

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

REGULAR MEETING July 12, 2023
10:00 AM

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

PLACE: Law and Order Conference Room, Window Rock, Arizona

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION; ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting called to Order by: Honorable Vince R. James Chairperson at 10:17 a.m.; Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with Office of Legislative Services, with 5 members present.

Honorable Members present: Honorable Vince R. James (10:00 a.m.); Honorable Germaine Simonson (10:00 a.m.); Honorable Helena Nez Begay (10:00 a.m.); Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (10:00 a.m.); Honorable George H. Tolth (8:45 a.m.); Honorable Curtis Yanito (9:45 a.m.)

Invocation provided Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor for Health, Education and Human Services Committee

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Helena Nez Begay

Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Excused: AN/VRJ; Vice-Chairperson not voting)

4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S):

➤ June 28, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion by: Helena Nez Begay

Second by: George H. Tolth

Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Excused: AN/VRJ; Vice-Chairperson not voting)

5. RECEIVING REPORT:

A. Update:

- ❖ Navajo Department of Health - Introduction of Ms. Kim Russell as appointed NDOH Executive Director as of July 3, 2023
- ❖ Division on Aging and Long-Term Care Services (DALTC)

Issue:

- Elderly Day during NNC Summer Session on Wednesday, July 19, 2023
- Update of sponsorships of event during in Elderly Day on July 19, 2023
- Update on logistics to accommodate elders to the NNC Summer Session

Presenter(s): Ms. Kim Russell, Appointed NDOH Executive Director
Anslem Lewis, Jr., Health Service Administrator (Interim), DALTCS
Michele Morris, Legislative Analyst, Navajo Department of Health

Motion by: Helena Nez Begay

Second by: Curtis Yanito

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/GS/CY/GHT; Nays: Excused: AN; None; Chair not voting)

B. Report

- Dine Bi Olta School Board Association

Issue:

- Quarterly Report: April 2023 to June 2023

Presenter: Jordan Etcitty, Executive Director; Dine Bi Olta School Board Association, Inc.

Motion by: Curtis Yanito

Second by: Germaine Simonson

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/GS/GHT/CY; Nays: Excused: AN; Chairperson not voting)

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

- Suspension of floor Rules to modify the agenda to add Legislation 0146-23 as new item 7(B)

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Legislation No. 0139-23: An Act Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Repealing 9 N.N.C. § 2(C) of the Diné Marriage Act of 2005, to Uniformly Recognize All Marriages Within the Navajo Nation; and Amending Other Provisions in Title 9 of the Navajo Nation Code Related to Marriage Within the Navajo Nation**

Sponsor: Delegate Seth Damon

Motion by: Curtis Yanito

Second by: Germaine Simonson

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/CY; Nays:
None; Excuse: GHT; Chair not voting)

APPROVED

Regular HEHSC Mtg.

Alamo Wellness Center, Alamo, NM

July 26, 2023

Motion: Helena Nez Begay

Second: George Tolth

Vote: 3, 0 (HNB, AN, GHT)

Excused: 2 (GS/CY)

Not Voting: Chairperson James