



## 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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### Navajo Nation Council to convene for the Winter Council Session

**WINDOW ROCK** – The 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council will convene for the opening day of the 2016 Winter Council Session in the Council Chamber in Window Rock on Jan. 25. According to the proposed agenda, which is subject to change, the Council will consider 20 legislations.

Prior to the start of the Winter Council Session, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee will also convene at 7:00 a.m. on Monday to consider several legislations. The proposed agenda will be posted on the Council's website no later than 24-hours prior to the start of the meeting, as mandated by law.

Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland) invites the public to attend the Winter Session as many important issues and legislative actions will be considered, including the proposed Utah Navajo Water Settlement Agreement, amending the Navajo Preference in Employment Act, amending the Navajo Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2012, and others.

"On behalf of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, we invite all Diné Citizens to attend the winter session as the Council deliberates over several important issues," said Speaker Bates.

Prior to the official start of the Winter Session, chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, Ernie Stevens, Jr., will address Council members beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

Following the address from Stevens, Council members will also honor and recognize Sr. Police Officer Pamela Hurley-Vandever for her efforts to implement the federal Sex Offender and Registration and Notification Act on the Navajo Nation. The Council will also recognize former Navajo Indian Health Service director, John Hubbard, for his 27 years of service.

The Winter Council Session will be live-streamed via the Council's designated Ustream channel. Please visit [ustream.tv](http://ustream.tv) and search for "Navajo Nation Council" in the search box to view live proceedings beginning Monday morning.

Please click [here](#) to view the proposed agenda for the Winter Council Session.

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