



NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL THE NAVAJO NATION

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AGENDA

Saturday, March 21, 2026 - 9:00 A.M. (IN-PERSON)

Location: Eva B. Elementary School (Cafeteria) • U.S. Highway 64 • Shiprock, NM 87420

- 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) INVOCATION
- 4) REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5) REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes in Hyperlinks)
 - a. December 20, 2025 [NNAC Meeting Minutes](#) (Eva B. Stokely Elementary School)
- 6) OLD BUSINESS (None)
- 7) NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS (Resolutions/Documents in Hyperlinks)

(Motion, Second, Brief Description/Discussion on Item, Vote)

 - a. [Resolution 1](#): Supporting and Approving Fostering Use of a Tool Kit to Support Implementation Strategies That Advance Consumption of Healthy Beverages in Navajo Communities (**Presenter: Renee Goldtooth Halwood; Sponsor: Norman C. Begaye**)
✚ [EXHIBIT A](#) – Research Summary and Abstract
 - b. [Resolution 2](#): Supporting and Approving Citizens' Perspective on Energy Pathways (**Presenter: Raven Lonewolf Alcott; Sponsor: Raymond John**)
✚ [EXHIBIT A](#) - Research Summary and Abstract
 - c. [Resolution 3](#): Supporting and Approving the Four Corners Monument Project (**Presenter: Sarah Salisbury; Sponsor: Verma Francisco & Daren Yellowhorse**)
✚ [EXHIBIT A](#) – Research Summary and Abstract
 - d. [Resolution 4](#): Supporting the Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC) NO NAME Permit (**Sponsor: Lisa Marie Byrd; Co-Sponsors: Norman C. Begaye, Angelita A. Benally, Harrison LaMone**)
✚ [EXHIBIT A](#) – NTEC Permit Map Location

✚ [EXHIBIT B](#) – District #13 and Chapter Support Resolutions

- e. [Resolution 5](#): Supporting and Approving the Blackstone Infrastructure Acquisition (**Sponsor: Lisa Marie Byrd; Co-Sponsors: Norman C. Begaye, Angelita A. Benally, Harrison LaMone**)
✚ [EXHIBIT B](#) – District #13 and Chapter Support Resolutions
- f. [Resolution 6](#): Supporting and Approving the Research Study: “*Ribbiting Stories: Understanding Diné Perspectives on Amphibians and Northern Leopard Frog Conservation in the Chuska Mountains*” (**Presenter: Catrina Marie Alberts; Sponsor: Matthew D. Tso; Herman Farley**)
✚ [EXHIBIT A](#) – Research Summary and Abstract
- g. [Resolution 7](#): Supporting the Northern Arizona University Economic Policy Institute: Center for American Indian Economic Development’s Research Titled “*Housing Experiences of Native Americans Living On and Off Reservation Lands in the State of Arizona and New Mexico*” Submission to the Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board (**Presenter: Jack Ford, Crystal Carr Cook, PhD; Sponsor: Matthew D. Tso**)
✚ [EXHIBIT A](#) – Research Summary and Abstract
- h. [Resolution 8](#): Requesting the Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee, the Eastern Navajo Land Commission, and New Mexico State Legislature to Require the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to Maintain and Clean Cattleguards Within the State Right-Of-Ways in Northwest New Mexico (**Presenter: Ervin Chavez, Lula Jackson, Johnny Johnson; Sponsor: Matthew D. Tso**)

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Deb Haaland - Candidate for Governor of New Mexico
- b. Northern Navajo Fair Board Officers

9) **RECEIVING REPORTS** (*Limit to 5-10 Minutes*) (*Reports/Documents in Hyperlinks*)

- a. Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health– *Taylor Billy*
- b. Abandoned Uranium Mines (AUM) Expanded Trust - *Derrith Watchman-Moore/ Joanna Manygoats*
- c. New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department – Sec. Elizabeth Groginsky / *Dr. Joannie Suina, MJIL, Ed.D*
- d. First Things First - *Marlo MaCabe*
- e. NM Broadband Tribal - *Valerie Quintana*
- f. U.S. EPA Region 9 - *Elsa Johnson*
- g. U.S. EPA Region Superfund Division/ Cypress Amax - *Gilbert Dayzie/Lydelle Davies*
- h. RECA update - *Phil Harrison*
- i. Navajo Nation Office of the President & Vice President – *Dr. Buu Nygren / Richelle Montoya*
- j. Navajo Nation Council Office of the Speaker - *Crystalyne Curley*
- k. Northern Agency Council Delegates – *Hon. Amber K. Crotty / Rickie Nez / Eugenia Charles-Newton / Curtis Yanito*

- I. Navajo Nation Division Directors, Departments, Boards, Commissions:
- i. Navajo Election Administration/Navajo Board of Election Supervisors – Darlene Pete
 - ii. Division for Children and Family Services – *Thomas Cody/Sonlatsa Jim*
 - iii. Department of Diné Education/Navajo Head Start – *Dr. Shayla Yellowhair*
 - iv. Division of Community Development – *Candice Yazzie, Director*
 - v. Navajo Nation Dept. of Fish & Wildlife – Climate Change Program - *Howard Leonard Jr.*
 - vi. Navajo Veterans Administration – *Bobbie A. Baldwin, Director*
 - vii. Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) – *Levone Henry/Rick Abasta*
 - viii. Navajo Environmental Protection Agency – *Stephen Etsitty, Director*
 - ix. Division of Natural Resources – *W. Mike Halona, Director*
 - x. Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) – *Tom Platero, Director*
 - xi. Department of Behavioral and Mental Health Services - *Michael Salabiye*
 - xii. Division of Public Safety – *Michael Anderson, Director*
 - xiii. Division of Human Resources – *Reycita Toddy, Director*
 - xiv. Office on Navajo Government Development/Commission – *James Benally/Harrison Tsosie*
 - xv. Department of Justice / Attorney General – *Kris Beecher/ JoAnn Jayne*
 - xvi. Division of Economic Development/Shiprock Regional Business Development Office
 - xvii. Division of General Services – *Shawnevan Dale, Director*
 - xviii. Department of Health – *Sherylene Yazzie, Director*
 - xix. Office of Navajo Tax Commission - *Effie Edsitty*
 - xx. Finance / Controller / Fiscal Recovery Office – *Sean McCabe / Lisa Jymm*
 - xxi. Office of Management and Budget – *Dominic Beyale*
 - xxii. Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office – *Sarah Slim, Director*
 - xxiii. Department of Broadband Office - *Sonia Nez*

10) ROLL CALL

11) AGENCY MEETING DATES:

- a) Saturday, March 21, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M. – Location: Shiprock Chapter
- b) Saturday, June 20, 2026 @ @ 9:00 A.M. – Location: Aneth Chapter (White Horse High School)
- c) Saturday, September 19, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M. – Location: Teec Nos Pos Chapter
- d) Saturday, December 19, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M. – **Location: TBA**

12) ADJOURNMENT