

APPROVED AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING

July 13, 2026

10:00 AM

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

PLACE: Budget and Finance conference room
<https://navajonationcouncil-org.zoom.us/j/86818896705>
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Window Rock, NN (AZ)

[] Helena Nez Begay	[] Germaine Simonson [
] Vince R. James	] George Tolth
[] Dr. Andy Nez	[] 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):

- June 15, 2026 Regular Meeting
- June 29, 2026 Regular Meeting

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5. REPORT(S):

A. Report: Northern Treehouse Shelter – Shiprock, NM

- Update

Presenter: A.J. Bitsouie, MHA, Administrative Support Specialist; Victim Services & Shelters;

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Presenters: **Navajo Department of Health:**
Sherylene Yazzie, Acting Director, NDOH
Leonora Henderson, Health Services Administrator

**Invited via Zoom: Arizona Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS);
Department of Economic Security (AZ-DES), Phoenix, AZ**
Rana Simms, Deputy Assistant Director, DAAS; DES
Jonathan Lucke, Deputy Assistant Director, DAAS; DES
Jeremia Garci Ramadan, Chief of Staff, DES Office of the Director
Patricia Sutton, Intergovernmental Liaison, DAAS; DES
Jason Chavez, Director of Tribal Affairs, AZ Governor's Office
EJ John, Tribal Affairs Advisor, Governor's Office
Andrew Sugrue, Tribal Affairs Advisor, Governor's Office
Leah Landrum Taylor, Assistant Director for the Office of Community Engagement;
DES Office of the Director.

- Navajo Area IHS SFC Program Support Contract and Tribal Advisory Committee Formation Update
 - The contract aims to strengthen Navajo Area SFC planning, program management, and infrastructure delivery through data-driven tools, a methodology to identify homes without piped water or wastewater service, and development of a strategic action plan. The proposed SFC Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) is intended to strengthen government-to-government consultation by ensuring continuous Navajo Nation engagement in the planning and delivery of SFC Program’s water, sewer, and solid waste services.
- Household Water and Wastewater Assessment Initiative Update
 - Community-engaged methodology to identify and assess homes across the Navajo Nation that lack piped water and wastewater services.

Presenters: Commander Helena Shannon, Acting Director, IHS SFC
*Theresa Galvan, Deputy Area Director, IHS SFC

**(Deputy Director Galvan has a prior meeting commitment.)*
Ashley Thacker, Community Principal Investigator, JHClH
Natalie Exum, PhD, Environmental Health Scientist, JHClH
Reese Cuddy, Project Manager, JHClH

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D. Report: Department of Dine Education – Office of Dine’ Accountability and Compliance

- Status Navajo Nation School’s personnel stabilization

Presenter: Department of Dine Education

Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Acting Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Deborah Belone, Education Program Manager, Office of Dine’ Accountability and Compliance (ODAC)

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6. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Legislation No. 0163-26:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Supporting the Northern Navajo Veterans’ Organization Request to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to Prioritize Utility Hookups for Veteran Housing Projects

Sponsor: Delegate Vince R. James

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- B. Legislation No. 0171-26:** An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Health Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’íyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. §§ 1171 et seq. by Rescinding the Existing Veterans Trust Fund Statute and Replacing It with Two New Funds; Establishing the Navajo Nation Veterans Assistance Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. §§ 1171 et seq.; and Establishing the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. §§ [3301] et seq.

Sponsor: Delegate Dr. Andy Nez **Co-Sponsor(s)** Delegates Amber Kanazbah Crotty and, Lester Yazzie

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8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETING(S)/TRAVEL:

- July 20 – 24, 2026 10:00 am Navajo Nation Council Summer Session
- Monday, July 27, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ).

➤ Monday August 10, 2026 10:00 am

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THIS AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE: *The public is advised that the Navajo Nation Council Agenda and the Agendas of the Standing Committees are not final until adopted by a majority vote of the Navajo Nation Council or the Standing Committees at a Navajo Nation Council or a Standing Committee meeting pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§163 and 183, Navajo Nation Council Rule of Order No. 7, and Standing Rule of Order No. 8.*