

**The Law and Order Committee  
of  
The 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council**



**Second Quarterly Report  
January, February & March 2019**

**Respectfully Submitted by  
Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman  
Honorable Otto Tso, Vice-Chairperson**



## 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

April 02, 2019

Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker  
24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Honorable Council Delegates  
24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Re: Law and Order Committee – Second Quarterly Report 2019

Dear Speaker Damon and Council Delegates:

The Law and Order Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council is respectfully submitting its Second Quarterly Report for Fiscal Year 2019 to the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council.

The report contains resolutions that were approved by Law and Order Committee (LOC) during the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019. Also report provides the significant accomplishments of the committee during the period of January, February and March, 2019.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugenia Charles-Newton".

Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman  
Law and Order Committee, NNC

Otto Tso, Vice Chairperson  
Law and Order Committee, NNC

cc: File

## **SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT**

**To the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council  
First Year  
Spring Session – FY 2019**

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### **PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council serves as a committee body of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§600 and CAP-10-11 as follows:

§600 Establishment; membership; purposes:

- A. The Law and Order Committee is hereby established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
- B. The Committee shall consist of five members
- C. The Committee shall use Nitsahakees, Nahat'a, lina and Siihasin in exercising legislative oversight over courts, administrative legal tribunals, criminal defense, legal defense of the indigent, juvenile justice, corrections, law enforcement, emergency management for the following purposes:
  - 1. To improve the administration of justice on the Navajo Nation by ensuring a justice system that is independent from political influence and that is accountable and responsible to the Navajo Nation is its administration and operations of Justice system includes Judicial Branch and all administrative legal tribunals.
  - 2. To protect the rights and interests of the Navajo People by improving the quality and effectiveness of the justice system within the Navajo Nation.
  - 3. To establish and develop the Navajo Nation justice system infrastructure including justice system facilities and to promote institutional planning and coordination among and between justice-system-related entities.
  - 4. To enhance cooperating and coordination between the Navajo Nation courts and courts of the various states and the federal government including their administrative legal tribunals.
  - 5. To enhance the operations and coordination of all departments within the Navajo Division of Public Safety in order to increase the availability, quality, and effectiveness of public safety services on the Navajo Nation.
  - 6. To enable the Navajo Nation to more effectively provide efficient public safety services on the Navajo Nation.

7. To support effective cooperation and coordination between the Navajo Nation law enforcement agencies and that of the various states and federal government law enforcement agencies.
8. To enhance juvenile justice programs through coordination with appropriate Committees, the Judicial Branch, Executive Branch programs, and federal, state, tribal and local governmental agencies.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. COMMITTEE :** Law and Order Committee  
N.N.C. Title 2, §§600- 603 and CAP-10-11
- B. Chairwoman/Vice :** Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman  
**Chairperson** Honorable Otto Tso., Vice-Chairperson

**C. Council Delegates Confirmed as Committee Members:**

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</u>	<u>AGENCY:</u>	<u>CHAPTER(S):</u>
Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton	Shiprock	Shiprock
Honorable Vince R. James	Fort Defiance	Jeddito/Cornfields/Ganado Kin Da Lichii/Steamboat
Honorable Eugene Tso	Chinle	Chinle
Honorable Otto Tso	Western	Tuba City
Honorable Edmund Yazzie	Eastern	Church Rock/Iyanbito/ Thoreau/Mariano Lake/ Pinedale/Smith Lake

**D. Committee Meeting Dates: CJA-01-14**

The Law and Order Committee selected to meet the Second, Third and Fourth Mondays of every month at 10:00 a.m. There are no meetings scheduled for the first Monday of every month. Special meetings are also held on the call of the Committee.

**E. Office of Legislative Services - Committee Support Staff:**

Shural L. Notah, Legislative Reporter  
Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor  
Ron Haven, Principal Attorney, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Highlights of Significant Activities  
of the Law and Order Committee  
During the Months of January, February & March, 2019**

LOC Regular, Special Meetings, Joint Session, Work Session, & Budget Sessions, Orientations & Other Meetings:

February 25, 2019:

Meeting Site: Law & Order Committee Building, Window Rock, AZ

The Law & Order Committee first order of business was to select their Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Legislation No. 0031-19 "An Action Relating to Law and Order; Confirming the Law and Order Committee's Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson". The LOC selected Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton as Chairwoman and Honorable Otto Tso was selected as Vice Chairperson. Other Legislations approved and referred to Naabik'iyati' Committee were as follows:

- Confirming appointment of Doreen N. McPaul as the Navajo Nation Attorney General
- Consenting to Jesse Delmar as Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety Executive Director
- Supporting New Mexico House Bill 278 Titled " An Act Relating to Missing Persons; Creating the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force; Making an Appropriation; Declaring an Emergency"
- Supporting Arizona House Bill 2570 Titled "An Act Establishing a Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls"

March 08, 2019:

Meeting Site: Law & Order Committee Building, Window Rock, AZ  
(Special meeting/Orientation)

The Law & Order Committee met with Judicial Branch and gave an overview and introduction of the Courts. Also Peacemaking Program, Probation and Parole Services and Administrative Office of the Courts gave their presentation. The presentation included all of the District Courts. The Peacemaking Program requested for more time and at a later date they will give another presentation. These presentation were lengthy and after each presentation questions were asked and respond by each presenter.

