

**AGENDA**

**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
April 29, 2024  
In lieu of April 15, 2024  
9:00 AM**

**PRESIDING** : Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson  
Honorable Germaine Simonson, Vice Chairperson

**PLACE** : Budget and Finance Conference Room (In-Person)  
Via Telecommunications:  
**Call-In Number: 1-669-900-6833 MTG ID: 979-985-0956 Passcode: 86515**  
Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION; ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS**

**3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA**

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**4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S):**

- March 11, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- March 25, 2024 – Regular Meeting

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**5. RECEIVING REPORT:**

**A. Update Report:**

- ❖ Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and
- ❖ Navajo Nation Civil Rights of Individuals with Disabilities Act – CJY-38-22: An Act Relating to the Budget and Finance, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$13,334,871 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUFB”) for the Renovations Necessary at Certain

**Navajo Nation Advisory Council on Disability (NNACOD)**

❖ Navajo Nation Disability Initiatives:

- Navajo Nation Advisory Council on Disability (NNCOD)
- Native American Disability Law Center
  - Navajo Nation Disability Laws
  
- NNCOD Disability Initiatives:
  - Navajo Nation Personnel Policies
  - Disability Voter Accessibility to Polling Places
  - Public Transportation
  - Public Building Accessibility
  - NHA Housing
  - Navajo Nation Fair Ground Accessibility

**Presenters:** Hoskie Benally, Jr., President; NNACOD  
Nicole Curley, Disability Community Member  
Elton Yazzie, Member; NNACOD  
Austin Moore, Staff Attorney; Native American Disability Law Center

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**B. Navajo Nation Departments and Divisions; NHA and BIE**

- Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and
- Navajo Nation Civil Rights of Individuals with Disabilities Act – CJY-38-22

**I. Office of the President and Vice President:**

**Presenters:** Yolanda Azua, OPVP Executive Staff Assistant; Disabilities Initiatives Special Project  
Patrick Sandoval, Chief of Staff, Office of the President and Vice President

**II. Division of Human Resources:**

- **Navajo Nation Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

**Presenters:** Debbie Nez Manuel, Executive Director, Navajo Division of Human Resources  
Frank Roanhorse, Program Manager, NOSHA

**III. Division of General Services:**

**Presenters:** Marcus Tully, Department Manager III, Facilities Maintenance Department – Navajo Nation Division of General Services  
Shawnavan Dale, Division Director, Division of General Services

**IV. Navajo Division of Social Services:**

**Presenter:** Thomas Cody, Director – Navajo Division of Social Services

**V. Navajo Division of Health**

➤ **Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support (DALTCS)**

**Presenters:** Anslem Lewis, Jr., Health Service Administrator (Interim), DALTCS  
Kim Russell, Director – Navajo Division of Health

**VI. Department of Public Safety**

**Presenter:** Michael Anderson, Executive Director, Navajo Division of Public Safety

**VII. Navajo Division of Transportation:**

➤ **Navajo Transit**

**Presenters:** Calvin Castillo, Department Manager Navajo Division of Transportation  
Tom Platero, Division Director, Navajo Division of Transportation

**VIII. Division of Community Development:**

➤ **Navajo Nation Chapters**

**Presenters:** Jeron Charley, Department Manager, Administrative Service Centers  
Arbin Mitchell, Division Director, Navajo Division of Community Development

**IX. Navajo Judicial Courts:**

**Presenters:** Bennie Francisco, Jr., Administrator Director of the Courts; Administrative Office of Courts (AOC)  
JoAnn Jayne, Chief Justice, Navajo Judicial Branch

**X. Navajo Housing Authority**

**Presenters:** Heather L. Duncan-Etsitty, Chief Executive Officer, NHA  
Ernest Franklin, Chief Operations Officer, NHA

**XI. Bureau of Indian Education**

**Presenter:** Dr. Sharon Henderson, Education Specialist – Native Language, Bureau of Indian Education – Navajo Schools

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**6. OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Legislation No. 0083-24:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Naabik’iyáti’ Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Kim Russell as the Health Director of the Navajo Nation Department of Health.

**Sponsor:** Delegate Andy Nez

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**B. Legislation No. 0084-24:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Approving and Adopting the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Housing Program Policy as the Eligibility Criteria for Receiving Services Under the Veterans Housing Projects Expenditure Plan.

**Sponsor:** Delegate Andy Nez

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**C. Legislation No. 0087-24:** An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Amending and Approving the Navajo Department of Health Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Comprehensive Policies and Procedures

**Sponsor:** Delegate Andy Nez

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**8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT  
NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:**

➤ Friday, May 10, 2024                    10:00 am                    NTU Spring Commencement/Graduation  
NTU Campus; Crownpoint, NM

➤ Friday, May 10, 2024                    10:00 am                    Dine College Spring  
Commencement/Graduation

Dine College Campus Quad Area (in front of the library); Tsaile, NN (AZ)

- Monday, May 10, 2024                      10:00 am                      Northern Arizona University  
Spring Commencement /Graduation  
NAU Campus – Flagstaff, AZ
- Monday May 13, 2024                      10:00 am                      HEHSC Regular Meeting  
Budget and Finance Conference Room
- Saturday, May 18, 2024                      10:00 am                      Navajo Preparatory School Spring Graduation  
Navajo Preparatory School Campus  
Farmington, NM
- Monday, May 20, 2024                      10:00 am                      HEHSC Regular Meeting  
Budget and Finance Conference Room
- **Reschedule:** Monday, May 27, 2024                      Memorial Day - Observed Federal Holiday

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*THIS AGENDA 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 Committees 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 Rule of Order No. 8.*