



## 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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### **Navajo Nation Council to hold Winter Session at the Department of Diné Education**

**WINDOW ROCK** – The 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council is scheduled to convene for the opening day of the Winter Council Session on Jan. 23, which will be held at the Department of Diné Education auditorium in Window Rock, due to the ongoing renovation of the Council Chamber.

As previously reported by Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland), the renovation of the Council Chamber began in December and is tentatively scheduled to conclude in April.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation Council, we welcome all of our people to attend next week’s session or to watch the live streaming of the proceedings,” stated Speaker Bates. “We also extend our appreciation to the Department of Diné Education for their hospitality by allowing the Council to utilize their facility.”

On the opening day of the session on Monday, students with the Chinle High School JROTC will post the colors, 2016-2017 Miss Western Navajo Jackie Johnson will sing the National Anthem, students from the Fort Defiance Head Start program will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and provide a Navajo song performance, and traditional practitioner with the Navajo Nation Behavioral Health Services Rita Gilmore will provide the invocation.

The Council’s first order of business will be the selection and confirmation of a delegate to serve a two-year term as the Speaker of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council. In accordance with Title II of the Navajo Nation Code, Council members are required to select a Speaker at each Winter Council Session that occurs on any odd numbered year.

On the opening day the Council is also scheduled to receive oral reports from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, Office of the Controller, Office of the Attorney General, Acting Chief Justice Allen Sloan, Diné College, and Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care.

On Tuesday, the Council will begin considering 17 legislations that are listed on the proposed agenda. To view the proposed agenda, please visit [navajonationcouncil.org](http://navajonationcouncil.org).

In partnership with the Office of Broadcast Services, the Navajo Nation Council will live-stream the Winter Council Session on the Council’s designated Ustream channel. To view live-

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