

# AGENDA

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

### REGULAR MEETING

March 16, 2026

10:00 AM

**PRESIDING:** Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson  
Honorable Germaine Simonson, Vice-Chairperson

**PLACE:** Budget and Finance Conference Room  
Streaming on YouTube via internet availability. Webinar invitation e-mailed.  
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):

- February 23, 2026      Regular Meeting
- February 26, 2026      Special Meeting

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#### 5. REPORT(S):

**A. Report:** Tsehootsooi Medical Center;  
Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc.

- FY23 Annual Report
- FY23 Financial Audit
- FY24 Annual Report
- FY24 Financial Audit

**Presenters:** Annual Reports for FY23 and FY24

Dr. Naomi Young, Chief Executive Officer, Tsehootsooi Medical Center, FDIHBI  
Dr. Roger Begay, Chief Medical Officer

Sharon Edison, Chief Nursing Officer  
Netrisha Dalgai, Chief Quality Services  
John Willetto, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gary Pahe, Chief Human Resource Officer  
Commander Leah Earl, Chief Healthy Living & Outreach  
Christine Becenti, Chief Finance Officer  
Brandon Benallie, IT Security

**Presenter for Financial Audits for FY23 & FY24**

Lauren Kistin, CPA, Baker Tilley

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**B. Report: Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support (DALTCS)**  
Navajo Department of Health

- Program Update
- Program Budget Overview

**Presenters:** Sherylene Yazzie, Acting Director, NDOH  
Leonora Henderson, Director DALTCS  
Melody Roanhorse, Administrative Service Officer  
Sharilyn Tsosie, Senior Accountant

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**C. Report: Navajo Special Diabetes Program**  
Navajo Department of Health

- Update Program Report
- Recommendations from the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee
  - Recommended process for the distribution of Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) funds for diabetes treatment and prevention services and increased access to quality diabetes care to the Navajo Nation.

**Presenters:** Sherylene Yazzie, Acting Director, NDOH  
Radeanna Comb, Program Manager III  
Faye Sorrell, Assistant – Special Diabetes Project

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**D. Report: Behavioral and Mental Health Services**  
Navajo Department of Health

- Update Program Services Report

**Presenters:** Sherylene Yazzie, Acting Director, NDOH

Vera John, Health Systems Administrator (HSA)

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**6. OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Schedule** a follow-up work session with the Division of Human Resources, Department of Personnel Management to continue the review of the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies.

- Select a future work session date.

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**8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:**

- Monday, March 23, 2026      10:00 am      HEHSC Regular Meeting; (Navajo IHS; Navajo 638 Administrators; NDOH) NDOT Conference Room(s)
- Monday, March 30, 2026      9:00 am      HEHSC Leadership Meeting with Navajo Veterans Administration Advisory Council. Budget & Finance conference room, Window Rock, NN, (AZ).

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