



# NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL THE NAVAJO NATION

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## AGENDA

**Saturday, June 20, 2026 - 9:00 A.M. (IN-PERSON)**

**Location: Whitehorse High School (Auditorium) • 300 West 100 North  
Montezuma Creek, Utah 84534 (9 miles West of Aneth Chapter)**

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- 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
- 3) INVOCATION
- 4) WELCOME ADDRESS: *Whitehorse High School, Student Body President for SY27, Malia Sam*
- 5) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: *Miss Atsa Biyaazh, Aneth Community School, Paisley Lewis*
- 6) REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 7) REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes in Hyperlinks)
  - a. [March 21, 2026](#) NNAC Meeting Minutes (Eva B. Stokely Elementary School)
- 8) OLD BUSINESS (None)
- 9) NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS (Resolutions/Documents in Hyperlinks)  
*(Motion, Second, Brief Description/Discussion on Item, Vote)*
  - a. [Resolution 1](#): Supporting and Recommending the Approval of the Implementation of the Navajo Youth Risk Behavior Survey in the 2026 Fall School Year (**Presenter: MacGarrett D. Pablo; Sponsor: Matthew D. Tso**)
  - b. [Resolution 2](#): Supporting and Recommending the Research Study Entitled: “Approving the Research Study “PG4: A Phase 3, Randomized, Controlled Trial To Evaluate The Safety, Tolerability, And Immunogenicity Of PG4 Pneumococcal Vaccine In Healthy Infants And Children” To Be Conducted By The Johns Hopkins Center For Indigenous Health” Pathways (**Presenter: Kiana Poncho; Sponsor: Debra Yazzie**)
  - c. [Resolution 3](#): Supporting and Approving Candi Running Bear, Ph.D. to Conduct Research and Collect Data on the Northern Navajo Agency for Project “SKODEN-ASD” (Supporting Knowledge

Ownership and Data for Empowering Nations) in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Research  
**(Presenter: Dr. Candi Running Bear; Sponsor: Earnest Smith, Adrienne Joe)**

- d. **Resolution 4:** Supporting and Approving Candi Running Bear, Ph.D. to conduct the “*Students Speak*” Research Study and Collect Data within the Northern Navajo Agency to Better Understand and Improve Teacher Education Program Experiences, Recruitment, and Student Success  
**(Presenter: Dr. Candi Running Bear; Sponsor: Earnest Smith, Adrienne Joe)**
- e. **Resolution 5:** Supporting and Approving Navajo Nation Council Legislation No. 0078-26 and Requesting an Amendment to Distribute ADA Accessibility Funding Directly to Navajo Chapters an Action Relating to the Budget and Finance Committee and Naabik’iyati’ Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$8,695,132.00 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUFB”) to Navajo Nation Chapters to Address Accessibility Deficiencies in Navajo Chapter Houses and other Public Facilities; Approving \$201,200.00 from the UUFB for the Navajo Election Administration to Accommodate Voters with Disabilities; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), § 820(F), § 820(J), AND § 820(L)” **(Sponsor: Amber Crotty)**
- f. **Resolution 6:** Supporting Legislation No. 0090-26, “An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik’iyati’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Resolution CO-43-24; Granting LGA Certified Chapters the Authority to Expend Funds.” **(Sponsor: Amber Crotty)**
- g. **Resolution 7:** Supporting Legislation No. 0105-26, Amending Council Resolution CF-08-11 to Authorize the Resources and Development Committee to Approve Amendments to Rights-of-Way Agreements; Ratifying Past Rights-of-Way Resolutions Involving Energy Development Agreements; and Authorizing the Resources and Development Committee to Approve Future Rights-of-Way Involving Energy Development Agreements **(Sponsors: Rickie Nez, Sophina Tyler)**
- h. **Resolution 8:** Approving and Recommending the Integration of the Northern Navajo Agency Priorities into the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2027 Comprehensive Budget **(Sponsors: Sophina A. Tyler, Herman Farley, Matthew D. Tso, Lynda M. Hayes, Lisa M. Byrd, Dr. Carma Claw, James Benally, Jourdan K. Washburn-Moore)**
- i. **Resolution 9:** Approving the Official Statement From the Northern Navajo Agency Council Regarding Water Resource Impacts Associated with a Proposed Data Center Project Near Gallup, New Mexico and Sets Forth the Community’s Opposition and Requested Actions **(Sponsor: Jerald Tsosie)**

