

AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING

June 15, 2026

10:00 AM

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

PLACE: Budget and Finance conference room
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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
<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. Update: Navajo Division of Children and Family Services

➤ Vulnerable Adult Protection Act

Presenters: Sonlatsa Jim, Deputy Director, Navajo Division for Children and Family Services
Crescentia Tso, Department Manager, DFS
Desaray Tate, Principal Social Worker, DFS
Freida White, Program Manager, DDP/ALTCS

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B. Follow-up Report: Concerns reported by the following Navajo Nation Schools

- Chooshgai Community School
- Tiis Naz Bas Community School
- Wide Ruins Community School
- Additional Schools with Community Concerns.
 - Chilchinbeto School

Presenters: **Chilchinbeto School:** Community Concerns
Terlyn Sherlock, Parent – Chilchinbeto School
Judy Francis, Grandparent & Community member – Chilchinbeto School

Department of Dine Education

Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Acting Superintendent of Schools
Dr. J. Kaibah Begay, Program Manager, COGNIA
Dr. Deborah Belone, Education Program Manager, Office of Dine’ Accountability and Compliance (ODAC)

Navajo Bureau of Indian Education

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

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6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Legislation No. 0095-26:** An Action Relating to Health, Education, and Human Services and Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting a Performance Audit of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and Approving the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Proposed Corrective Action Plan.

Sponsor: Delegate Germaine Simonson

m: Delegate Germaine Simonson **s:** Delegate Curtis Yanito **v:** *Pending* Not Voting:

Remove from Table Status:

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

Legislative History:

From HEHSC’s May 18, 2026 Regular Meeting agenda.

Main Motion: Delegate Germaine Simonson

Second Motion: Delegate Curtis Yanito

Vote: Pending

Tabling Motion: Delegate Dr. Andy Nez

Second Motion: Delegate Curtis Yanito

Vote: 3-2-1 In favor: CYanito / ANez / GSimonson. Opposing: HNezBegay / GTolth Not Voting: VJames

Request to have the Navajo Nation Auditor General and the Navajo Veterans Administration Director to be present as Agents for the legislation subject.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislation No. 0111-26: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Amending to the Plan of Operation for the Division of Aging and Long Term Care Support; Establishing the Navajo Aging Advisory Commission; Approving the Navajo Aging Advisory Commission Policies and Procedures

Sponsor: Delegate George H. Tolth

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B. Schedule FY27 HEHSC Budget Hearings:

➤ Dates Selected

Presenters: HEHSC Members

Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor

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8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:

➤ Monday, June 22, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ).

➤ Friday, July 3, 2026 Observed Navajo Nation and Federal Holiday – July 4th.

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