



Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council

NNYAC FY 2026 Quarter 2 Oral Report For Spring Session

TO: President, Vice-President, Navajo Nation Council and Chief Justice

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From: Aryiah C.R. James, Chair

Date: April 20, 2026

Subject: Oral Report on the Reestablishment and Implementation of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) – Legislative Branch

Central Agency Representatives: Aryiah James and Vydell Willie

Eastern Agency Representatives: Kendri Kinlacheeny and Nikko Yazzie

Fort Defiance Agency Representatives: Starr Joe and Makyle Dan

Northern Agency Representatives: Tewakeedah Martin and Daelyn Benally

Western Agency Representatives: Kaya Dickson and Yanabah Smith

At Large Representatives- Louvannina Tsosie and Kaylee Bah

Purpose

The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) serves as a formal advisory body, providing insights and recommendations to benefit youth. The purpose is regarding issues affecting the Navajo Nation youth, advocating for youth interest, promoting youth leadership, and civic engagement with the Navajo Nation. This provides our platform to further develop our leadership skills, participate in activities, and be actively involved within our communities. The youth council will contribute by identifying local needs, helping with community service projects, and fostering collaborations between youth and elders. This ensures that youth perspectives are considered in decision making processes.

Key Achievements

- **March 12, 2026:** The 25th Navajo Nation Council confirmed the appointment of twelve members to serve on the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) through Resolution NABIMA-12-26
- **April 7, 2026:** The NNYAC held its meeting and received an orientation from *the Office of the Speaker* and Council Delegates, Amber Kanazbah Crotty, Shawna Ann Claw, Dr. Andy Nez, Otto Tso, and George Tolth.

The Office of the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Legislative Staff Assistants provided an overview of the Rules of Order Adopted pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 890-897 (CJY-19-25, as affirmed by the CS-40-25).

- **April 17, 2026:** NNYAC meeting in preparation of the 25th Navajo Nation Council Spring Session
- **Passed Resolutions:**

1. Resolution No. NNYACAP-01-26:

Relating to the NNYAC; Confirming the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council's Selection of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

2. Resolution No. NNYACAP-02-26:

An Action Relating to the Navajo Nation

Youth Council; Approving the Rules of Order for meetings throughout the 2026-2027 Term.

Future Outlook

Looking ahead, we are committed to further enhancing our agency representation capabilities and expanding our service offerings with introduction to the local chapter, the agency council meetings and other events. Our focus will be on leveraging to empower youth and exploring new opportunities in youth Leadership. We are confident that our strategic initiatives will position us for sustained youth growth and success.

Conclusion

As we begin our term on the NNYAC, we anticipate many achievements with dedication and testament of hard work. We are grateful for the support of our stakeholders, the 25th Navajo Nation Council, and look forward to continuing our journey of growth.