AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 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):

- October 26, 2026 Regular Meeting

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5. REPORT(S):

A. Report: Division of Children and Family Services

- October 29, 2026 Memoranda to the Navajo Nation Controller:
  NDCFS Response and Clarification Regarding the Office of the Controller's October 22, 2026 Memorandum on the Division's Internal Financial Management System.

Presenters: **Division of Children and Family Services:**
Thomas Cody, Executive Director, DCFS
Sonlatsa Jim, Deputy Director, DCFS
Brenda Tsosie, Principal Accountant, DCFS

Laura Johnson, 477 Program Manager II

Office of the Controller:

Sean McCabe, Controller; OOC

Robert Willie, Assistant Controller, OOC

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B. Report: Update by Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA)

- Update on the Navajo Veterans Administration Veteran housing utility connections.
- Follow-up on: Mr. Johns Franklin – Shiprock
  Mr. Dee (daughter Raquel Dee spokesperson)

Presenters: 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

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C. Report: Navajo Veterans Administration

- Update on NVA
- Ms. Veronica Garninez, Mexican Springs, NN (NM) – Home Renovation and Improvement
- Navajo Veterans Advisory Council

Presenters: **Navajo Veterans Administration:**

Aaron Long, Executive Director, NVA

Leann Roy, Deputy Director, NVA

Veterans' Services Recipient:

Veronica Garninez, Veterans' Spouse – Mexican Springs, NN (NM)

Navajo Veterans Advisory Council:

Ryan Benally, Commander, NVAC

Hubert Smith, Vice-Commander, NVAC

Joe Ramone, NVAC

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6. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislation No. 0237-26: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Enacting the Diné Government Accountability Restoration Act; Establishing the Office of the Attorney General as an Independent Elected Office and Providing for the Election of the Attorney General Counsel for Executive Branch Legal Services; and Amending and Repealing Certain Sections of Title 2, and Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code

Sponsor: Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty; **Co-Sponsor:** Delegate Crystalyne Curley

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B. Legislation No. 0259-26: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Amending the 2010 Uniform Stipend Policy for Navajo Local Community School Boards
Sponsor: Delegate George H. Tolth;
Co-Sponsors: Delegate Danny Simpson; Delegate Helena Nez Begay

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

- Monday, November 23, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, November 30, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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