

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

SPECIAL MEETING  
June 06, 2023  
10:00 AM

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

**LOCATION:** Twin Arrows Dine' Conference Center,  
Twin Arrows, Navajo Nation (AZ)

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**1. Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; and Announcements:**

Meeting called to Order by: Honorable Vince R. James Chairperson at 10:20 a.m.; Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with Office of Legislative Services, with 6 members present.

Honorable Members present: Honorable Vince R. James (8:45 a.m.); Honorable Germaine Simonson (8:45 a.m.); Honorable Helena Nez Begay (8:07 a.m.); Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (8:21 a.m.); Honorable George H. Tolth (9:10 a.m.); Honorable Curtis Yanito (8:21 a.m.) - Time reflected on Arizona Time -

➤ Invocation provided by Dr. Ferlin Clark, Education Administrator - DoDE

**2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS**

- Honorable Norman M. Begay
- Sonlasta Jim, Legislative Staff Assistant, Office of the Speaker
- Vivian Watuema, Office of the President and Vice-President

**3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA**

- Add Journal May 17, 2023 under item 4.
- Add Presentation from Information Technology and Presenter Brent Nelson under Receiving Report 5(A)

Motion by: Germaine Simonson

Second by: Curtis Yanito

Vote: 05 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GT/CY; Nays: None; Chair not voting)

**4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S):**

- May 17, 2023

Motion by: Dr. Andy Nez

Second by: George Tolth

Vote: 05 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GT/CY; Nays: None; Chair not voting)

**5. RECEIVING REPORT:**

**A. Report:**

Department of Dine' Education (DoDE) - Summary

Overview:

Program Summary  
Program Staffing; Vacancies

3 CHALLENGES of Each

Navajo Nation  
Federal

OBJECTIVES:

Goals  
Accomplishments

Personnel  
Program Challenges  
Solutions Arizona  
Timeline Solutions New Mexico  
Solutions Utah  
Timeline of Solutions

**Presenter(s): DoDE Administration**

➤ Claudia Edgewater, Interim Superintendent; DoDE

**Office of Dine Accountability and Compliance**

➤ Darrick Franklin, Education Program Manager (Delegated)

➤ Recess at 1:02 p.m.

➤ Out of Recess at 1:28 p.m. with 6 members present

**Office of Dine' School Improvement**

➤ Dr. Ferlin Clark, Education Administrator

➤ Recommend by Chairman Vince R. James to establish a Task Force to revise Title X, update agreements with Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah and what needs to happen with the audit.

➤ **Suspension of Floor Rules**

○ Deletion of Presenter Verna Thomas, Education Program Manager under Office Standards, Curriculum, Assessment Development and to be replace with Deloris Noble, Program Manager

○ Addition of Presenter Aljerino Tsedah, Program Supervisor III - Chinle Boys & Girls Club Many Farms under the Office of Dine' Youth Development

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Curtis Yanito

Vote: 05 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GT/CY; Nays: None; Chair not voting)

**Office of Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment Development**

• Deloris Noble, Program Manager

**Cognia NN: NCA Accreditation, Certification and Assessment**

➤ Paula Seanez, Education Program Manager

**Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance**

➤ Rose Graham, Department Manager I

➤ Recommend by Chairman George H. Tolth to have Kristen Lowell, Attorney with Office of Legislative Council to do a research regarding the establishment of Human Resource within the program. Provide the information back to the committee by June 14, 2023.

**Office of Dine' Youth Development**

➤ Denise Thomas, Department Manger I

• Aljerino Tsedah, Program Supervisor III - Chinle Boys & Girls Club Many Farms under the Office of Dine' Youth Development

Navajo Nation Library

- Donovan Pete, Program Supervisor I

Office of Educational Research and Statistics

- Roy Tracy, Statistician/Demographer
- Sethalene Roanhorse, Sr. Statistical Research Analyst

Navajo Head Start

- Roy Tracy, Assistant Superintendent (Delegated)

Johnson O'Malley Program

- Suzette Haskie, Program Manager I

Information and Technology

- Brent Nelson, Systems and Program Manager

- Recommend by Chairman Vince R. James to have a written response on all questions posed by the committee emailed to Angelita Benally, Health, Education and Human Services Advisor by Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Motion by: Dr. Andy Nez

Second by: Curtis Yanito

Vote: 05 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GT/CY; Nays: None; Chair not voting)

**B. Report:**

Department of Dine' Education (DoDE) - School Board Reapportionment/Redistricting

- DoDE's Statutory authority under Navajo Nation Code Title 10
- Overview of the Apportionment process
- TimeLine
- Population Data
- Define of Local control
- School Board Compensation and Stipend Policy
- Analysis of Reapportionment Plan 6
- Previous Reapportionment Plans

**Presenter(s):** Darrick Franklin, Education Program Manager (Delegated)  
Matthew Tso, Legislative Analyst; DoDE  
Claudia Edgewater, Interim Superintendent; DoDE

Motion by: Curtis Yanito

Second by: Helena Nez Begay

Vote: 05 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GT/CY; Nays: None; Chair not voting)

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman Vince R. James called for adjournment at 8:36 P.M.

NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:

- H.E.S.H.C. Special Meeting: Wednesday, June 07, 2023
- Travel: June 7-11, 2023 DBOSBA 2023 Summer Conference; Las Vegas, NV
- Regular Meeting June 14, 2023

Motion by: Helena Nez Begay

Second by: Germaine Simonson

Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GT/CY; Nays: None;  
Chair not voting)

**APPROVED**

Regular HEHSC Mtg.

Twin Arrows, Leupp (NN), AZ

June 28, 2023

Motion: George H. Tolth

Second: Curtis Yanito

Vote: 4,0 (HNB,AN,GT, CY)

Excused: 1 (GS)

Not Voting: Chair V.R. James