

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

June 14, 2023
10:00 AM

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

PLACE: Budget and Finance Conference Room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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

Meeting called to Order by: Honorable Vince R. James Chairperson at 10:59 a.m.; Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with Office of Legislative Services, with 4 members present.

Honorable Members present: Honorable Vince R. James (11:07 a.m.); Honorable Germaine Simonson (9:56 a.m.); Honorable Helena Nez Begay (10:00 a.m.); Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (10:27 a.m.); Honorable George H. Tolth (10:48 a.m.); Honorable Curtis Yanito (11:02 a.m.)

➤ Invocation provided by Angelita Benally, Health, Education, and Human Services Committee Advisor

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

- *Honorable Carl R. Slater*
- *Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty*
- *Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton*
- *Honorable Seth Damon*
- *Jared Touchin, Deputy Chief of Staff Office of the Speaker*
- *Sonlasta Jim, Legislative Staff Assistant, Office of the Speaker*
- *Vivian Montoya Watuema, Office of the President and Vice-President*

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by: Helena Nez Begay

Second by: Andy Nez

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

4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S): None

5. RECEIVING REPORT:

A. Report:

Battered Family Services, Inc. - Gallup, NM

Issue:

- BFS Programming
- DV Shelter Status

Presenter(s): Emily Ellison, Executive Director
Sabrina Martine, Staff
Corrine Begody, Staff
Marinda Spencer, Staff
Battered Family Services, Inc.

Motion by: Germaine Simonson
Second by: Helena Nez Begay
Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/CY; Nays: None;
GT/Chair not voting)

B. Report:

HEAL Initiative

Issue:

- UCSF HEAL Initiative Global Health Fellowship Program,
- Southwest Indigenous Leadership Program through HEAL
- Graduate Medical Education Funding for Indian Health Services

Presenter(s): Dr. Adriann Begay, NN Senior Advisor; HEAL Initiative; SW
Indigenous Program

Motion by: Helena Nez Begay
Second by: Germaine Simonson
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS; Nays: None; GT/CY/
Chair not voting)

C. Update:

NDOH Navajo Nation COVID-19

Issue:

- Update report on Navajo Nation COVID-19

Presenter: Del Yazzie, Sr. Epidemiologist / HAS, NDOH
Michele Morris, Legislative Analyst, NDOH

Motion by: Helena Nez Begay
Second by: Andy Nez
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS; Nays: None; GT/CY/
Chair not voting)

D. Update:

Available HEHSC 2023 Budget

Issue:

- Approved HEHSC UUFBS Supplemental Funds entered into FMIS -2023 Budget

Presenter: Karen Thompson, Legislative Assistant
Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor
Office of Legislative Services

Motion by: Helena Nez Begay
Second by: Germaine Simonson
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS; Nays: None; GT/CY/
Chair not voting)

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislation No. 0108-23: An Act Relating to the Law & Order, Health, Education, and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving Amendments to the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C \$1171- \$1178

Sponsor: Delegate Carl R. Slater
Co-Sponsor: Delegate Seth Damon

Motion by: Germaine Simonson
Second by: Helena Nez Begay
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS; Nays: None; Excused:
GT/CY/ Chair not voting)

B. Legislation No. 0129-23: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, the Law and Order Committee, and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Appointing Members to the Missing Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force Per NABIN-36-22

Sponsor: Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty

➤ Amendment 1: Page 3; Line 7 at Section Three. Appointment; A. 2.:
"2. Honorable Helena Nez Begay representing the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee."

Motion by: Andy Nez
Second by: Germaine Simonson
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS; Nays: None; Excused:
GT/CY/ Chair not voting)

Main Motion

Motion by: Helena Nez Begay
Second by: Germaine Simonson
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS; Nays: None; Excused:
GT/CY/ Chair not voting)

8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:

Regular Meeting	June 21, 2023	
Regular Meeting	June 28, 2023	Location to be determined
Joint Meeting with LOC	July 31, 2023	Shiprock, New Mexico

Motion by: Germaine Simonson
Second by: Helena Nez Begay
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS; Nays: None; GT/CY/
Chair not voting)

APPROVED

Regular HEHSC Mtg.
Twin Arrows, Leupp (NN), AZ
June 28, 2023
Motion: George H. Tolth
Second: Curtis Yanito
Vote: 40 (HNB AN GT CY)