

# AGENDA

## HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING February 10, 2025 10:00 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 THE AGENDA

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#### 4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S): E-mailed on January 21, 2025

- December 16, 2024
- January 6, 2025

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#### 5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Legislation 0006-25:** 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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## 6. RECEIVING REPORTS:

### A. Report / Update:

Navajo Department of Health

- Update Exhibit A information for a revision to HEHSC Resolution No. HEHSCMA-02-23.

**Presenters:** Sherylene M. Yazzie, Interim Executive Director, Department of Health  
Michele Morris, Legislative Analyst, Department of Health

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### B. Report / Update

Navajo Department of Health

Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board

- Applicants and Referred Applicants to fill vacancies on the Human Research Review Board.

**Presenters:** Sherylene M. Yazzie, Interim Executive Director, Department of Health  
Michael Winney, Coordinator, NNHRRB

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### C. Report Update:

Update on the progress of updating/revising information and proposing revision to *Legislation No. 0195-24: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Approving Amendments to the Navajo Nation Child Support Guidelines and Child Support Schedule*.

On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, HEHSC Tabled the legislation for 90-days. The legislation was referred to the Navajo Department of Justice and the Department of Child Support Enforcement within the Navajo Division of Human Resources to re-assess the affordability and to update relevant information to the Child Support Guidelines and Child Support Schedule and thereafter, hold a work session for the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. As of a January 2025 report, public hearings at each NN agency were completed.

**Presenters:** Reycita Toddy, Interim Director, Division of Human Resources  
Katherine Benally, Deputy Director, Division of Human Resources  
Judy Platero, Program Manager, DHR/Department of Child Support Services  
Brenda Anderson, Tribal Court Advocate, Navajo Department of Justice  
Chris Schneider, Principal Attorney, Navajo Department of Justice

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### D. Report:

Native Americans for Community Action, Inc. (NACA); Flagstaff, AZ

- Support for continued and uninterrupted Federal Funding for Urban Indian/Tribal Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations to provide services.

Presenters:        Christopher David, CEO, NACA

Dorothy Denetsosie Gishie, NACA

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- E. Reconfirm** HEHSC member’s attendance to the WIHCC BOD Annual Meeting in Fountain Hills, AZ on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 and attendance to the Naabik’iyati’ Committee meeting regarding the NN comprehensive budget on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

**Presenter:**     Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor, OLS

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- F. Report:** Accept the written reports from the Navajo Nation Advisory Council via NNVA

Presenter: Gabriella Mehl, Chairperson; Navajo Veterans Advisory Council; NNVA  
Lloyd Begay, Commander; Northern Navajo Veterans Organization; NNVA

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**7. OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**8. NEW BUSINESS (Con’t):**

- B. Reschedule** HEHSC Regular Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2025. The Navajo Nation Council Comprehensive Budget Session is scheduled for February 24 – 25, 2025.

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- C. Schedule** a HEHSC Work Session with DODE and DBOSBA re: *Improving the Education System on Navajo Nation.*

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- D. Schedule** a two-day HEHSC Work Session with DHR/DPM to complete the review and amendments to the revised Personnel Policies Manual.

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- E. Schedule** a HEHSC Work Session with the Navajo Nation Office of Background Investigations.

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**9. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Monday, February 17, 2025                    President’s Day – Observed Federal and NN Holiday

- Tuesday, February 18, 2025      Attend the WIHCC BOD Annual Meeting in Wekopa Casino Resort in Fountain Hills, AZ.
- Tuesday, February 18, 2025      Naabik'iyati' Committee Meeting to consider the Comprehensive Budget Legislation.
- Wednesday, February 19, 2025      10:00 AM      HEHSC Special Meeting; Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday-Tuesday February 24-25, 2025      Navajo Nation Comprehensive Budget Session.

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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.*