



Health, Education, and Human Services Committee to hold virtual public hearing for Miss Navajo Nation plan of operation update

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Monday, Jan. 18, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee will host a virtual public hearing with invitees from Council of Miss Navajo Nation and the Office of Miss Navajo Nation to discuss the amendments to the program’s plan of operation. The virtual forum will take place Jan. 18 from 1pm to 5pm, and will be livestreamed via the Navajo Nation Council’s Vimeo, YouTube and Facebook pages.

The public hearing will include discussion and listening sessions on the yearly budget for Miss Navajo, program staffing, quarterly reporting, requirements for holding the title and more. The Office of Miss Navajo Nation’s plan of operation was last updated by the Navajo Nation Council in 2000 when the program was moved from the Legislative Branch to the Executive Branch.

“During this coronavirus pandemic, the Navajo Nation has seen the dedication of our own Miss Navajo Nation to go above and beyond the call of duty to be of service to our communities. In times of great difficulty, this has been one of the traits evident of our Navajo Nation ambassador, and during this pandemic, the Council is responding to the great need for policies that fit the function and role of Miss Navajo in the 21st century,” said HEHSC Chair Daniel Tso.

The virtual hearing is part of the Council’s discussion of Legislation No. 0221-20, titled “An Action Relating to [the] Naabik’iyáti’ Committee; Amending the Plan of Operation for the Office of Miss Navajo Nation.” The legislation was introduced by Speaker Seth Damon in September 2020 as the Miss Navajo’s term was expected to end under the existing plan of operation. That term was extended through memorandum due to the ongoing pandemic.

The public may view the text of the proposed resolution and the plan of operation through the Navajo Nation Council’s legislative tracking system: <http://dibb.nnols.org>. Additionally, public comments on Legislation No. 0221-20 may be submitted before it is reconsidered by the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Comments may be submitted by email to: comments@navajo-nsn.gov.

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PHOTO: The Office of Miss Navajo Nation logo. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee will host a virtual public forum on updating the OMNN plan of operation, which was last amended in 2000.