



**APPROVED AGENDA OF THE  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**FALL SESSION  
October 17 – 21, 2022  
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, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council***

1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION
2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS TO THE NAVAJO NATION
3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA  
(m) Hon. Vince R. James                      (s) Hon. Nathaniel Brown                      (v) 21-0 (snv)
4. RECEIVE THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAVAJO NATION  
(m) Hon. Paul Begay, Jr.                      (s) Hon. Edison J. Wauneka                      (v)
5. RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE NAVAJO NATION  
(m)    (s)    (v)
6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
(m)    (s)    (v)
7. RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE CONTROLLER  
(m)    (s)    (v)

8. 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)

9. 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)

10. OLD BUSINESS

(A) **LEGISLATION 0003-22:** An Act Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$900,000 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance ("UUFb") to the Division of Economic Development/Tourism Department for Personnel and Operating Expenses for the Remainder of FY2022; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), § 820(F), and § 820(J) to Allow Use of the UUFb for Recurring Expenses (2/3)

**SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.**

(m) Hon. Raymond Smith, Jr. (s) Hon. Jimmy Yellowhair (v)

4/20/2022 – Motion to Refer Legislation 0003-22 to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee for further discussion; (M) Hon. Carl R. Slater; (S) Hon. Jimmy Yellowhair; (V) 20 in Favor, 02 Opposed (Speaker Damon Not Voting)

8/30/2022 – Naabik'iyáti' Committee refers Legislation 0003-22 back to the Navajo Nation Council for consideration; (M) Hon. Rickie Nez; (S) Hon. Vince R. James; (V) 13 in Favor, 05 Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)

9/29/2022 – Motion to Table Legislation 0003-22 Until the Navajo Nation Council Fall Session Pursuant to Action by the Office of the President and Vice-President Regarding Legislation 0007-22; (M) Hon. Carl R. Slater; (S) Hon. Edison J. Wauneka; (V) 21 in Favor, 00 Opposed (Speaker Damon Not Voting)

(B) **LEGISLATION 0021-22:** An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director; and Amending 2 N.N.C. § 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 Relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (2/3)

**SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.**

(m) (s) (v)

07/21/2022 – Motion to Refer Legislation 0021-22 back to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to hold a Work Session within 30 days; to hear from the Navajo Veterans, Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council and possibly the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration; (M) Hon. Jimmy Yellowhair; (S) Hon. Pernell Halona; (V) 13 In Favor, 09 Opposed (Speaker Damon Not Voting)

09/13-14/2022 – A Veterans Public Hearing was completed at Eastern and Western Agency on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 and Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

9/22/2022 – Naabik'iyáti' Committee refers Legislation 0021-22 back to the Navajo Nation Council for consideration; (M) Hon. Eugene Tso; (S) Hon. Daniel E. Tso; (V) 11 in Favor, 06 Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)

(C) **LEGISLATION 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

**SPONSOR: Honorable Pernell Halona**

**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Seth Damon**

**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Edmund Yazzie**

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(v)

4/21/2022 – Motion to Refer Legislation 0013-22 to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee for further discussion at the next Regular scheduled or Special Naabik'iyáti' Committee meeting; (M) Hon. Jamie Henio; (S) Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton; (V) 12 in Favor, 11 Opposed (Chairman Damon Votes in Favor to Break Tie)

5/12/2022 – Legislation 0013-22 was referred back to the Navajo Nation Council for consideration; (M) Hon. Edison J. Wauneka; (S) Hon. Jimmy Yellowhair; (V) 14 in Favor, 09 Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

- (A) **LEGISLATION 0110-22:** An Act Relating to the Budget and Finance, Resources and Development, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$5,000,000 from the Síhasin Fund for the Assessment and Remediation of the Former Navajo Forest Products Industry Location in Navajo, NM; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 - § 2508 **(2/3)**  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.**

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(v)

- (B) **LEGISLATION 0159-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$10,031,897 from the Síhasin Fund for the Mariano Lake Chapter Multipurpose Building Project; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §2501 - §2508 **(2/3)**  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Edmund Yazzie**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.**

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- (C) **LEGISLATION 0161-22:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$5,000,000 in Síhasin Funds to the Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company for Development and Construction of the Tse Si Ani C-Store; Approving and Adopting the Tse Si Ani C-Store Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501 – 2508 **(2/3)**  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.**

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- (D) **LEGISLATION 0164-22:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Reinstatement of Shandiin Deputee as a Member of the Navajo Nation  
**SPONSOR: Herman M. Daniels, Jr.**

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- (E) **LEGISLATION 0156-22:** An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee, Naabik'iyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Probationary Appointment of Cecelia Tallman as Navajo Nation District Court Judge  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Otto Tso**

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- (F) **LEGISLATION 0184-22:** An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Naabik'iyati' Committee, and Navajo Nation Council; Reaffirming Resolutions NABIN-69-18, NABIMY-27-19, and NABIAU-25-21, Requesting a Tribal Communication with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to Establish Direct Services on the Navajo Nation for Navajo Veterans  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.**

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## 12. CLOSE OF SESSION; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

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