

## **APPROVED AGENDA**

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

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**April 28, 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:

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Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Helena Nez Begay	<input type="checkbox"/> Germaine Simonson
<input type="checkbox"/> Vince R. James	<input type="checkbox"/> George Tolth
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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):**

- March 17, 2025
- March 24, 2025

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#### **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Legislation No. 0044-25:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Reinstatement

and Reenrollment of Spring John, Formerly Known as Spring Norris, as a Member of the Navajo Nation.

**Sponsor:** Delegate Cherilyn Yazzie

**Co-Sponsor:** Delegate Germaine Simonson

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- B. Legislation No. 0050-25:** An Act Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, the Law and Order Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Effective Date of Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CO-47-24

**Sponsor:** Delegate Carl R. Slater

**Co-Sponsor:** Delegate Crystalayne Curley

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- C. Legislation No. 0056-25:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Approving and Supporting the Navajo Department of Health's Written Comments to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Annual Tribal Budget Consultations.

**Sponsor:** Delegate Vince R. James

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## **6. REPORT(S):**

- A. Report:** Department of Dine' Education

➤ Update on the status of Na'neelzhiin Ji Olta' / Torreon Day School.

**Presenters:** Claudia Edgewater, Acting Superintendent, Department of Dine' Education (DODE)

Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Assistant Superintendent; DODE

Anderson Yazzie, Program Manager; Ofc. Of Dine Accountability and Compliance(ODAC); DODE

Lavida Maestas, Senior Education Specialist, Ofc. Of Dine' Accountability and Compliance (ODAC); DODE

Jamey Lowrey, Senior Education Specialist, Ofc. Of Dine Accountability and Compliance (ODAC); DODE

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- B. Report:** Navajo Head Start

➤ Priority Listing: Funding for the Head Start facilities.

➤ Head Start position titles

**Presenters:** Dr. Florinda Jackson, Superintendent; Head Start – DODE  
Claudia Edgewater, Acting Superintendent; DODE  
Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Assistant Superintendent; DODE

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**C. Report:** Navajo Election Administration  
Navajo Board of Election Supervisors (NBOES)

- Failed Required Background Checks for Elected School Board Members.

**Presenters:** Veronica Curley, Interim Executive Director, Navajo Election Administration  
Norman Begay, President, Chinle Agency; NBOES  
Dr. Victoria Yazzie, Vice-President, Western Agency; NBOES Lula  
Neztsosie, Western Agency, NBOES  
Leta D. Honnie, Chinle Agency; NBOES Larry  
Noble, Ft. Defiance Agency; NBOES  
Stephanie Calabaza, Ft. Defiance Agency; NBOES Arlene  
Nakai-Brown, Eastern Agency; NBOES Charles Long,  
Eastern Agency; NBOES  
Darlene Pete, Northern Agency; NBOES Watona  
Kellywood, Northern Agency; NBOES

**Navajo Department of Justice:**

Chris Schneider, Principal Attorney; Navajo Department of Justice Brenda  
Anderson, Trial Court Advocate, Navajo Department of Justice

**Department of Dine' Education:**

Claudia Edgewater, Acting Superintendent, Department of Dine' Education Dr.  
Shayla Yellowhair, Assistant Superintendent; DODE  
Anderson Yazzie, Program Manager; Ofc. of Dine Accountability and Compliance (ODAC);  
DODE  
Jamey Lowrey, Senior Education Specialist, Ofc. of Dine Accountability and Compliance  
(ODAC); DODE  
Lavida Maestas, Senior Education Specialist, Ofc. Of Dine' Accountability and Compliance  
(ODAC); DODE

**Division of Human Resources:**

Reycita Toddy, Interim Division Director; Division of Human Resources  
Katherine Benally, Deputy Director; Division of Human Resources  
Nikita Kirk, Program Manager, NN Office of Background Investigations; DHR

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**D. Update Report on the progress of updating/revising information 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 and subsequently conduct public hearings at each Navajo Nation Agency within the timeframe.*

*On January 6, 2025, an update was provided. The public hearings were conducted. Reviewing the public hearing comments and evaluating the changes in the Child Support Guidelines were proceeding.*

**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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### **E. Report: Pinon Veterans Organization**

➤ Pinon Veterans Wellness Center Initiative

**Presenters:** Barton Hosteen, Pinon Veterans Organization, Chinle, AZ  
Dave Nez, Pinon Veterans Organization, Chinle, AZ  
Harrison Kee, Pinon Veterans Organization, Chinle, AZ

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## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Reschedule the Monday, April 14, 2025 HEHSC regular meeting.**

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### **B. Directive to HEHSC Issued on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 during Navajo Nation Council Spring Session as follows:**

*“Request for HEHSC to meet with all public schools across the Navajo Nation to provide consultation on this legislation. Identify which DEI programs are most essential for Navajo students and what the contingency plans are being considered to protect Navajo students’ education. Include any formal review and data on how the loss of DEI programs would impact student outcomes.”* Findings presented to Naabik’iyati Committee within 30 days.

➤ Set up one or two separate Zoom meetings with Arizona Public Schools located on the Navajo Nation. One Zoom meeting in the morning and a second Zoom meeting in the afternoon.

- Schedule Date for Zoom meetings.

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## 8. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

## 9. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

### NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:

- May 12, 2025              10:00 am              HEHSC Regular Meeting; B & F conference room; Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- May 19, 2025              10:00 am              HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room; Window Rock, NN (AZ).
- May 26, 2025              10:00 am              HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room; Window Rock, NN (AZ).

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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.*