

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2025
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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 Germaine Simonson, Vice-Chairperson at 10:16 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 Office of Legislative Services.

Honorable Members present:

*Honorable Germaine Simonson (10:11 a.m.); * Honorable Helena Nez Begay (9:55 a.m.); *Dr. Andy Nez (9:46 a.m.); and *Honorable George H. Tolth (9:25 a.m.)

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

Honorable Vince R. James (excused) and Curtis Yanito (excused).

Honorable George H. Tolth provided the Invocation.

Announcements: Work Session with Navajo Head Start following the regular meeting today.

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

➤ Please refer to the sign-in sheet

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA

The Proposed Agenda for May 12, 2025, has been read into record by Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor/OLS.

The committee consented to add the Shiprock Associated Schools, Inc. with presenters: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay, SASI Superintendent; Claudia Edgewater, Acting Superintendent, Department of Diné Education and Anderson Yazzie, Program Manager, ODSI. In addition, delete New Business 7(A) Legislation 0078-25. *The vote was 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT; Nays: None; Excused: VRJ/CY; Not voting: GS)*

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

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

5. REPORT(S) :

A. Report: Pinon Veterans Organization_
➤ Pinon Veterans Wellness Center Initiative

Presenters: Barton Hosteen, Pinon Veterans Organization,
Chinle, AZ
Dave Nez, Pinon Veterans Organization, Chinle,
AZ
Harrison Kee, Pinon Veterans Organization,
Chinle, AZ

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

B. Report: Winslow Indian Health Care Center, Inc. (WIHCC)

- FY24 Annual Report
- FY 24 Financial Audit

Presenters: Virgil L. Davis, Chief Executive Officer - WIHCC,
Inc.
Peter Laluk, Chief Operating Officer - WIHCC, Inc.
Robert Salabye, President - WIHCC, Inc. Board of
Directors
Karen Leuppe, Chief Finance Officer - WIHCC, Inc.
Josh Trujillo, CPA; SJT Group, LLC (request to
present via zoom)

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

C. Update

- Shiprock Associated Schools, Incorporated (SASI)
- Office of Diné School Improvement, Department of Diné
Education

Presenters: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay, SASI Superintendent
Claudia Edgewater, Acting Superintendent,

Department of Diné Education
Anderson Yazzie, Program Manager, Office of Diné
School Improvement (ODSI)

Honorable George H. Tolth entertained a motion to Enter into Executive Session for twenty (20) minutes at 12:27 pm; Second By: Honorable Helena Nez Begay The vote was 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT; Nays: None; Excused: VRJ/CY; Not voting: GS)

Honorable Helena Nez Begay entertained a motion to Exit out of Executive Session at 1:47 pm; Second By: Honorable George H. Tolth The vote was 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT; Nays: None; Excused: VRJ/CY; Not voting: GS)

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

6. OLD BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request to reschedule the Navajo Election Administration work session with HEHSC

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

8. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

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

- May 12, 2025 1:00 pm Work Session - DODE Navajo Head Start; B&F Conference Room; Window Rock, NN (AZ)

- May 13, 2025 9:00 am Work Session - DODE Navajo Head Start; DODE Auditorium; Window Rock, NN (AZ)

- May 14, 2025 9:00 am Work Session - NDCFS; Hilton
(NN/MST) DoubleTree Hotel, San Francisco Ball
8:00 AM Room, 1175 West Route 66, Flagstaff,
(AZ Time) AZ
- May 16, 2025 10:00 am *Graduation*: Navajo Technical
University, Crownpoint, NN (NM)
- May 17, 2025 10:00 am *Graduation*: Navajo Preparatory
School, Farmington, NM
- May 19, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F Conference
Room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- May 22, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Special Meeting; B&F Conference
Room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)

Honorable George H. Tolth motioned there was no further business, adjourned at 1:59 p.m.; Seconded by Honorable Helena Nez Begay. *With a vote of 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT; Nays: None; Excused: VRJ/CY; Not voting: GS)*