

AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING

August 31, 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): *None*

5. REPORT(S):

A. Update: Office of the Controller:

- Clarification of the Office of the Controller Single Audit engagement memorandum for Navajo Nation stating the necessity to adhere to the projected completion date.
- **HEHSC Leadership Meeting on 8-26-26:** If the completion of the NN Single Audit passes the projected closing date stated in the NN single Audit engagement memorandum will impact programs such as the Navajo Epidemiology Center's IHS grant application status to remain as ineligible which potentially affects the continued employment of 14 professional staff.
- A support letter from OOC to IHS ensuring that every effort will be made to meet the projected completion date of the NN Single Audit.

Presenters: Navajo Office of the Controller:

Sean McCabe, Controller, Office of the Controller

Robert Willie, Assistant Controller; Office of the Controller

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B. 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> Do Pass – No Amendments
August 26, 2025	B&FC	<u>Action:</u> Do Not Pass - No Amendments Tabled.
November 17, 2025	LOC	<u>Action:</u> Do Pass – No Amendments
November 25, 2025	Naabik'iyati Cmte	<u>Action:</u> Tabled 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
HEHSC Membership

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C. Discussion re: BFC Directive to Committees.

Legislation No. 0179-26: 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.”*

