

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

**REGULAR MEETING
October 09, 2023
10:00 AM**

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

PLACE: Budget and Finance 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 10:21 a.m.; Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with Office of Legislative Services, with 4 members present and 2 members Unexcused Absence.

Honorable Members present: Honorable Vince R. James (10:00 a.m.); Honorable Germaine Simonson (Unexcused Absence); Honorable Helena Nez Begay (Unexcused Absence/10:30 a.m.); Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (9:54 a.m.); Honorable George H. Tolth (9:13 a.m.); Honorable Curtis Yanito (10:21 a.m.)

Invocation provided by Honorable Vince R. James

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

- Honorable Danny Simpson
- Honorable Herman Daniels
- Honorable Casey Johnson
- Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA

- **ADD to the next meeting DALTCS and Department of Personnel Management to conduct Job Fairs at each NN Agency for DALTCS vacancies..**

Motion by: Curtis Yanito

Second by: Dr. Andy Nez

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

4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S):

5. RECEIVING REPORT: NONE

A. Report:

- ❖ Introduction of ZenniHomes

Topic

- Manufacturing residential product line.

Presenter(s): Brent Rigby, VP of Government Affairs and Special Projects
ZennieHomes

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Curtis Yanito

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

B. Update:

Topic:

➤ School Board Apportionment

Presenter(s): Kristen Lowell, Principal Attorney; Office of Legislative Council
Roy Tracy, Program Manager, Office of Education Research and Statistics; Assistant Superintendent (Delegated), Navajo Head Start
Matt Tso, Legislative Analyst, Department of Dine' Education

- **DIRECTIVE:** Honorable George H. Tolth requested a written statement and copies of all the directives, request and trainings given to the schools; to ensure that communication has been done between the school and DoDE by October 23, 2023. This will ensure the amount of time DoDE has been trying to work with the schools.
- **REQUEST:** Chairperson Vince R. James request for a two (2) day work session with DoDE, DBOSBA and HEHSC. DoDE will needs to work with Office of Legislative Council.

Motion by: Curtis Yanito

Second by: Dr. Andy Nez

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

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislation No. 0219-23: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee; Approving Amendments to the Navajo Nation Child Support Guidelines and Child Support Schedule
Sponsor: Delegate Cherilyn Yazzie

- **TABLE Legislation and request for a work session to be scheduled within thirty (30) days.**

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Helena Nez Begay

Vote: 03 in favor; 01 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT; Nays: CY; Chairperson not voting; Unexcused Absence: GS)

B. Legislation No. 0231-23: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, The Budget and Finance Committee, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council: Approving \$3,000,000 From the Síhasin Fund to Navajo Preparatory School for a New Student Housing Building; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan
Sponsor: Delegate Andy Nez

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Curtis Yanito

Vote: 04 in favor; 01 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Chairperson not voting; Unexcused Absence: GS)

C. Legislation No. 0232-23: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, The Budget and Finance Committee, the

Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$2,130,804 From the Síhasin Fund for Coyote Canyon Rehabilitation Center, Inc. for New Modular Building and Infrastructure; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan

Sponsor: Delegate Nathan Notah
Co-Sponsor: Delegate Crystalyne Curley
Co-Sponsor: Delegate Danny Simpson

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Curtis Yanito

Vote: 03 in favor; 01 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/GHT/CY; Nays: None;
Chairperson/AN not voting; Unexcused Absence: GS)

D. Conference and Travel:

Dine' Bi Olta School Board Association 2023 Fall Conference "School Accountability"

October 26-27, 2023 at Twin Arrows Dine Conference Center/Resort.

Note: The registration fee of \$500 per person has been waived for HEHSC members.

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Helena Nez Begay

Vote: 03 in favor; 01 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/GHT/CY; Nays: None;
Chairperson/AN not voting; Unexcused Absence: GS)

8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:

- Navajo Nation Council Fall Session October 16 - 20, 2023
- HEHSC Regular Meeting Monday, October 23, 2023
 - DALTCS and Department of Personnel Management to conduct Job Fairs at each NN Agency for DALTCS vacancies.
- October 12, 2023 Special Meeting in Lieu of October 16, 2023 at the Law and Order Conference Room, Window Rock, Arizona.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Navajo Utah Commission Regular Meeting, Dennehotso Chapter, Dennehotso,, Arizona at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 10, 2023

- Chairman Vince R. James called for adjournment at 2:35 p.m.

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Curtis Yanito

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