

AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING

August 24, 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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Window Rock, Navajo Nation (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):

- July 27, 2026 Regular Meeting
- July 27, 2026 Special Meeting

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5. REPORT(S):

A. Report: Shonto Community School Department of Diné Education

- Community Concerns

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- Overview of the Little Singer Community School
- Financial Status of the Little Singer Community School

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- Performance Audit of the Navajo Area Agency on Aging. Audit Report No. 04-06 (June 30, 2024)
- Corrective Action Plan for Audit Report No. 04-16 (October 5, 2024)
- BFMA-08-08: *Relating to Health and Finance; Accepting a Follow-up Review of the Navajo Area on Aging and Imposing Sanctions on the Department Manager, Navajo Area Agency on Aging for Failure to Implement the Navajo Area Aging Corrective Action Plan.*

The OAG will schedule a follow up (TBD) OAG currently has a RFP in the process to conduct a follow-up review on DALTCS.

Jeanine Jones, Auditor General: NN Office of the Auditor General

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D. Discussion on NNC Directive:

Legislation No. 0087-25: An Act Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, the Law and Order Committee, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council: Amending the Navajo Preference in Employment Act, at 15 N.N.C. §607, to Establish a Navajo Nation Government Minimum Wage.

Sponsor: Delegate Vince R. James

Legislative History:

May 19, 2025	HEHSC	<u>Action:</u> <i>Do Pass</i> – No Amendments
August 26, 2025	B&FC	<u>Action:</u> <i>Do Not Pass</i> - No Amendments <i>Tabled.</i>
November 17, 2025	LOC	<u>Action:</u> <i>Do Pass</i> – No Amendments
November 25, 2025	Naabik’iyati Cmte	<u>Action:</u> <i>Tabled</i> with one (1) pending amendment. Naabik’iyati Work Session and Return before Winter Session 2026.
April 13, 2026	Naabik’iyati Cmte Work Session (7 members of Naabik’iyati Cmte attending.)	
April 22, 2026	Navajo Nation Council Spring Session	<u>Action:</u> Referred to HEHSC within 90 days for further consideration and discussion on proposed amendments and financial impacts, and recommendations to the personnel costs by the Three (3) Branches, Chapters, and Political Subdivisions. One (1) pending amendment.

Presenter(s): Delegate Vince R. James, Sponsor of Legislation
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E. Discussion re: BFC Directive to Committees.

Legislation No. 0170-26: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and Related Matters.

August 12, 2026 BFC Special Meeting.

Budget and Finance Committee Directive to HEHSC and BFC:

“2. Directive to Committees: *The Budget and Finance Committee and the Health, Education and Human Services Committee shall meet with Navajo Veterans Advisory Council to discuss the Veterans Trust Fund Budget and its distribution for FY 2027. Replace Exhibit E with new Exhibit E with updated UNMET NEEDS so it includes the Executive Director position.”*

“3. Directive to the Program. *Provide updated budget forms consistent with the amendment above.*”

- Recommended dates to meet with the Navajo Veterans Advisory Council.
- List of presenters.

Presenters: Delegate Vince R. James
HEHSC Membership

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F. Update: HEHSC Subpoena

- Overview of the HEHSC requested subpoena to the NVA Executive Director.

Presenter: MacArthur Stant, Attorney, Office of Legislative Counsel

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6. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

7. NEW BUSINESS: *None*

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

- Monday, August 31, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, September 14, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Wednesday - Friday, September 16 – 18, 2026 OLS Staff Development and Wellness (Mandatory)
- Monday, September 21, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, September 28, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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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.*