

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

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**October 12, 2023**

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

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

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

Meeting called to Order by: Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson at 8:09 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 (7:55 a.m.); Honorable Germaine Simonson (absent/8:19 a.m.); Honorable Helena Nez Begay (8:00 a.m.); Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (absent/8:19 a.m.); Honorable George H. Tolth (7:30 a.m.); Honorable Curtis Yanito (10:15 a.m.)

Invocation provided by Honorable Vince R. James

**2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS**

**3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA**

- Add items to agenda under Receiving Report 7(A)Update from DALTCS - Senior Centers unable to purchase food for senior lunch and Transportation services and vehicle insurance.
- Report - Election Office and School Board Appointment Timeline
- Tse'Hootsooi' Medical Center Annual Report November 20, 2023
- Follow up with I.H.S. Crownpoint, New Mexico to provide a report to H.E.S.H.C. meeting
- Follow up with I.H.S. Red Mesa, AZ to provide a report to H.E.S.H.C. meeting

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Helena Nez Begay

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

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

- September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion by: George H. Tolth

Second by: Helena Nez Begay

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

**5. RECEIVING REPORT:**

**6. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Update:**

- DALTCS - Senior Centers are unable to purchase food for senior lunches.
- DALTCS - Transportation services are not available, possibly due to no vehicle insurance.

Presenters: 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: Curtis Yanito

Second by: Dr. Andy Nez

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

**B. Schedule HEHSC Strategy Retreat:**

- Review FY2023
- Prioritize Division and Department Goals
- Consider Meeting with each Division and Departments' Administration
  - Prioritize Division and Department Goals by the Administration
  - Update Plans of Operations
  - Impact of Vacant Positions within each Division and Department
    - o Alternative Distribution of Work for Vacant positions to Meet Program Goals
    - o Qualifications and Length of Time of Temporarily Assigned Employee(s)
  - Report on the Executive Branch's Goals for the Divisions and Departments
    - o Coordinate similar Issues to Accomplish Overall Goals
  - Divisions and Departments to Develop a Timeline to Accomplish the Goals.
- Plan and Prioritize HEHSC Issues for FY2024
  - School Board Apportionment Plan Process and Selection
    - o Timeline
  - Goals with BIE
  - Goals with Educational Data Sharing

- Goals with IHS
- Goals with Special Interest National American Indian Organizations
  - o For the Committee Record, Reporting Travel Accomplishments by the HEHSC Traveler to share information with HEHSC members.
- FY 2024 Budget
- Travel:
  - Lobbying Efforts with States and Congressional visits
  - Assign State Legislature Issues and Follow-up
- Continuing Development of the HEHSC Strategic Retreat Agenda
- Etc.

Presenting: Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor H.E.S.H.C.  
Office of Legislative Services

Motion by: Dr. Andy Nez

Second by: George H. Tolth

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

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

- Navajo Nation Council Fall Session October 16-20, 2023
- H.E.S.H.C. Regular Meeting Monday, October 23, 2023
  - Report: DALTCS and Department of Personnel Management to conduct Job Fairs at each NN Agency for DALTCS vacancies.
  - Report: Election Office and the School Board Apportionment Timeline
- November 20, 2023 Tse'Hootsooi' Medical Center Annual Report
- Follow-up with I.H.S. in Crownpoint, NN (NM) to provide a report at a future H.E.S.H.C. meeting.
- Follow-up with I.H.S. located in Red Mesa, NN (AZ) to provide a report at a future H.E.S.H.C. meeting.
- Chairman Vince R. James called for adjournment at 10:01 a.m.

Motion by: Curtis Yanito

Second by: George H. Tolth

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