

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

**SPECIAL MEETING
In-Lieu of April 20, 2026**

**Budget and Finance Conference Room
Window Rock, NN (AZ)**

April 06, 2026 - 10:00 AM

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

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

Meeting called to order by Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson at 10:10 a.m. Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with four (4) members present.

Honorable Members present: *Honorable Vince R. James (10:00 a.m.); *Honorable Helena Nez Begay (10:06 a.m. via zoom); *Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (9:55 a.m.); and *Honorable Germaine Simonson (9:20 via zoom).

Honorable Members not present: Honorable George H. Tolth and Honorable Curtis Yanito.

Honorable Vince R. James provided the invocation

Announcements: None

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

Recognition of all committee members, staff, guests, and zoom participants.

➤ *Reference Attach Sign-In Sheet*

➤ *The Health, Education and Human Service Committee lost quorum at 10:16 a.m. Honorable Vince R. James requested another roll call at 10:21 a.m. Karen J. Thompson conducted the roll call, which showed four members present and two members excused. Present in person were Honorable Vince R. James and Dr. Andy Nez. Participating via Zoom were Honorable Helena Nez Begay and Honorable Germaine Simonson. Honorable George H. Tolth was absent and Honorable Curtis Yanito was excused from the meeting.*

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA

The Proposed Agenda for April 06, 2026, has been read into record by Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor/OLS.

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

4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S) :

➤ March 09, 2026 - HEHSC Special Meeting

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez
Second by: Honorable Germaine Simonson
Vote: Pending

Honorable Vince R. James concluded the meeting at 10:34 a.m. because of the Health, Education and Human Service Committee lost quorum. Honorable Members present: Honorable Vince R. James, Honorable Dr. Andy Nez, and Honorable Germaine Simonson (via zoom).

The Health, Education and Human Service did not complete or take action on the Journal and the items on the approved agenda

5. REPORT(S) :

A. Reports: Follow-up

➤ Follow-up on written reports as promised during the March 31, 2026, HEHSC Leadership Meeting with the Navajo Veterans Advisory Council. The reports were confirmed to be delivered on March 31, 2026 and on April 1, 2026.

Written reports as follows:

- Updated NN Agency Housing Listing, including
 - ✓ ARPA funded
 - ✓ Veterans Trust Fund housing funded
 - ✓ Home Renovations
 - ✓ Home Improvements
- BITCO Contract utilizing ARPA funds through NTUA for electric hook-ups and septic water lines.

- Mortgage payoff listing (Re-requested, originally requested in February 2026).
- Status report on the Warriors Home in Chinle, NN (AZ).

Presenters: **Navajo Veterans Administration:**

Bobbie Ann Baldwin, Executive Director, NNVA
Leann Roy, Deputy Director, NNVA
William Nez, Housing Program Manager, NNVA
Alvira Teller, Veterans Housing Specialist,
NNVA

6. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislation No. 0061-26: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting a Performance Audit of the Navajo Nation Facilities Maintenance Department and Approving the Navajo Nation Facilities Maintenance Department Corrective Action Plan *Sponsor: Delegate Andy Nez*

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