



Navajo Nation Council 2021 winter regular session to commence January 25

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 22, 2021

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — In accordance with Title II of the Navajo Nation Code, the winter regular session of the Navajo Nation Council will commence Monday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. (MT).

The session is authorized to continue through the end of business Friday.

The session will take place at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber in Window Rock in hybrid format with Council delegates attending in-person within the chamber or immediately outside the chamber in their respective vehicles.

Discussion will be facilitated through teleconferencing methods.

The session will begin immediately with the election of the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council in coordination with the Navajo Election Administration (NEA).

The election is required by the Code at the start of the winter regular session in every odd-numbered year.

The first day of the agenda will also include the state of the Navajo Nation address from the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch report by the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation and the Speaker's Report.

Oral and written reports will be delivered to the Council from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Health Service (IHS) and select Navajo Nation enterprises and programs, as required by the Navajo Nation Code.

The Council will take action on legislation relating to regular policy and appropriation matters of the Navajo Nation. Generally, the proposed agenda is subject to change through the review and adoption process at the start of the session.

Legislation pertaining to the ongoing Covid-19 (coronavirus) response may be addressed during the regular session.

Safety

Access to the chamber will be facilitated by the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch employee exposure safety plan, which was developed in partnership with the Navajo Nation Occupational Safety and Health Administration (NNOSHA). All Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines will be followed, including mandatory mouth and nose coverings and social distancing.

All participants of the session in the chamber underwent mandatory rapid testing for Covid-19 on Friday as part of the required safety screening process.

Access to the chamber will not be allowed under the facility safety plan without negative results. Additionally, body temperature checks and a screen questionnaire will be required for the safety of all participants.

Agenda and livestream

The proposed agenda has been posted to the Navajo Nation Council website. The approved agenda will be posted immediately following Council's vote to accept it on Monday.

Meeting dates, times and agendas of the Navajo Nation Council, standing committees, subcommittees, commissions and boards are accessible at:

- www.navajonationcouncil.org/meetings.html.

A publicly accessible livestream of the session proceedings will be broadcast online through the Navajo Nation Council's Vimeo, YouTube and Facebook social media pages.

- Vimeo: www.vimeo.com/navajonationcouncil
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PROPOSED AGENDA OF THE 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

WINTER SESSION
January 25 – 29, 2021
10:00 AM

Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ)
VIA TELECONFERENCE

Call-in Number: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 928 871 7160

Passcode: 86515

PRESIDING: Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker, 24th Navajo Nation Council

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION
(m) (s) (v)
2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS TO THE NAVAJO NATION
3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA
(m) (s) (v)
4. SELECTION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
(A) **LEGISLATION 0007-21:** An Action Relating to the Navajo Nation Council; Selecting and Confirming the Speaker of the 24th Navajo Nation Council for a Two-Year Term
SPONSOR: Honorable Rickie Nez
(m) (s) (v)
5. RECEIVE THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAVAJO NATION
(m) (s) (v)

6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE NAVAJO NATION

(m) (s) (v)

7. RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

(m) (s) (v)

8. RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE CONTROLLER

(m) (s) (v)

9. ORAL REPORTS

- A. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) (m) (s) (v)
- B. Indian Health Services (IHS) (m) (s) (v)
- C. Attorney General (m) (s) (v)
- D. Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (m) (s) (v)

10. WRITTEN REPORTS

- A. Standing Committees (m) (s) (v)
- B. Boards and Commissions (m) (s) (v)
- C. Bureau of Indian Affairs (m) (s) (v)
- D. Indian Health Services Area Director (m) (s) (v)

11. OLD BUSINESS: None

12. NEW BUSINESS

- (A) **LEGISLATION 0220-20:** An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance, Resources and Development, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Purchase of Property Offered for Sale to the Navajo Nation by the Owner of 11 D Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.; Approving the Expenditure of Fund Principal of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to the Purchase Property; Approving the Expenditure of Fund Principal of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to Pay for Repair and Renovation of the 11 D Street Property (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Rickie Nez

(m) (s) (v)

- (B) **LEGISLATION 0279-20:** An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Overriding the Navajo Nation President's Veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CO-83-20 (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Otto Tso

(m) (s) (v)

- (C) **LEGISLATION 0289-20:** An Action Relating to Law and Order, Health Education and Human Services, Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Amending CAP-35-18, Síhasin Fund Powerline and Chapter Projects Expenditure Plan, to Extend Project Completion Deadlines to Forty-Eight Months (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Vince R. James

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Otto Tso

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- (D) **LEGISLATION 0313-20:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$19,500,000 in Síhasin Funds to the Navajo Division of Transportation for the N8031/N4 Road Project; Approving and Adopting the N8031/N4 Road Project Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501 – 2508 **(2/3)**
SPONSOR: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair

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- (E) **LEGISLATION 0314-20:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$7,750,000 in Síhasin Funds to the Navajo Division of Transportation for the N8066 Road Paving Project; Approving and Adopting the N8066 Road Paving Project Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501 – 2508 **(2/3)**
SPONSOR: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair

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- (F) **LEGISLATION 0315-20:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$1,424,705 in Síhasin Funds to the Navajo Division of Transportation for the N8065 Oraibi Wash Project; Approving and Adopting the N8065 Oraibi Wash Project Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501 – 2508 **(2/3)**
SPONSOR: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair

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- (G) **LEGISLATION 0295-20:** An Action Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Child Support Enforcement Act, 9 N.N.C. § 1701 *et. seq.*
SPONSOR: Honorable Charlaine Tso

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- (H) **LEGISLATION 0308-20:** An Action Relating to Law and Order, Budget and Finance, Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Deposit and Allocation of Fines Collected from Curfew Violations Related to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Orders to the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety
SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.

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13. CLOSE OF SESSION; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE: The public is advised that the Navajo Nation Council Agenda and the Agendas of the Standing Committees are not final until adopted by a majority vote of the Navajo Nation Council or the Standing Committee at a Navajo Nation Council or a Standing Committee meeting pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§163 and 183, Navajo Nation Council Rule of Order No. 7, and Standing Committee Rule of Order No. 8.

Livestream will be available online at:

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