

Journal of the
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

February 3, 2026
in-lieu of February 16, 2026
10:00 AM

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

PLACE: Navajo Nation Council Chambers
Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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

Meeting called to order by Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson at 10:07 a.m. There were four (4) members present, and two (2) members excused when Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with OLS.

Honorable Members present:

*Honorable Vince R. James (9:47 a.m.); *Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (9:12 a.m.); *George H. Tolth (9:45 a.m.); and *Honorable Curtis Yanito (9:50 a.m.).

Honorable Members not in attendance or arrived after the roll call was taken:

Honorable Helena Nez Begay (Excused) and Honorable Germaine Simonson (Excused).

The Invocation was delivered by Honorable Dr. Andy Nez, Health, Education and Human Services Committee Member.

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

- Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty
- Honorable Carl R. Slater
- Arizona Senator Theresa Hatathlie
- Recognition of all committee members, staff, guests, and zoom participants.
- Consult the Sign-In Sheets for Committee Members and Visiting Guests of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee.

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA

- The Proposed Agenda for February 03, 2026, has been read into record by Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor/OLS.
- Honorable Vince R. James, Chair inquired if there are any objections to add Arizona Senator Theresa Hatathlie and the SB 1611 to Report 5(A) due to the modification of the motion to be incorporated into the new, amended version, with the agreement of the motioning parties.

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez
Second by: Honorable Curtis Yanito
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not voting: VRJ/HNB/GS)

4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S) :

- December 22, 2025 HEHSC Regular Meeting
- January 12, 2026 HEHSC Regular Meeting
- January 16, 2026 HEHSC Special Meeting

Motion by: Honorable George H. Tolth
Second by: Honorable Curtis Yanito
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not voting: VRJ/HNB/GS)

5. REPORT(S) :

A. Report - Arizona State Legislative 2026 Session

- Arizona State Bill 1611 Executive Summary: Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
- AZ-SB1611: American Indian Health Program; Administrative Services Contract; Legislative Review; Definitions. Sponsors: Senator Carine Werner - Dist. 4; Senator Hildy Angius -Dist. 30; Wendy Rogers - Dist. 7; Senator Thomas Shope - Dist. 16.

Presenter: Arizona State Senator Theresa Hatathlie - District 6

Invited: Sherylene Yazzie, Acting Director, Navajo Department of Health
Michele Morris, Legislative Analyst, Navajo Department of Health

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez
Second by: Honorable George H. Tolth
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT/CY; Nays:
None; Not voting: VRJ/HNB/GS)

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislation No.: 0024-26 An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Confirming the Appointment of Dr. Vincent Werito to the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents Representing the Eastern Navajo Agency for a Term of Four Years

Sponsor: Delegate George H. Tolth
Note: Dr. Werito will appear by Zoom.

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez
Second by: Honorable Curtis Yanito
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT/CY; Nays:
None; Not voting: VRJ/HNB/GS)

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

- Monday, February 9, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; Budget & Finance Conference Room, Window Rock, NN, (AZ)
- Friday, February 13, 2026 9:00 am HEHSC Leadership Meeting; NN Council Chambers, Window Rock, NN, (AZ)
- Monday, February 16, 2026 Observed NN and Federal Holiday - President's Day
- Monday, February 23, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; Budget & Finance Conference Room, Window Rock, NN, (AZ)

Announcement

- Honorable Dr. Andy Nez requested for staff to send out agenda and proposed items for the February 13th HEHSC Leadership Meeting to committee members as early as possible.

Honorable George H. Tolth motioned there was no further business, adjourned at 11:53 a.m.; Seconded by Honorable Curtis Yanito, with a vote of 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not voting: VRJ/HNB/GS).