

AGENDA

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

SPECIAL MEETING

June 13, 2024

8:00 AM

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

PLACE : Law and Order Committee Conference Room (In-Person)
Via Telecommunications:
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Window Rock, NN (AZ)

<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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION; ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS**
3. **REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA**

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

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Legislation No. 0124-24: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Relating to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Navajo Nation's Public Law 102-477 Plan

Sponsor: Delegate Germaine Simonson

Co-Sponsor: Delegate Dr. Andy Nez

***Eligible for Action on Thursday, June 13, 2024**

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supervised by the Executive Director of the Division of Human Resources. The authorities of the CoS are in direct conflict, misalignment and are inconsistent by still holding the authority as CoS to supervise the Executive Director of Human Resources.

Presenters: Patrick Sandoval, Chief of Staff, OPVP
Bidtah Becker, Chief Legal Counsel, OPVP
Ethel Branch, Navajo Nation Attorney General
Paul Spruhan, Assistant Attorney General, Litigation Unit, NDOJ
Debbie Nez Manuel, Division Director; Division of Human Resources
Appointed Acting DPM Director: DHR – Department of Personnel Management

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C. Overview/Analogy

❖ **A complaint submitted to the Navajo Department of Public Safety versus the Navajo Personnel Policies grievance process.**

- Conjecturally, if a Navajo Nation employee (elected, appointed, regular or temporary) officially submits a complaint or information to and the information is taken / recorded by the Division of Public Safety (DPS). And thereafter, the complaint submitted and taken by DPS is forwarded to Employee Relations within the Department of Personnel Management. When does the complaint filed with DPS become an employee grievance and is no longer a complaint under DPS provided the complaint has not been withdrawn?

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D. Organizational Structure:

- ❖ Office of the President and Vice-President
- ❖ Chief of Staff: The Office of the Chief of Staff is responsible for directing, managing and overseeing all policy development, daily operations, and staff activities for the President. This office coordinates and communicates with all departments and agencies of the Administration. (General Definition.)
- ❖ Oversight of the Chief of Staff position.
 - ✓ Does the position have management authority?
 - ✓ Who is authorized to approve the position's PAF changes.
 - ✓ Who is authorized to assign the position additional responsibilities. Are the additional assigned responsibilities in writing?
- Navajo Nation OPVP Chief of Staff Job Description:
 - ✓ The Chief of Staff position administratively controls overall Executive Branch operations;

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SIGN IN SHEET /ROLL CALL

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

Meeting Started at: 8AM Adjourned at: 10:27AM

HEHSC MEMBERS TIME IN TIME OUT SIGNATURES

Vince R. James (C)

8AM

10AM

Vince James

Germaine Simonson (VC)

8AM

10:27AM

Germaine Simonson

Helena Nez-Begay

8:18

10:27AM

Helena Nez-Begay

Dr. Andy Nez

8AM

10:27AM

Dr. Andy Nez

George H. Tolth

7:45AM

10:27AM

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Curtis Yanito

ABSENT

Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor

Angelita Benally

Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Asst.

Karen J. Thompson

Kristen A. Lowell, Legislative Counsel

Kristen A. Lowell

Clarissa Begay, Legislative Staff Asst.

Clarissa Begay

Jason John, Legislative Staff Asst.

Dakota Mitchell, Delegates Office

OTHER DELEGATES:

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