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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee; Approving Procedures for the Oversight Committee Budget Meetings for the FY2025 Navajo Nation Comprehensive Budget**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0162-24

**DATE:** July 12, 2024

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING PROCEDURES FOR THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETINGS FOR THE FY2025 NAVAJO NATION COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, would adopt Oversight Committee Budget Meeting Procedures for the FY2025 Navajo Nation Comprehensive Budget.

**Final Authority:** Law and Order

**Vote Required:** Simple Majority

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.**

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1                                    PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2                                    25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2024  
3                                    INTRODUCED BY



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(Prime Sponsor)



TRACKING NO. 0162-24

10                                    AN ACTION  
11                                    RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING  
12                                    PROCEDURES FOR THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETINGS  
13                                    FOR THE FY2025 NAVAJO NATION COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

15 BE IT ENACTED:

17 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 18 A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council.  
19        2 N.N.C. § 600(A).  
20 B. "Each oversight committee shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and  
21 Finance Committee concerning the budget in accordance with the annual budget  
22 instructions. The oversight committees may hold public hearings at each agency with  
23 programs under their oversight and take testimony on the budget. The  
24 oversight committees shall make recommendations concerning the budget and pass  
25 resolutions recommending appropriations and conditions of appropriations for  
26 activities within their respective areas of oversight to the Budget and Finance  
27 Committee pursuant to the time-lines established in the Budget Instructions Manual.  
28 ... ." 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).

30 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 1 A. In the interest of establishing uniform standing committee budget procedures for  
2 conducting the budget meetings pursuant to 12 N.N.C §840 (A), the Law and Order  
3 Committee wishes to adopt procedures for the FY 2025 oversite budget meetings.  
4 B. The Law and Order Committee has reviewed and considered the proposed  
5 “OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETINGS RE: FY2025 PROGRAM  
6 BUDGETS FOR THE FY2025 NAVAJO NATION COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET,  
7 attached as **Exhibit A**.

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9 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BUDGET**  
10 **MEETING PROCEDURES FOR THE FY2025 NAVAJO NATION**  
11 **COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

12 The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves  
13 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETINGS RE: FY2025 PROGRAM  
14 BUDGETS FOR THE FY2025 NAVAJO NATION COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET,  
15 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.



**PROCEDURES  
FOR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETINGS  
RE: FY2025 PROGRAM BUDGETS FOR THE  
FY2025 NAVAJO NATION COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

1. The current Standing Committee Rules of Order shall be used, except that these PROCEDURES suspend Rule 8 of the Standing Committee Rules of Order.
2. Each Agenda shall list action items as follows:
  - A. Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation.
  - B. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials.
  - C. Review and adopt the Agenda. Agenda items shall only include budget legislations (and the legislation to approve/adopt these Procedures, which should be the very first action item on the Agenda).
  - D. Close of Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment.
3. Agendas shall be posted to show a single Budget Meeting duration of five (5) consecutive work days.
4. The Oversight Committee may recess during its 5-day Budget Meeting to provide time for amendments to be drafted and budget exhibits to be revised, if necessary.
5. The Oversight Committee is not required to swear in any agents or other presenters. Regarding their presentations, the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies (June 3, 2020) subjects all Navajo Nation employees to termination (first offense) for knowingly making false statements or falsifying documents, and under the Navajo Nation Ethics in Government Law at 2 N.N.C. §3741 - §3793 (2007) all Navajo Nation elected officials are subject to forfeiture of their elected positions and potential civil penalties for knowingly making false statements or falsifying documents.
6. After a budget legislation is motioned, OMB shall present a simple verbal and/or written budget summary to the Committee, before the Sponsor of the legislation starts his/her presentation on the budget legislation.
7. The Sponsor of the budget legislation, and his/her agents, shall have 20 minutes to present the legislation. The presiding Chair, at his/her discretion, may increase or decrease the 20-minute time period for the initial presentation of the legislation.
8. As with any legislation, Oversight Committee Members may ask questions of agents and OMB through the Sponsor. Questions to advisors, e.g., the Controller, Department of Personnel Management staff, should go through the presiding Chair.

9. Each budget legislation shall have attached to it EXHIBITS A, B, C, D, E, and F, as follows:

EXHIBIT A Fund Type Budget Summary

EXHIBIT B General Fund Comparative Summary

EXHIBIT C Recommended Changes to the General Fund Budget

EXHIBIT D Recommended Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns

EXHIBIT E Recommended Unmet Needs Budgets

EXHIBIT F External Funds

10. The Office of Legislative Counsel (“OLC”) will provide fillable Amendment Forms to each of the Oversight Committee members. This Amendment Form shall be used for all proposed amendments to any Exhibits and documents in the Budget Binder.

11. For each proposed amendment, the filled-out Amendment Form shall be submitted to the Committee’s Legislative Advisor and to OLC. Amendments shall be restricted to moving funds within a single Branch. Inter-Branch revisions of budget dollar figures are not permitted.

12. OLC will prepare the wording for proposed amendments using the information provided on the Amendment Form. Legislative Advisors shall revise Exhibit B and Exhibit C according to the amendment(s) approved by the Oversight Committee, if any.

13. Legislative Advisors shall also prepare Directives regarding the submittal of revised Exhibits and revised Budget Binder documents, if any.

14. As with any other legislation, the Oversight Committee shall vote on each proposed amendment individually and then on the main motion for each budget legislation. As with any other legislation, a quorum of Committee members is required for such votes.

15. The Oversight Committee’s Legislative Advisor is responsible for keeping a complete and accurate list of all approved amendments for including in the Oversight Committee Report that will be forwarded to the Budget & Finance Committee along with the budget legislation.

16. Once the Oversight Committee votes on, or tables, a budget legislation, it shall then move forward to the Budget & Finance Committee. Oversight Committee actions on all budget legislations shall serve as the Committee’s recommendations to the Budget & Finance Committee.

17. The Oversight Committee through its Chair and/or Vice Chair, or authorized designee, shall give a presentation to the Budget & Finance Committee on each of the budget legislations for the Programs, Divisions, etc. under that Oversight Committee’s oversight authority.

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Honorable Crystalyn Curley  
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25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton, Council Delegate  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Ka Lowell for  
Loya M. Henderson, Senior Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: July 12, 2024

SUBJECT: **AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE;  
APPROVING PROCEDURES FOR THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
BUDGET MEETINGS FOR THE FY2025 NAVAJO NATION  
COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

As requested, I prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government, however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

Please ensure this resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like to make to the proposed resolution.