

**AGENDA  
OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**March 15, 2022**  
Regular Meeting  
10:28 a.m.

*Via Teleconference: 669 900-6833*

*Zoom meeting ID: 232 628 2566*

*Passcode: 86515*

Presiding: Jamie Henio, Chairperson

Raymond Smith, Jr., Vice Chairperson

Place: Via Telecommunication, Window Rock, Navajo Nation

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Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elmer P. Begay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Henio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathaniel Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raymond Smith, Jr.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amber K. Crotty	excused <input type="checkbox"/> Jimmy Yellowhair

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1. Call the Meeting to Order; the Roll Call; the Invocation;
2. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials
3. Review and Adopt the Agenda

*M: Elmer P. Begay S: Nathaniel Brown Vote:4-0 Yeas: EPB, NB, AC, RS; JY excused*

*Amendment 1: Motion: Elmer P. Begay Second: Nathaniel Brown Vote: 4-0 Yeas: EPB, NB, AC, RS; JY excused*

*Add report: Rocky Ridge Gas and Market; attendance to Sovereign Investment Conference @ Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix, AZ on April 11-12, 2022; delete from agenda Legislation 0040-22; add Legislation 0045-22 and Legislation 0043-22*

4. Review and Adopt the Journal: *February 1, 2022, February 15, 2022*

*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*

5. Receive Reports:

- a. Navajo Townsite Community Development Corporation – presented by Jonathan L. Hale, Board President, Navajo Townsite Community Development Corporation

*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*

- b. Unmet Needs Budgets Policy and Process – presented by Dominic Beyal, Director, Office of Management and Budget

*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*

- Unmet needs Policy
- 2 year Budget Cycle

- c. CS-49-21, Condition of Appropriation, Legislative Concerns Related to Division of Human Resources – presented by Perphelia Fowler, Ph.D., Division of Human Resources and others

*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*

- d. Rocky Ridge Gas & Market – presented by Germaine Simonson

*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*

6. Old Business: *none*

*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*

7. New Business:

- a. **Legislation No. 0013-22:** An Act Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$540,528 in Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to Rehoboth Christian School to Fund Student Transportation Costs, a Navajo Language Teacher Position, Summer School Expenses, and Other Needs *Sponsored by Pernell Halona, Council Delegate*  
*M: Raymond Smith, Jr. S: Nathaniel Brown Vote: Yeas: Nays*
- b. **Legislation No. 0035-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$400,000 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUFb”) to Pay State Property Taxes and Grazing Fees for Navajo Nation Fee Lands Under the Department of Agriculture Ranch and Eastern Land Management Program; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), § 820(F), and § 820(J) to Allow Use of UUFb Funds for Recurring Expenses *Sponsored by Rickie Nez, Council Delegate*  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
- ~~c. **Legislation No. 0040-22:** An Act Relating to Resources and Development, Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabikiyati Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Establishing the San Juan River Mitigation Fund; Directing that Monies Received from *In Re: Gold King Mine Release in San Juan County, Colorado, on August 5, 2015, No. 1:18-md-02824 (D.N.M.)* and Underlying and Related Actions be Deposited in the San Juan River Mitigation Fund after Reimbursement of Litigation Costs *Sponsored by Rick Nez, Council Delegate*—[deleted from agenda; legislation not ready]  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*~~
- d. **Legislation No. 0036-22:** An Act Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, and Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting the Auditor General’s Audit of the Department of Family Services (“DFS”) and the DFS’ Proposed Corrective Action Plan *Sponsored by Nathaniel Brown, Council Delegate*  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
- e. **Legislation No. 0038-22:** An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving and Accepting the Navajo Nation Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Amount of \$944,900.00; Approving a Waiver of Indirect Costs *Sponsored by Daniel E. Tso, Paul Begay, Jr., and Edison J. Wauneka, Council Delegates*  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
- f. **Legislation No. 0014-22:** An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Resources, Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabikiyati Committees; Supporting and Recommending the Passage of United States Senate Bill 1740 Titled “Schools and State Budgets Certainty Act of 2021” *Sponsored by Daniel E. Tso, Council Delegate*  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
- g. **Legislation No. 0027-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, and Budget and Finance Committee; Accepting the Auditor General’s Audit Report of the Fish and Wildlife Department (“FWD”) and the Corrective Action Plan Proposed by FWD *Sponsored by Mark Freeland, Council Delegate*  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*

- h. **Legislation No. 0029-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development and the Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting the Auditor General’s Audit Report of the Standing Rock Chapter and the Chapter’s Proposed Corrective Action Plan *Sponsored by Mark Freeland, Council Delegate*  
M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays
- i. **Legislation No. 0030-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, and Budget and Finance Committees; Establishing the Abandoned Uranium Mines Enterprise Fund (“AUM Enterprise Fund”); Approving the Related fund management plan; and Allocating \$99,787 from the Navajo EPA AUM Settlement Funds Account as the Initial Amount to be Deposited into the New AUM Enterprise Fund *Sponsored by Mark Freeland, Council Delegate*  
M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays
- j. **Legislation No. 0045-22:** An Act Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’íyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$4,000,000 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUFB”) for the Navajo Nation Department of Justice Water Rights Litigation Unit to Continue Litigating and Protecting the Navajo Nation’s Water Rights; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), § 820(F), § 820(J), and § 820(L) *Sponsored by Thomas Walker, Jr., Council Delegate*  
M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays
- k. **Legislation No. 0043-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’íyáti’ Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$437,947 Out of the Síhasin Fund to Purchase a New Motor Grader for Sawmill Chapter and to Purchase a New Backhoe for Red Lake Chapter; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 – 2508 *Sponsored by Wilson Stewart, Jr., Council Delegate*  
M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays
- l. *Scheduling a Leadership Meeting with Law & Order Committee Re: Judicial Branch on ~~March 11, 2022~~ or March 18, 2022*  
M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays
- m. *Attendance to Sovereign Investment Conference, Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix, AZ April 11-21, 2022*  
M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays
8. **Close of the Session; Written Announcements; Adjournment**  
M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

*Next Regular Meeting: April 5, 2022*

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