

AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2024

10:00 AM

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

**PLACE:** Budget and Finance Conference Room (In Person)  
Via Telecommunications:  
**Call-In Number: 1-669-900-6833 MTG ID: 979-985-0956 Passcode: 86515**  
Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Helena Nez Begay	<input type="checkbox"/> Germaine Simonson
<input type="checkbox"/> Vince R. James	<input type="checkbox"/> George Tolth
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Andy Nez	<input type="checkbox"/> Curtis Yanito

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

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA

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

5. RECEIVING REPORTS:

**A. Report**

- ❖ John Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health – Chinle, NN (AZ)  
John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

**Presenters:** Marissa Begay, Associate Director of Operations, Southwest  
Jasmine Yazzie, Research Program Assistant  
Ashley Thacker, Sr. Research Program Supervisor  
Taylor Billey, Sr. Research Coordinator  
Laura Hammitt, Infectious Disease Director  
Carol Tso, Research Nurse Supervisor  
Marqia Sandoval, Sr. Research Program Coordinator

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**B. Update Report:**

- ❖ Navajo Head Start
- FY 2024 Building Fund Expenditure update
- Navajo Head Start Program update

**Presenters:** Dr. Florinda Jackson, Assistant Superintendent, Navajo Head Start, DoDE  
Rene Marianito, Director of Financial Services, Navajo Head Start; DoDE  
Roy Tracy, Acting Superintendent of Schools, Department of Dine' Education

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**C. Report:**

- ❖ Diné Language Initiatives and Policy Program

**Presenters:** Dr. Geneva Becenti, NISN Director, Diné Bizaad Na'nitin Yíhool'aah  
Dr. Geraldine Garrity, Director of Native American Programs; Farmington  
Municipal Schools  
Dr. Berlinda Begay, CCSD Bilingual Multicultural Education Coordinator

**Invited:** *OSCAD staff are attending an assessment training on Monday, August 12, 2024.*  
➤ Verna Thomas, Office of Standards, Curriculum, Assessments and Development  
(OSCAD)  
➤ Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Assistant Superintendent, Oversees OSCAD  
➤ Roy Tracy, Acting Superintendent of Schools, Department of Dine' Education

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**D. Report**

- ❖ Veterans Housing update
- ❖ Homesite Leases for Veterans Housing

**Presenters:** Bobbie Baldwin, Executive Director, Navajo Veterans Administration  
Byron Bitsoie, Sr., Department Manager III, Navajo Land Department  
Tonia Sam, Senior Homesite Agent; Interim Program Manager, Navajo Land  
Department

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**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

7. NEW BUSINESS:

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

- Wednesday, August 14, 2024 Observed Holiday Navajo Code Talker's Day
- Monday, August 19, 2024 8:15 am DALTCS weekly update meeting
- Monday, August 19, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting
- Monday, August 26, 2024 8:15 am DALTCS weekly update meeting
- Monday, August 26, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting
- Monday, September 9, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting
- Monday, September 16, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting
- Monday, September 23, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting

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***THIS AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE:** The public is advised that the Navajo Nation Council Agenda and the Agendas of the Standing Committees are not final until adopted by a majority vote of the Navajo Nation Council or the Standing Committees at a Navajo Nation Council or a Standing Committee meeting pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§163 and 183, Navajo Nation Council Rule of Order No. 7, and Standing Rule of Order No. 8.*

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
SIGN IN SHEET /ROLL CALL

REGULAR MEETING

Date: August 12, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Place: BFC Conference Room, Window Rock, (NN), AZ

Meeting Started at: 10:06 AM Adjourned at: 3:05 PM

<u>HEHSC MEMBERS</u>	<u>TIME IN</u>	<u>TIME OUT</u>	<u>SIGNATURES</u>
Vince R. James (C)	<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>3:05 PM</u>	<u>Vince James</u>
Germaine Simonson (VC)	_____	<u>ABSENT</u>	_____
Helena Nez-Begay	_____	<u>ABSENT</u> / Teleconference	_____
Dr. Andy Nez	<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>3:05 PM</u>	<u>Andy Nez</u>
George H. Tolth	<u>9:22 AM</u>	<u>3:05 PM</u>	<u>George H. Tolth</u>
Curtis Yanito	<u>9:49 AM</u>	<u>3:05 PM</u>	<u>Curtis Yanito</u>
Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor	_____	_____	<u>Angelita Benally</u>
Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Asst.	_____	_____	<u>Karen J. Thompson</u>
_____ Legislative Counsel	_____	_____	_____
Clarissa Begay, Legislative Staff Asst.	_____	_____	<u>Clarissa Begay</u>
Jason John, Legislative Staff Asst.	_____	_____	_____
Idah Burnside, Delegates Office	_____	_____	<u>Idah Burnside</u>

**OTHER DELEGATES:**

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