

AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING

October 12, 2026

10:00 AM

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

PLACE: Navajo Nation Council Chambers
<https://navajonationcouncil-org.zoom.us/j/88178631853>
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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):

- September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting
- September 16, 2026 Special Meeting
- September 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

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5. NEW BUSINESS: Consent Agenda

A. Legislation No. 0223-26: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services; Budget and Finance; and Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Approving and Authorizing a Contract Between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 5301 Et Seq. (Public Law 93-638, as Amended), for a Seven (7) Year Term Beginning January 1, 2027 and Ending December 31, 2033, for the Navajo Nation Higher Education Program

Sponsor: Delegate Vince R. James

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- B. Legislation No. 0226-26:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services and Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Approving a Tribal Resolution Supporting the Navajo Epidemiology Center's Participation in the Launching of the Tribal Implementation Center Program Diné Bikéyah Naałniijh Naalkaah (Disease Tracking on the Navajo Land) Data Modernization Initiative
Sponsor: Delegate Andy Nez

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- C. Legislation No.0227-26:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Establishing an Investigatory Hearing to Determine Compliance with Navajo Nation Laws, Regulations Rules, and Policies Concerning the Navajo Nation's Veterans Funding and Related Matters; Adopting Investigatory Hearing Rules
Sponsor: Delegate Andy Nez

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- D. Legislation No. 0235-26:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$1,700,000 from the Síhasin Fund to Division of General Services for Accessibility Improvements at Chapter Houses and Other Public Facilities; Approving and Adopting the Project Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501-2508.
Sponsor: Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton
Co-Sponsor: Delegate Crystalyne Curley

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6. REPORT(S):

- Update on the Navajo Veterans Administration Veteran housing utility connections.

A. NTUA Administration

Martin Ashley, NTUA Government Liaison
Rayni Nelson, Associate Deputy General Manager, NTUA Administration
Judy Chavez, Assistant Manager (Water Connection); NTUA Administration
Shannon Burnette, Assistant Manager (Electrical Power Connection); NTUA Administration
Hiram Gleasen, Engineering Supervisor
Garridyn Henderson, Project Manager; NTUA
Mario Gorman, Principal Engineer – DGM; Water/Waste Water Dept.
Jeremy Bitsoi, Construction Quality Assurance Officer; Water/Waste Water Dept.

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- B. Report:** Completion of the construction of a Veterans' home in Shiprock, NN (NM).

- Construction by the Sparrow Group.
- Chronological outline of work on the Veteran's home.

- Work completed on the interior of the home.

Presenter: John Franklin, Veteran – Army Military Branch
Shiprock, NN (NM)

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C. Report/Update: Veteran housing utility connections.

Presenter(s):

- **The Sparrow Group**

David Wiegand – CEO
Eric Bailey, Vice President
Dawn Groves, P.O.C.

- **Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF)**

Patrick Mason, Program Manger
Jonessa Romos, Housing Coordinator
Roberta Concho, Accounting
Victoria Begay, SWIF Board Member

- **Bitco Corporation**

Jeremiah Bitsui – Owner
David Shafer, Site Superintendent

- **Navajo Veterans Administration**

Aaron Long, Executive Director; Navajo Veterans Administration
William Nez, Veterans Housing Manager; NVA

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D. Report: Navajo Veterans Administration

- Update on NVA Activities
- Update on communication with Agency Veterans Organization and Chapter Veterans Organization

Presenter: Aaron Long, Executive Director; Navajo Veterans Administration

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7. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

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

- October 19 - 23, 2026 10:00 am Daily Navajo Nation Council Fall Session, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, October 26, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Thursday, October 29, 2026 10:00 am Work Session with HEHSC by AZ-DES; Phoenix, 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.*