

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE  
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**July 08-11, 2025**

**July 14-18, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

**APPROVED AGENDA  
(REVISED)**

**PRESIDING:**       Honorable Shaandiin Parrish, *Chairperson*  
                      Honorable Carl R. Slater, *Vice-Chairperson*

**LOCATION:**        **Budget and Finance Committee Conference Room**  
                      200 Parkway Building #4  
                      Window Rock, Arizona 86515

**1.     Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Shaandiin Parrish (C)	<input type="checkbox"/> Carl R. Slater (VC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Norman M. Begay
<input type="checkbox"/> Amber Kanazbah Crotty	<input type="checkbox"/> Cherilyn Yazzie	<input type="checkbox"/> Lester C. Yazzie

Advisors to the Committee Per 2 N.N.C. §302

<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of the Controller	<input type="checkbox"/> Management & Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Auditor General	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Services

**2.     Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials:**

Navajo Nation Branch Chief or Representative

<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Branch	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Branch	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Branch
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**3.     Review and Adopt the Agenda:**

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

**4.     New Business:**

- A.     **Legislation #0117-25:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026

Comprehensive Budget. *Sponsor: Honorable Vince R. James Co-Sponsors: Honorable Helena Nez Begay, Andy Nez, George H. Tolth, and Curtis Yanito*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- B. **Legislation #0118-25:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Division of Human Resources and Related Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget. *Sponsor: Honorable Vince R. James Co-Sponsors: Honorable Helena Nez Begay, Andy Nez, George H. Tolth, and Curtis Yanito*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- C. **Legislation #0136-25:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education, Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Division for Children and Family Services and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget. *Sponsor: Honorable Vince R. James Co-Sponsors: Honorable Helena Nez Begay, Andy Nez, George H. Tolth, and Curtis Yanito*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- D. **Legislation #0137-25:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Health and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget. *Sponsor: Honorable Vince R. James Co-Sponsors: Honorable Helena Nez Begay, Andy Nez, George H. Tolth, and Curtis Yanito*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- E. **Legislation #0154-25:** An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Division of General Services: Insurance Services, Risk Management, Employee Benefits, and Workers Compensation. *Sponsor: Honorable Shaandiin Parrish Co-Sponsors: Honorable Danny Simpson and Lester C. Yazzie*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- F. **Legislation #0141-25:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Division of General Services and Relating Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget. *Sponsor: Honorable Vince R. James Co-Sponsors: Honorable Helena Nez Begay, Andy Nez, George H. Tolth, and Curtis Yanito*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- G. **Report by Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission on the Comprehensive Fund Management Plan for the Water Rights Claim Fund (Executive Session).** *Presenters: Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission, Department of Justice Water Rights Units, and Department of Water Resources—Navajo Nation Water Management Branch*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- H. **Legislation #0112-25:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development and Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency and Related Matters, To Be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget. *Sponsor: Honorable Brenda Jesus*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- I. **Legislation #0132-25:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Division of Natural Resources and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget. *Sponsor: Honorable Brenda Jesus*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- J. **Legislation #0133-25:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Division of Transportation and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget. *Sponsor: Honorable Brenda Jesus*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- K. **Legislation #0134-25:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development and Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development. *Sponsor: Honorable Brenda Jesus Co-Sponsor: Honorable Rickie Nez*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- L. **Legislation #0139-25:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Division of Economic Development and Related Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget. *Sponsor: Honorable Brenda Jesus Co-Sponsor: Honorable Rickie Nez*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- M. **Legislation #0142-25:** An Action Related to the Resources and Development Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Gaming Regulatory Office and Related Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget. *Sponsor: Honorable Brenda Jesus*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- N. **Legislation #0126-25:** An Action Relating to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch. *Sponsor: Honorable Crystalyne Curley Co-Sponsor: Honorable Danny Simpson*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- O. **Legislation #0156-25:** An Action Relating to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Executive Offices. *Sponsor: Honorable Crystalyne Curley Co-Sponsor: Honorable Arbin Mitchell*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- P. **Legislation #0138-25:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order and Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

for the Navajo Nation Office of the Public Defender.      *Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- Q.      **Legislation #0149-25:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and Budget and Finance; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearing and Appeals.      *Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- R.      **Legislation #0128-25:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and Budget and Finance; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Labor Commission.      *Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*      *Co-Sponsor: Honorable Nathan Notah*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- S.      **Legislation #0130-25:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office.      *Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*      *Co-Sponsor: Honorable Nathan Notah*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- T.      **Legislation #0147-25:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Justice.      *Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- U.      **Legislation #0148-25:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch.      *Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- V. **Legislation #0150-25:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety. *Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- W. **Legislation #0051-25:** An Act Relating to Resources and Development, Law and Order, Budget and Finance, Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Navajo Nation Utility-Scale Solar and Energy Storage System Tax, 12 N.N.C. §§ 1301–1314; and Amending 24 N.N.C. §§ 208, 408 and 609. *Sponsor: Honorable Carl R. Slater Co-Sponsors: Honorable Crystalayne Curley and Eugenia Charles-Newton*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- X. **Legislation #0091-25:** An Action Relating to Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$579,295 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUF”) to the Navajo Nation Washington Office to Fund its Unmet Needs for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2025; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820 (E), § 820 (F), § 820 (J), and § 820 (L). *Sponsor: Honorable Carl R. Slater*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

- Y. **Legislation #0169-25:** An Action Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Diné Higher Education Grant Fund, 12 N.N.C. § 2301 et seq. by Approving \$30 Million Annually to be Distributed Equally Among Diné College, Navajo Technical University, and the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance. *Sponsor: Honorable Andy Nez*

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

5. **Close of Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment.** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Roll Call Vote: Begay ( ) Crotty ( ) Parrish ( ) Slater ( ) C. Yazzie ( ) L. Yazzie ( )*

**THE 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 No. 7 and Standing Committee Rule of Order No. 8.*

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