

## ***The NAVAJO NATION***



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# **FORT DEFIANCE NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL**

***Fort Defiance Navajo Agency Council Meeting***  
**Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 9am   Location: St. Michael's Chapter**

## I. PRELIMINARIES:

a. Call Meeting to Order: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Roll Call:

Bahast'lah	Cornfields	Coyote Canyon	Crystal	Dilkon
Fort Defiance	Ganado	Greasewood Springs	Houck	Indian Wells
Jedditoh	Kinlichee	Klagetoh	Low Mountain	Lupton
Mexican Springs	NahataDzil	Naschitti	Oak Springs	Red Lake
St. Michaels	Sawmill	Steamboat	Teesto	Tohatchi
Whitecone	Wide Ruins			

- c. Invocation/Welcome Address by Hosting Chapter (Host/Agency Official)
- d. Introductions

## **II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**III. READING/APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: (Emailed out)**

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025; Naschitti Elementary School

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS: none

## V. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Navajo Nation Division/Programs/Departments/other outside entities requesting Supporting Resolution:

- 1. FDNAC#011026-001**: FORT DEFIANCE NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL IS SUPPORTING TO STABILIZE AND MODERNIZE FUNDING FOR THE FIRST THINGS FIRST THROUGH A NEW REVENUE SOURCE.  
Presenter: Memarie Tsosie
- 2. FDNAC#011026-002**: APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE NEXT LEGENDS INITIATIVE IN ADDRESSING AND COLLABORATING THE IMPACTS OF RISING USE OF E-CIGARETTES AND VAPING AMONG AMERICAN AND ALASKA NATIVE YOUTH.  
Presenter: Peter Nez
- 3. FDNAC#011026-003**: PROJECT SKODEN-ASD (SUPPORTING KNOWLEDGE OWNERSHIP AND DATA FOR EMPOWERING NATIONS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER RESEARCH).  
Presenter: Candi Running Bear, PhD.
- 4. FDNAC#011026-009**: REQUESTING THAT THE NAVAJO NATION HUMAN RESEARCH REVIEW BOARD SUPPORT THE DOCTORAL RESEARCH ABOUT NAVAJO STUDENTS AND HIGHER EDUCATION: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY COUNCIL, NASCHITTI CHAPTER AND PUBLICATIONS BY BRENDA YAZZIE - FIELDING GRADUATE UNIVERSITY.  
Presenter: Brenda Yazzie



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### b. District Council Resolutions (open)

District 07 Council

**1. FDNAC#011026-004:** DISTRICT SEVEN COUNCIL REQUESTING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE NAVAJO NATION BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, NAVAJO NATION RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, NAVAJO DIVISION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CONVERSION OF DISTRICT SEVEN CHAPTERS HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR AS A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE.

**2. FDNAC#011026-005:** DISTRICT SEVEN COUNCIL RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING NAVAJO NATION SPEAKER CRYSTALYNE CURLEY TO CONTINUE ADVOCATING FOR AND ADVANCING PROJECTS FOR DISTRICT SEVEN CHAPTERS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO REVENUE RECOVERY RESERVE (RRR) PROJECTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO MOVE THESE PROJECTS FORWARD.

**3. FDNAC#011026-006:** DISTRICT SEVEN COUNCIL RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING AND RECOMMENDING NAVAJO NATION SPEAKER CRYSTALYNE CURLEY TO ADVOCATE FOR THE REMOVAL OF DISTRICT SEVEN CHAPTERS FROM "SUSPENDED/ON HOLD" STATUS FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT (CHID) RECIPIENTS AND TO CONTINUE URGING THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER INTERFERENCE.

**4. FDNAC#011026-007:** DISTRICT SEVEN COUNCIL SUPPORTING FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY DISTRICT GRAZING COMMITTEE REQUESTING RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, THE NAABIKIYATI COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RESOLUTION CMY-54-18: TO ALLOCATE AND APPROVE \$5,000,000 FROM THE AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (AIF) TO THE NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO RANCHERS AND FARMERS AND RESPOND TO ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGES AS DROUGHT RELIEF.

**5. FDNAC#011026-008:** DISTRICT SEVEN COUNCIL SUPPORTING A DIRECTIVE TO THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (RDC) ALSO NAVAJO PARTITION LAND (NPL) RANCHERS TO REOPEN TRIBAL RANCHES TO GRAZE THEIR LIVESTOCK ON THE TRIBAL RANCH, WINSLOW TRACT, RECON TRACT AND ANY OTHER OPEN RANCHES.

District 14 Council (OPEN)

District 17 Council (OPEN)

District 18 Council (OPEN)

### **VI. RECEIVING REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Quarterly Report from the Office of the President & Vice President
- b. Quarterly Report from the Office of the Speaker
- c. 25th Navajo Nation Council Delegates (Fort Defiance Agency)
- d. Congressional Leadership
- e. Navajo Nation Divisions/Programs/Departments/Commissions (SIGN IN SHEET WILL BE PROVIDED)
- f. Navajo/Apache County Board of Supervisors/Sheriff
- g. Navajo Nation Enterprises
- h. School Board(s)
- i. Other(s): Presenters: (SIGN IN SHEET WILL BE PROVIDED)

### **VII. NEXT REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING(S) / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. 9:00AM, Saturday: January 10, 2026 – Host: St. Michael's Chapter
- b. 9:00AM, Saturday: April 11, 2026 – Host: Red Lake Chapter
- c. 9:00AM, Saturday; July 11, 2026 – Host:
- d. 9:00AM, Saturday; October 10, 2026 – Host:
- e. 2026 The People's 3<sup>rd</sup> state of the Nation; January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 8am. Shiprock High School.
- e. Arizona Tribal Legislation Day; January 14, 2026 State Capital Phoenix, Az.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ pm