# HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING July 12, 2023 10:00 AM

PRESIDING: Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson

Honorable Germaine Simonson, Vice Chairperson

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

## 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 (10:0 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

03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Vote: 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

03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Vote:

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

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'íyáti' 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

## > No sponsor in attendance

Legislation No. 0146-23: An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance Committee, the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$2,500,000 from the Síhasin Fund to Utah State University for a New Education Building in Monument Valley; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan

Sponsor: Delegate Herman M. Daniels, Jr. Co-Sponsor: Rickie Nez

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)

B. Schedule a HEHSC Special Meeting in lieu of HEHSC Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 during the Navajo Nation Council Summer Session.

> Monday, July 31, 2023

Motion by: George H. Tolth Second by: Dr. Andy Nez

Vote: 03 in favor; 01 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT; Nays: AN;

Excuse: VRJ; Vice-Chairperson GS not voting)

> Special Meeting will include the follow-up meeting with DoDE JOM requesting an executive session.

## > Enter into Executive Session at 1:36pm

Motion by: Germaine Simonson Second by: Helena Nez Begay

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT/CY; Nays:

None; Excused: VRJ: Vice-Chairperson not voting)

# Exit out of Executive Session at 2:14pm

Motion by: George H. Tolth Second by: Curtis Yanito

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT/CY; Nays:

None; Excused: VRJ: Vice-Chairperson not voting)

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

Regular Meeting July 26, 2023

> Chairman Vince R. James called for adjournment at 2:36 P.M.

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)



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