March 11, 2019:

The Law & Order Committee received several reports that were listed under Receiving Reports. The following reports were given to LOC:

- Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission regarding Amber Alert

- Report from Department of Justice and Navajo Nation Police Department regarding Consent Decree (Report was done in Executive Session).
- Report from Dr. Delores Greyeyes, Director, Department of Corrections; Jesse Delmar, Director, DPS; Phillip B. Francisco, Police Chief, NNPD and Judicial Branch on Detention Facility Closure for Window Rock and Shiprock Districts.
- Legislation No. 0023-19 – “An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee, Law and Order Committee and Naabik’iyati’ Committee; For the Purpose of Discussion, Reaffirmation and Possible Amendment of NABIF-13-18 Titled, “An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Law and Order and Naabik’iyati’; Requesting FirstNet and AT&T, in Developing Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network to Recognize and Accept Nation-to-Nation Relations, Requesting an Assessment and Strategic Plan from Navajo Nation Public Safety and Telecommunications Programs”. This legislation was approved and was forward to Naabik’iyat’ Committee for approval.

March 18, 2019:

The Law & Order Committee scheduled Orientation for Division of Public Safety and Program. All reports were included for Navajo Police Department Administration, which included Chinle, Crownpoint, Kayenta, Shiprock, Tuba City, Window Rock, and Dilkon. Also the Department of Criminal Investigations, Department of Fire & Rescue, Office of Internal Affairs, Training Academy, and Emergency Medical Services all gave their presentations. The Law & Order Committee did not complete the presentation with Department of Corrections for Crownpoint Juvenile Corrections and Department of Corrections Office; Division of Public Safety – Administration; Fire Rescue – NN Twin Arrows and DPS – Special Revenue Gaming. These presentations will be done at the next meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE  
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE**

**January – March 2019**

**February 25, 2019**

LOCF-01-19

Legislation No. 0031-19: An Action Relating to Law and Order; Confirming the Law and Order Committee's Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Motion: Honorable Vince R. James

Second: Honorable Eugene Tso

Vote: 4-0-1

(Chairwoman Charles-Newton not voting)

**March 18, 2019**

LOCMA-02-19


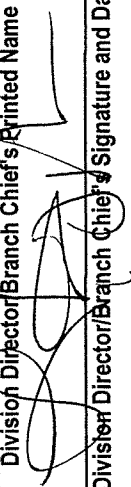
An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee, Appointing Delegate Edmund Yazzie from the Law and Order Committee as Shareholders Representative to the Navajo Times Publishing Company, Inc.

Motion: Honorable Vince R. James

Second: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton

Vote: 3-0-1 (Vice Chairperson not voting)

**THE NAVAJO NATION  
PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

<b>PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:</b>		<b>Business Unit No.:</b> 101032		<b>Program Name/Title:</b> Law and Order Committee											
<b>PART II. PLAN OF OPERATION/RESOLUTION NUMBER/PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:</b>															
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<b>PART III. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:</b>															
<b>1. Goal Statement:</b>															
		Public Safety/Judicial Branch/Emergency Management issues/advocacy													
<b>Program Performance Measure:</b>															
		Meet with local/intertribal/state/federal agencies & meet with local/state/congressional reps.													
		1st QTR		2nd QTR		3rd QTR		4th QTR							
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<b>2. Goal Statement:</b>															
		Meet with oversight programs regarding priority listings													
<b>Program Performance Measure:</b>															
		Schedule quarterly meetings & work sessions with Divisions, Departments, & Programs													
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<b>3. Goal Statement:</b>															
		Committee action on legislations & other issues relating to the oversight committee													
<b>Program Performance Measure:</b>															
		Enactment of committee resolutions, reports and others													
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<b>4. Goal Statement:</b>															
		Judicial/Public Safety facility construction projects													
<b>Program Performance Measure:</b>															
		Coordinate with Judicial Branch/NNDOP/NNDPS on project updates & major issues, i.e., etc.													
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<b>5. Goal Statement:</b>															
		NNDOP/LOC/Judicial Branch to update the Navajo Nation statutes and policies													
<b>Program Performance Measure:</b>															
		Scheduled meetings & worksession to review the NN Codes & Policies & Procedures													
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<b>PART IV. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED.</b>															
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Program Manager's Printed Name</b> Eugenia Charles-Netwon, Chairwoman, Law &amp; Order Committee, NNC</p> <p> Program Manager's Signature and Date</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Division Director/Branch Chief's Printed Name</b> Lashayna Tso, Chief of Staff, Speaker's Office</p> <p> Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date</p> </div> </div>															