



**APPROVED AGENDA OF THE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**SUMMER SESSION
July 18 – 22, 2022
10:00 AM**

**Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ)
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Call-in Number: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 928 871 7160

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PRESIDING: Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker, 24th Navajo Nation Council

1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION
2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS TO THE NAVAJO NATION
3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA
 - (m) Hon. Wilson C. Stewart, Jr. (s) Hon. Nathaniel Brown (v) 22-0 (snv)
4. RECEIVE THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAVAJO NATION
 - (m) Hon. Pernell Halona (s) Hon. Paul Begay, Jr. (v) 20-1 (snv)
5. RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE CONTROLLER
 - (m) (s) (v)
6. ORAL REPORTS
 - A. Update Report by the Office of the Controller, Office of Management & Budget, and the NN Department of Justice Regarding the Memorandum Dated July 7, 2022 addressed to the NNVA Executive Director RE: Fiscal Year 2023 Recommended Budget – Veterans Trust Fund Program and Veterans Trust Fund Home. (m) (s) (v)
 - B. Indian Health Services (IHS) (m) (s) (v)

7. WRITTEN REPORTS

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| A. Standing Committees | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| B. Boards and Commissions | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| C. Bureau of Indian Affairs | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| D. Indian Health Services Area Director | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| E. Naat’áanii Development Corporation | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| F. Receive Report from the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| G. Receive Report from the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| H. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| I. Attorney General | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| J. Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council | (m) | (s) | (v) |

8. OLD BUSINESS

(A) **LEGISLATION 0063-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’íyáti’ Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$1,600,000 Out of the Síhasin Fund to Cover the Funding Shortfall for the Ganado Chapter Senior & Veterans Center Project; Reapproving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 - § 2508 (2/3) **SPONSOR: Honorable Vince R. James**

(m) Hon. Otto Tso (s) Hon. Jimmy Yellowhair (v)

07/01/2022 – Motion to Table Legislation 0063-22 until Navajo Nation Council Summer Session to provide ample time for Division of Community Development (DCD) and Community Projects Management Department (CPMD) to provide an overall listing for projects with shortfalls, and for Office of Legislative Counsel to assist in drafting possible amendments; (M) Honorable Daniel E. Tso; (S) Honorable Eugene Tso; (V) 14 In Favor, 06 Opposed (Speaker Damon Not Voting)

(B) **LEGISLATION 0013-22:** An Act Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’íyáti’ Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$540,528 in Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to Rehoboth Christian School to Fund Student Transportation Costs, a Navajo Language Teacher Position, Summer School Expenses, and Other Needs **SPONSOR: Honorable Pernell Halona**

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Seth Damon
CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Edmund Yazzie

(m) (s) (v)

5/12/2022 – Legislation 0013-22 was referred back to the Navajo Nation Council for consideration; (M) Hon. Edison J. Wauneka; (S) Hon. Jimmy Yellowhair; (V) 14 in Favor, 09 Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)

4/21/2022 – Motion to Refer Legislation 0013-22 to the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee for further discussion at the next Regular scheduled or Special Naabik’íyáti’ Committee meeting; (M) Hon. Jamie Henio; (S) Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton; (V) 12 in Favor, 11 Opposed (Chairman Damon Votes in Favor to Break Tie)

9. NEW BUSINESS

(A) **LEGISLATION 0258-21:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’íyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending CAP-19-16 to Transfer the Responsibility and Permanent Trust Fund Interest Funding for the Shiprock Hotel Restaurant Project From the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise to the Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise; Allocating \$11,400,000 from the Síhasin Fund to the Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise for the Shiprock Hotel-Restaurant Project and Approving the NNHE’S Shiprock Hotel Restaurant Project Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §§2501-2508 (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton

(m) (s) (v)

(B) **LEGISLATION 0021-22:** An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director; and Amending 2 N.N.C. § 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 Relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

(m) (s) (v)

(C) **LEGISLATION 0022-22:** An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §1033 to Establish a Program Manager to Administer the Veterans Housing Program (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

(m) (s) (v)

(D) **LEGISLATION 0043-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$437,947 Out of the Síhasin Fund to Purchase a New Motor Grader for Sawmill Chapter and to Purchase a New Backhoe for Red Lake Chapter; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 – 2508 (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.

(m) (s) (v)

(E) **LEGISLATION 0049-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$500,000 from the Síhasin Fund for the Assessment, Removal, and Cleanup of Old Residential Units in the Community of Navajo, New Mexico; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan in a Accordance with 12 N.N.C. § 2505(A) (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.

(m) (s) (v)

(F) **LEGISLATION 0051-22:** An Act Relating to Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$3,003,441 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUFB”) for the Navajo Election Administration for its Expenses in Preparation for the 2022 Navajo Nation Elections; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), § 820(F), § 820(J), and § 820(L) (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.

(m) (s) (v)

(G) **LEGISLATION 0065-22:** An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$13,215,000 from the Síhasin Fund for the Completion of the Kayenta Judicial Complex; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 - § 2508 (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Nathaniel Brown

(m) (s) (v)

(H) **LEGISLATION 0066-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$7,650,000 from the Síhasin Fund for the Construction of the Chilchinbeto Multi-purpose Building; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 - § 2508 (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Nathaniel Brown

(m) (s) (v)

- (I) **LEGISLATION 0067-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$4,100,000 from the Síhasin Fund for a Proposed Apartment/Multipurpose Complex in Navajo, New Mexico; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 - § 2508 (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.

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- (J) **LEGISLATION 0104-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Health, Education, and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$25,000,000 from the Síhasin Fund to the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation for its Long-Term Care, Cancer, and Rehabilitation Facility; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 - § 2508 (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Otto Tso

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Paul Begay, Jr.

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Seth Damon

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Pernel Halona

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Daniel E. Tso

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka

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- (K) **LEGISLATION 0106-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$1,500,000.00 from the Síhasin Fund to the Capital Projects Management Department ("CPMD") to Complete the Teesto Chapter Community Center Project; Reapproving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 - § 2508 (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Elmer P. Begay

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- (L) **LEGISLATION 0107-22:** An Act Relating to the Budget and Finance, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$13,334,871 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance ("UUFB") for the Renovations Necessary at Certain Navajo Nation Government Facilities to Provide Access to Persons with Disabilities; and Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(M) Regarding OMB Review (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Eugene Tso

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- (M) **LEGISLATION 0116-22:** An Action Relating to an Emergency; Extending the Time for a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity to Allow the Navajo Nation to be Sued in Federal District Court Regarding Compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act in Carrying Out the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Grants and Authorizing the President of the Navajo Nation to be the Certifying Tribal Official to Execute Form 7015.15 through September 30, 2025 (2/3)

SPONSOR: Honorable Rickie Nez

(m)

(s)

(v)

- (N) **LEGISLATION 0024-22:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, Law and Order, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the

Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. §1176 to Create Separate Business Unit Numbers When Funding Navajo Veterans' Organizations

SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Carl R. Slater

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(s)

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- (O) **LEGISLATION 0052-22:** An Act Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$267,184 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance for Animal Rez-Q, Inc. to Conduct the "Navajo Nation Spay, Neuter, Vaccination Blitz 2022" from April to September 2022 in Cooperation with the Navajo Nation Animal Control Program

SPONSOR: Honorable Eugene Tso

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- (P) **LEGISLATION 0092-22:** An Act Relating to Health Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 15 N.N.C. §§ 302 – 308, the Plan of Operations of the Navajo Nation Labor Commission

SPONSOR: Honorable Otto Tso

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10. CLOSE OF SESSION; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

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