

AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING

August 25, 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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Helena Nez Begay	<input type="checkbox"/> Germaine Simonson
<input type="checkbox"/> Vince R. James	<input type="checkbox"/> George Tolth
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Andy Nez	<input type="checkbox"/> Curtis Yanito

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): *None*

5. REPORT(S):

A. Report: Bureau of Indian Education – Navajo Area

- Jurisdiction of All Navajo Federally Funded Schools
- Federal Funds Distribution Listing for Navajo Federally Funded Schools
- BIE's Fiduciary Responsibility to Navajo Federally Funded Schools
- BIE's role in Navajo Federally Funded Schools
 - Tribally Controlled School (TCS)
 - Bureau Operated Schools (BOS)
- Data Sharing Agreement

Presenter(s): Emily Arviso, Associate Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Education - Navajo
Charles Sherman, Education Specialist, Bureau of Indian Education – Navajo
Dr. Edie Morris, Education Program Administrator
John McIntosh, Education Program Administrator

Dr. Rena Yazzie, Education Program Administrator, Shiprock Education Resource Center (ERC), Bureau of Indian Education - Navajo

Invited: Department of Diné Education

Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Assistant Superintendent; DODE

Jamey Lowery, Acting Program Manager and Senior Education Specialist; Office of Diné Accountability & Compliance (ODAC); DODE

Darrick Franklin, Program Manager, COGNIA-DODE

Dr. Ferlin Clark, Program Manager, ODSI – DODE

Department of Justice:

Brenda Anderson, Tribal Court Advocate, Navajo Department of Justice

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B. Report: Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc.

- Contract Care
- Potential relocation of elderly clients from Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc.

Presenters: Wayne Claw, CEO; Navajoland Nursing Home / Dr. Guy Gorman, Sr. Care Home.
Angela Claw, Consultant, Navajoland Nursing Home / Dr. Guy Gorman, Sr. Care Home
Jonathan Hale, President – Board of Directors, Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc.
David Nez, Vice President – Board of Directors, Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc.

Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President:

President Buu Nygren, NN Office of the Present and Vice-President

Navajo Division of Children and Family Services:

Thomas Cody, Executive Director, Navajo Division of Children and Family Services

Sonlatsa Jim, Deputy Director, DCFS

Crescentia Tso, Department Manager III; Department of Family Services (DFS)

Delphina Benallie, Principal Social Worker, DFS

Rhonda Jishie, Contract Analyst, DFS

Navajo Office of the Controller:

Sean McCabe, Controller; Navajo Nation Office of the Controller

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C. Report: Division of Children and Family Services

- Revisions to the Protection Against Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, and Abandonment of Navajos with Disabilities.
- Organizations and services providing services to Navajos with disabilities.

Presenters: Thomas Cody, Executive Director, DCFS
Sonlatsa Jim, Deputy Director, DCFS

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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.*
- *On April 28, 2025, an update was provided. The guidelines were being reviewed and revised.*

Presenters: Division of Human Resources

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

Department of Justice:

Christopher Schneider, Principal Attorney, Navajo Department of Justice

Brenda Anderson, Tribal Court Advocate, Navajo Department of Justice

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E. Report: Navajo Head Start - Department of Diné Education

Department of Personnel Management - Division of Human Resources

- Reported burglary, robbery, theft, larceny and vandalism at the Navajo Head Start Building.
- Copy of the Police Report reporting the incident.
- Investigatory Leave enacted on Navajo Head Start employees.

Presenters: Dr. Jackson, NHS Assistant Superintendent

Renee Marianto, Director of Finance

Falencia Lewis, Delegated HR Manager

Department of Diné Education:

Claudia Edgewater, Superintendent, DODE

Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Assistant Superintendent; DODE

Division of Human Resources:

Reycita Toddy, Interim Director, Division of Human Resources

Katherine Benally, Deputy Director, Division of Human Resources

Department of Justice:

Brenda Anderson, Tribal Court Advocate, Navajo Department of Justice

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6. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Legislation 0097-25:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee and Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Approving Navajo Division of Transportation Social Media Policy.

Sponsor: Delegate Brenda Jesus

Co-Sponsors: Delegate Shawna Ann Claw
Delegate Germaine Simonson

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- B. Work Session:** Select a date to reschedule the work session with the Navajo Election Administration initially scheduled on June 9, 2025.

Presenters: HEHSC Members

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- C. Work Session:** Select a date to schedule a work session with the Navajo Board of Education per Committee Report on December 16, 2025.

Legislation No. 0262-24: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services; Rescinding Resolution HEHSCMY-12-12, Entitled “ Relating to Health, Education and Human Services; Delegating Health, Education and Human Services Committee Power Set Fort at 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(4)(b) to the Navajo Board of Education to Increase Efficiency and Streamlining of Government Processes in This Matter Pursuant to the Committee-Approved Administrative Rules and Regulations Governing This Delegation and the Rescission of Such Delegation”; Approving Guidelines for Reauthorization Under Public Law 93-638 and Public Law 100-297 Contract Reauthorization Application and Approval.

Presenters: HEHSC Members

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

- Monday, September 8, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Mtg; B&F conf. rm.; Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, September 15, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Mtg; B&F conf. rm.; Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, September 22, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Mtg; B&F conf. rm.; Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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