

AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 2024

10:00 AM

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

PLACE: Budget and Finance Conference Room (In Person)
Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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

Meeting called to Order by Honorable Vince R. James Chairperson at 10:05 a.m. There were six (6) members present when Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with Office of Legislative Services.

Honorable Members present: *Honorable Vince R. James (10:00 a.m.); *Honorable Germaine Simonson (9:42 a.m.); *Honorable Helena Nez Begay (9:48 a.m.); *Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (9:57 a.m.); *Honorable George H. Tolth (9:15 a.m.); *Honorable Curtis Yanito (9:47 a.m.).

The invocation was provided by Honorable Dr. Andy Nez.

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

- Honorable Lester Yazzie
- Honorable Carl R. Slater
- Please see attached sign-in sheet

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA

- Honorable George H. Tolth requested of the motioning parties to add under Receiving Reports as the new (A): Navajo Veteran's Housing - Eastern Agency with presenter Marcus BiaKaidy.
- Honorable Dr. Andy Nez requested of the motioning parties to delete and defer Legislation 0083-24 to the next regular HEHSC meeting on July 22, 2024.
- Honorable Helena Nez Begay requested of the motioning parties to rearrange the agenda and items under 7(A) Legislation 0144-24 and 7(B) Legislation 0145-24 as the new item 5(A) and 5(B).
- Re-arrangement of the agenda to reflect as follows:
 - Receiving Reports to be the new item number 6.
 - Item number 7 will be Old Business: None
 - Continuation of item number 8. New Business to add weekly reports from Department of Personnel Management (DPM)

regarding the implementation of Budget Status; Position Advertisement; Background Checks; Application Process; Qualification Assessments, PCQ Process, Employee Appraisal Status; Retirement notifications, etc.

- *The second reading of the agenda was read into record by the Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor (HEHSC).*

Motion by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay

Second by: Honorable Germaine Simonson

Vote: 05 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ)

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

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislation No. 0144-24: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$2,248,019.12 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance ("UUFB") for Chapters' Summer 2024 Youth Employment Programs; Waiving 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), §820(L), and §820(O) to Allow for this Appropriation

Sponsor: Delegate Lester Yazzie

Honorable Germaine Simonson, Pro Tempore Chair

- Honorable Vince R. James entertained a motion for an amendment number one (1); Second by Curtis Yanito; with a vote of 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/VJ/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: GS/AN

➤ **Amendment 1:**

1. *On Page 4, line 10 insert new language as follows:*

Section Four: Materials and Supplies Allowable Expenditure

All chapters, regardless of whether they receive funding here, shall be allowed to expend five percent (5%) of the Summer Youth Employment Funds have they have received for materials and supplies to support Summer Youth Employment program

2. *Renumber or re-letter succeeding paragraphs, sections, and exhibits, as necessary and appropriate. The Office of Legislative Services and the Office of Legislative Counsel are authorized to make technical edits to this legislation and its exhibits to implement the Committee's intent in approving this Amendment. This Amendment supersedes inconsistent language in any other previous amendment(s).*

- Honorable Vince R. James entertained a motion for a directive;

Second by George H. Tolth with a vote of 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/VJ/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: GS/AN

1. On page 4, line 27, insert new section as follows:

SECTION SEVEN. DIRECTIVES

The Division of Community Development shall work with the Chapters and Office of the Controller to develop up-to-date budgets for use in legislation no. 0144-23. DCD shall provide the up-to-date budgets to Navajo Nation Council by the start of the 2024 Summer Session.

2. Renumber or re-letter succeeding paragraphs, sections, and exhibits, as necessary and appropriate. The Office of Legislative Services and the Office of Legislative Counsel are authorized to make technical edits to this legislation and its exhibits to implement the Committee's intent in approving this Amendment. This Amendment supersedes inconsistent language in any other previous amendment(s).

