. Data re: Chapter Fraud Prosecutions for Past 8 years – presented by Ethel Branch, Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General with Vernon Roanhorse, Director, Ethics and Rules Office
 - k. Enterprise Risk Management Executive Branch Programs – presented by Helen Brown, Principal Auditor, Office of the Auditor General
 - l. Recommendations re: Design and Engineering Process and others from January 6-7, 2016 work session – presented by Scott House, Design and Engineering Services, Division of Community Development
 - m. Transferring Planner Positions from Administrative Services Centers Department, Division of Community Development to Design and Engineering Services Department, Division of Community Development – presented by Levon Henry, Legislative Counsel, Office of the Legislative Counsel
 - n. Update on an Assignment Re: Gaming Revenue Fund Distribution for Chapters – presented by Brenda Holgate, Programs/Projects Specialist, Division of Community Development
 - o. Establishing a Tribal or Chartered Bank – presented by JD Colbert with Gwen Andrews, Shandiin Native Enterprise, LLC
 - p. Next Step for Sihasin Legislation Funds – presented Jim Parris, Controller, Office of the Controller
6. Old Business: *none*
7. New Business:
- a. **Legislation No. 0010-16:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Budget and Finance Committees; Amending the

Navajo Veterinary Program Department of Agriculture Fund Management Plan to Establish Navajo Nation Veterinary and Livestock Program Fund Management Plan as an Enterprise Fund Account to be called the “Veterinary Medical Sales Enterprise Fund Account”
Sponsored by Jonathan L. Hale, Council Delegate

- b. **Legislation No. 0022-16:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabikiyati Committees; Authorizing the Navajo Housing Authority as the Tribally Designated Housing Entity to Submit an Application to HUD Under the Recently Announced Tribal HUD-VASH Demonstration Program *Sponsored by Davis Filfred, Council Delegate*
 - c. **Legislation No. 0397-15:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Budget and Finance; Accepting Audit Report 15-22, Special Review of the Dennehotso Chapter Submitted by the Office of the Auditor General and Approving the Corrective Action Plan Submitted by the Dennehotso Chapter *Sponsored by Nathaniel Brown, Council Delegate*
 - d. **Legislation No. 0306-15:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee and Budget and Finance; Accepting the Follow-up Review of the Bahastl’ah Chapter Corrective Action Plan and Recommending Budget and Finance Impose Sanctions on the Bahastl’ah Chapter and Chapter Officials *Sponsored by Mel R. Begay, Council Delegate*
 - e. Scheduling a Joint meeting with RDC, HEHSC re: Auditor General’s report on chapter employees classification and compensation study
 - f. Requesting authorization for off-reservation travel
8. Close of the Session; Other Announcements; Adjournment
Next Regular Meeting: March 1, 2016

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