## **10) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Debbie Nez-Manuel, Klagetoh, AZ, Navajo Nation President Candidate
- b. Lynlaria Dickson, Upper Fruitland, NM, Navajo Nation Council Delegate Candidate

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

- a. Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health– *Taylor Billy*
  - i. Understanding the Causes of Pneumonia among Indigenous Adults in the Southwest United States ([NNR-25.545](#)) - *Kiana Poncho*
  - ii. Active Surveillance for Invasive Bacterial Disease Among Native Americans in the Southwest US ([NNR-19.343](#)) - *Kiana Poncho*
- b. Report/Update on “[Advancing Hózhó in Autism Assessment](#) (AHAA) for Diné Families Study” # NNR 24.510 AND update on “Autism Support, Community, and Education in the Navajo Nation through the Diné Parents Taking Action Program (ASCEND)” Study # NNR-20-389 – *Dr. Candi Running Bear*
- c. New Mexico State Representative (District 4) – *Rep. Joseph Hernandez*
- d. Abandoned Uranium Mines (AUM) Expanded Trust - *Derrith Watchman-Moore/ Joanna Manygoats*
- e. U.S. EPA Region 9 - *Elsa Johnson*
- f. U.S. EPA Region Superfund Division/ Cypress Amax - *Gilbert Dayzie/Lydelle Davies*
- g. Navajo Nation Office of the President & Vice President – *Dr. Buu Nygren / Richelle Montoya*
- h. Navajo Nation Council Office of the Speaker - *Crystalyne Curley*
- i. Northern Agency Council Delegates – *Hon. Amber K. Crotty / Rickie Nez / Eugenia Charles-Newton / Curtis Yanito*
- j. 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. [Division of Public Safety](#) – *Michael Anderson, Director*
  - iv. [Department of Justice](#) / Attorney General – *Kris Beecher/ JoAnn Jayne / Roderick Begay*
  - v. Department of Diné Education/Navajo Head Start – *Dr. Shayla Yellowhair*
  - vi. Division of Community Development – *Candice Yazzie, Director*
  - vii. Division of Natural Resources – *W. Mike Halona, Director*
  - viii. Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) – *Tom Platero, Director*
  - ix. Department of Health – *Sherylene Yazzie, Director*
  - x. Northern Navajo Fair Board – *Russell Gould & Fair Board Officers*
  - xi. Navajo Nation Dept. of Fish & Wildlife – Climate Change Program - *Howard Leonard Jr.*
  - xii. Navajo Veterans Administration – *Bobbie A. Baldwin, Director*
  - xiii. Northern Navajo Fair Board – *Russell Gould & Fair Board Officers*
  - xiv. Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) – *Levone Henry/Rick Abasta*
  - xv. Navajo Environmental Protection Agency – *Stephen Etsitty, Director*
  - xvi. Department of Behavioral and Mental Health Services - *Michael Salabiye*
  - xvii. Division of Human Resources – *Reycita Toddy, Director*
  - xviii. Office on Navajo Government Development/Commission – *James Benally/Harrison Tsosie*
  - xix. Division of Economic Development/Shiprock Regional Business Development Office
  - xx. Division of General Services – *Shawnevan Dale, Director*
  - xxi. Office of Navajo Tax Commission - *Effie Edsitty*
  - xxii. Finance / Controller / Fiscal Recovery Office – *Sean McCabe / Lisa Jymm*

- xxiii. Office of Management and Budget – *Dominic Beyale*
- xxiv. Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office – *Sarah Slim, Director*
- xxv. Department of Broadband Office - *Sonia Nez*

**12) ROLL CALL**

**13) AGENCY MEETING DATES:**

- a) Saturday, September 19, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M. – Location: Teec Nos Pos Chapter
- b) Saturday, December 19, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M. – Location: TBA
- c) Saturday, March 20, 2027 @ 9:00 A.M. – Location: TBA
- d) Saturday, June 19, 2027 @ @ 9:00 A.M. – Location: TBA

**14) ADJOURNMENT**