

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

**November 15, 2022**

Regular Meeting

10:11 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 Telecommunications, Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ.)*

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Members Present:

<input type="checkbox"/> Elmer P. Begay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Henio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Nathaniel Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raymond Smith, Jr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Amber K. Crotty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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: Jimmy Yellowhair S: Raymond Smith, Jr. Vote: 3-0 Yeas: RS JY NB with 4 amendments*
4. Review and Adopt the Journal: *August 1, 2022; October 4, 2022*  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
5. Receive Reports:
  - a. NTUA Disconnection and Assistance Status Update – presented by Gerard Curley, CFO with Marty Ashley, GM Government Liaison, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
  - b. Update on the ARPA Hardship Assistance program – presented by Christine Chavez, Office of the Controller  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
  - c. Recommendations from the Department of Personnel Management re: directive of July 12, 2022 to respond within 45 days – presented by Tomicita Woody, Director, Department of Personnel Management, Division of Human Resources  
*Directive: “The Department of Personnel Management shall review the requirement in BFAP-12-15 for the Controller’s position to be a licensed CPA, and to make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee as to what amendment is needed to this requirement to facilitate the hiring of a permanent Controller; said recommendations shall be provided to the Budget and Finance Committee within 45 days of this Directive being issued.”*  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
  - d. Monument Valley Tribal Park funding – presented by Martin Begay, Director, Navajo Parks and Recreation, Division of Natural Resources; Adeline Tohannie, Park Manager  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
  - e. Navajo Traditional Apprenticeship Project – presented by Harold G. Begay, Superintendent, Department of Dine Education and others including Tim Begay,

Cultural Specialist, Historic Preservation Department and Manuelito Wheeler,  
Director, Navajo Nation Museum

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- f. Colorado Ranch Enterprise – presented by Sam Diswood, Ranch Manager, Colorado Ranch Enterprise, Department of Fish and Wildlife and Gloria Tom, Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

6. Old Business: *none*

7. New Business:

**A. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Legislation No. 0193-22:** An Act Relating to Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Amending 12 N.N.C. § 820(N) to Change the Lapse of Certain Appropriations *Sponsored by Otto Tso and Eugenia Charles-Newton, Council Delegates*

**Legislation No. 0196-22:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving and Authorizing a Renewal Contract Between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of the Interior Under 25 U.S.C. § 5301 *et seq.* (P.L. 93-638, as amended), for a Five (5) Year Term for the Period Beginning January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2027 for the Water Development Program; Approving and Authorizing the Fiscal Year Annual Funding Agreement and Scope of Work for the Period of the Contract Term *Sponsored by Thomas Walker and Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Council Delegates*

**Legislation No. 0198-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$3,468,000 from the Síhasin Fund for a Multipurpose Building at the Aneth Chapter and Approving the Related Expenditure Plan *Sponsored by Charlaine Tso, Council Delegate*

**Legislation No. 0190-22:** An Act Relating to the Budget and Finance, Resources and Development, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$200,000 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUFb”) for the Sawmill Chapter Renovation Project *Sponsored by Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Council Delegate*

**Legislation No. 0075-22:** An Act Relating to the Budget and Finance, Resources and Development, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$10,000,000 from the Síhasin Fund to Establish a New Outdoor Recreation Fund for the Navajo Nation *Sponsored by Carl R. Slater, Council Delegate*

**Legislation No. 0182-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$970,000 from the Síhasin Fund for the Demolition and Cleanup for Four Former Business Sites Under the Chinle RBDO, and Approving the Related Expenditure Plan *Sponsored by Carl Slater, Council Delegate*

**Legislation No. 0194-22:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving and Authorizing a Renewal Contract Between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of the Interior

Under 25 U.S.C. § 5301 *et seq.* (P.L. 93-638, as amended), for a Five (5) Year Term for the Indian Child Welfare Act Program; Beginning January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2027; Approving and Authorizing the Fiscal Year Annual Funding Agreement and Scope of Work for the Period of the Contract Term *Sponsored by Carl Slater, and Otto Tso, Council Delegates*

**Legislation No. 0187-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$783,500 from the Síhasin Fund for the San Juan River Dineh Water Users, Inc. to Complete the Shiprock Lateral Water Conversion – Phase I Salinity Control – Project; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan *Sponsored by Amber K. Crotty, Council Delegate*

**Legislation No. 0157-22:** An Action Relating to Law and Order, Health Education and Human Services, Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Amending CAP-35-18, Síhasin Fund Powerline and Chapter Projects Expenditure Plan, to Extend Project Completion Deadlines for an Additional Twenty-Four Months *Sponsored by Raymond Smith, Jr., Pernell Halona, and Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Council Delegates*

**Legislation No. 0176-22:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$10,159,542 from the Síhasin Fund to Replace the Ramah Navajo School Board Drinking Water System; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan *Sponsored by Jamie Henio, Council Delegate*

**Legislation No. 0180-22:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabikiyati Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Authorizing the Attorney General to Advance Fixed Cost Litigation Account Funds to Support the Legal Fees Attributable to the *Individual* Federal Torts Claims Act Cases Filed by Approximately 300 Individual Tribal Members for Money Damages Caused by the Gold King Mine Spill; Waiving 2 N.N.C.§§1961 (B) AND 1964(B) *Sponsored by Raymond Smith, Jr. and Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Council Delegates*

b. **Legislation No. 0181-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, and Budget and Finance Committees; Approving a Change to CAP-35-18 for Naschitti Chapter by Moving the Chapter's "Cemetery Expansion Project: from Funding Year 1 to Funding Year 3, with No Change in the Original Funding Amount of \$50,000 *Sponsored by Pernell Halona, Council Delegate*

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

c. **Legislation No. 0171-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Accepting the Auditor General's Audit of the Black Mesa Chapter and Approving the Chapter's Proposed Corrective Action Plan *Sponsored by Jimmy Yellowhair, Council Delegate*

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

d. **Legislation No. 0202-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, and Budget and Finance Committees; Approving a Change to CAP-35-18 for the Whippoorwill Chapter by Moving Funds for the Whippoorwill Chapter House Renovation, in the Amount of \$450,000.00, From Funding Year 2 to Year 3. *Sponsored by Jimmy Yellowhair, Council Delegate*

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- e. **Legislation No. 0172-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Accepting the Auditor General's Audit of the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance and Approving the Chapter's Proposed Corrective Action Plan *Sponsored by Raymond Smith, Jr., Council Delegate*

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- f. **Legislation No. 0183-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, and Budget and Finance Committees; Approving a Change to CAP-35-18 for Round Rock Chapter by moving the Chapter's "Signage Proposal Project" from Funding Year 1 to Funding Year 3 and adding Equipment Purchases to the Project, With no change in the original funding amount of \$33,198.50 *Sponsored by Carl Slater, and Council Delegates*

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- g. **Legislation No. 0210-22:** An Act Relating to the Budget and Finance Committee; Approving Amendments to the Navajo Nation's Agreement with its Investment Manager Barrow Hanley Global Investors *Sponsored by Jamie Henio, Council Delegate*

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- h. *Attendance to the Investment Committee annual meeting November 28 – December 3, 2022*

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- i. *Attendance to the RPAC annual meeting December 7-10, 2022*

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

8. **Close of the Session; Written Announcements; Adjournment**

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

*Next Regular Meeting: December 6, 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