

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

REGULAR MEETING  
September 9, 2024

10:00 AM

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

PLACE : Budget and Finance Conference Room,  
Window Rock, AZ

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

Meeting called to Order by Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson at 10:11 a.m. There were five (4) members present, and two (2) members absent when Roll Call was made by Angelita Benally, Legislative Manager with Office of Legislative Services.

Honorable Members present: \*Honorable Vince R. James (9:55 a.m.); \*Honorable Helena Nez Begay (10:07 a.m.); \*Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (10:07 a.m.); \*Honorable George H. Tolth (10:00 a.m.).

➤ Honorable Members not in attendance at the time of roll call:

Honorable Germaine Simonson (absent)  
Honorable Curtis Yanito (absent)

The invocation was provided by Honorable Jason John, Staff Assistant, Office of the Speaker

2. **RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS**

➤ Please refer to the sign-in sheet

3. **REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA**

➤ *The proposed agenda was read into record by the Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor (HEHSC).*

Motion by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay  
Second by: Honorable George H. Tolth  
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ/GS/CY)

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

**5. RECEIVING REPORTS:**

**A. Update Report**

❖ Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc.- Chinle, NN (AZ)

**Presenters:** Wayne Claw, CEO, Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc.  
David Nez, Board Member of Navajoland Nursing Home

Motion by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay  
Second by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez  
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ/GS/CY)

**B. Report:**

❖ Navajo Nation Broadband Office (NNBO)

➤ Navajo Nation Broadband Deployment Plan & Budget

**Presenters:** Sonia Nez, Department Manager I, Navajo Nation Broadband Office (NNBO)  
Bernardo Portilla, CEO, Americas Communication

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

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Reschedule HEHSC September 16, 2024, Regular Meeting**

❖ Reschedule HEHSC Regular Meeting on September 16, 2024, due to a proposed planned NNC Special Session beginning on the same date.

The committee consented to September 18, 2024, In-Lieu of September 16, 2024.

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

**B. Reschedule HEHSC October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting**

❖ Reschedule HEHSC Regular Meeting on October 21, 2024,

due to the NNC Fall Session beginning on the same date. The committee consented to October 16, 2024, In-Lieu of October 21, 2024.

Motion by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay  
Second by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez  
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ/GS/CY)

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

- Monday, September 16, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting
- Monday - Tuesday, September 16 - 17, 2024 "Save the Date" NNC Special Session
- Monday, September 23, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting
- Monday, October 14, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting
- NNC Fall Session: October 21-25, 2024
- Monday, October 21, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting
- Monday, October 28, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting

**Announcements**

Vince R. James

- October 03-5, 2024 Northern Navajo Fair
- October 17-19, 2024 Western Navajo Fair

Helena Nez Begay

- November 10-21, 2024 Indian National Finals Rodeo

Honorable Dr. Andy Nez motioned there was no further business, adjourned at 3:05 p.m.; Seconded by Honorable Helena Nez Begay the vote was 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ/ GS/CY)