

AGENDA

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

**SPECIAL MEETING
September 16, 2026
In-lieu of September 28, 2026
10:00 AM**

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

PLACE: Tohajiilee Chapter
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Tohajiilee, Navajo Nation (NM)

☐ 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. Report: Navajo Children and Family Services *Requesting Executive Session.

- **Program Services of Chinle Nursing Home**
- **Update on services contracted program.**

Presenters: Thomas Cody, Executive Director, DCFS
Sonlatsa Jim, Deputy Director, DCFS
Crescentia Tso, Department Manager III, Child Well Being; DCFS
Antoinette Miller, Program Manager III, Dept. of Self Reliance; DCFS
Karen Francis, Public Information Manager, DCFS

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B. Update: Tohajiilee, Chapter Veterans Organization

- Veterans' Housing Completed
- Veterans Housing Uninhabited
- Veterans Housing Renovations

Presenters: Tohajiilee Chapter Veterans Organization

Gilbert Platero,	Commander; Tohajiilee Chapter Veterans Organization
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Willetto,	NVO – Tohajiilee Chapter Veterans Organization
Art Platero,	NVO – Tohajiilee Chapter Veterans Organization
Jennie Manuelito,	NVO – Tohajiilee Chapter Veterans Organization

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**C. Update: Northern Veterans Organization
Toadlena/Two Grey Hills Chapters Veterans Organization**

- Update on Reported Data Breach
- Lack of Communication with Veterans

Presenter: Demitria Simms, Northern Veterans Organization

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D. Report: Navajo Veterans Administration

- Update on NVA
- Update on Budget for Veterans distribution including stipends.

Presenter: Aaron Long, Executive Director; Navajo Veterans Administration

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6. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Schedule a work session with the State of Arizona Department of Economic Security on DALTCS

- Navajo DALTCS contract documentation submittal for reimbursement process/system.

Note:

- AZ-DES will need 5 weeks advance notice for an in-person work session.
- AZ-DES will need 2-3 weeks advance notice for a virtual work session.

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

- September 17 & 18, 2026 10:00 am Navajo Nation Council Budget Session
- 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 CANCELLED
- Monday, October 12, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, October 19, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, October 26, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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