Main Motion:

Motion by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Second by: Honorable Curtis Yanito

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/VJ/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: GS/AN)

B. Legislation No. 0145-24: An Act Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services, Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Tobacco Products Tax at 24 N.N.C. § 800 - § 810 and Enacting the Electronic Smoking Products Tax at 24 N.N.C. § 1001 - § 1016

Sponsor: Delegate Carl R. Slater

Motion by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay

Second by: Honorable Curtis Yanito

Vote: 05 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ)

6. RECEIVING REPORT(S):

A. Report:

❖ Navajo Veteran's Housing - Process of Request

Presenter: Marcus Biakaidy

Motion by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay

Second by: Honorable Germaine Simonson

Vote: 05 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GHT/CY; Nays:

None; Not Voting: VJ)

7. OLD BUSINESS: None

8. NEW BUSINESS: Continued

C. HEHSC hosting weekly meeting updates from the NDOH - DALTCS program.

- ❖ Mondays at 8:15 am to 9:30 am beginning July 22, 2024, to August 26, 2024
- ❖ Digital Zoom meetings

Presenter: Delegate Germaine Simonson

➤ *Honorable Vince R. James recommended for Honorable Germaine Simonson to facilitate and chair all the meetings with NDOH.*

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

Second by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ/GS)

D. DPM to provide reports to HEHSC

- ❖ Reports at regular meetings on the progress of implementing goals such as DPM's Budget Status; Position Advertisements; Background Check Processes; Application Process; Qualification Assessments; PCQ Process; Employee Appraisal status; Retirement Notification; etc.
- ❖ July 22, 2024 to August 26, 2024

➤ *Honorable Vince R. James stated to have Ms. Reycita Toddy come before the committee until October.*

Main Motion

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

Second by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ/GS)

Honorable Dr. Andy Nez entertained a motion to suspend floor rules to add Legislation 0149-24 and Legislation 0143-24 to the agenda; Second by Helena Nez Begay with a vote of 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ/GS)

E. Legislation No. 0149-24: An Act Relating to the Law and Order Committee, the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, the Resources and Development Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Establishing the "Navajo Nation Environmental Remediation Fund" and Approving a 2% Annual Set-Aside from the General Fund to Pay for Remediation Activities at Contamination

Sites Located on the Navajo Nation

Presenter: Delegate Andy Nez

Motion by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Second by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

Vote: 02 in favor; 01 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT; Nays: CY; Not Voting: VJ/GS/HNB)

F. Legislation No. 0143-24: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §§ 1651-1656, and § 401(C); Changing the Name of the Division of Social Services to the Division for Children and Family Services

Sponsor: Delegate Germaine Simonson

Co-Sponsor: Delegate Andy Nez
Delegate Crystalyne Curley

Motion by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Second by: Honorable Curtis Yanito

Vote: 02 in favor; 01 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT; Nays: CY; Not Voting: VJ/GS/HNB)

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

- Monday - Friday, July 15 - 19, 2024 Navajo Nation Council Summer Session
- Monday, July 22, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting
- Monday, July 22, 2024 1:00 pm HEHSC Oversight FY25 Budget Meeting
- Thursday, July 25, 2024 8:00- 10:00 am HEHSC Special Meeting In-Lieu of Monday, July 29, 2024
- Tuesday - Friday, July 23 - 26, 2024 9:00 am HEHSC Oversight FY25 Budget Meetings

Announcements:

- Vince R. James will be attending TIBC the week of July 29, 2024.

Honorable George H. Tolth entertained a motion for a special meeting to be held on July 25, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in lieu of July 29, 2024; Second by Dr. Andy Nez with a vote of 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ/GS/HNB)

- George H. Tolth requested to have a meeting in Shiprock, NM regarding Veterans.

- Angelita Benally, Advisor informed the committee she is working on the H.E.H.S.C. budget. In addition, the committee needs to request for the oversight legislations regarding their budgets.

- Curtis Yanito - suggested to travel to Salt Lake City, Utah for meetings with different departments (Public Services, Education, Transportation, etc...)
 - Place the H.E.H.S.C. Budget on the next meeting
 - Honorable Yanito will get more information regarding the dates and will notify Ms. Angelita Benally.

- George H. Tolth Eastern 48th Annual Eastern Navajo Fair & Parade July 26, 2024

Honorable Dr. Andy Nez motioned there was no further business, adjourned at 3:30 p.m.; Seconded by Honorable George H. Tolth the vote was 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ/GS/HNB).