

JOURNAL

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

REGULAR MEETING

October 14, 2024

10:00 AM

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

PLACE: Budget and Finance Conference Room
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 five (5) members present, and one (1) member absent when Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with Office of Legislative Services.

Honorable Members present:

*Honorable Vince R. James (9:50 a.m.), *Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (9:57 a.m.); *Honorable Germaine Simonson (10:00 a.m.); *Honorable George H. Tolth (9:15 a.m.); and *Honorable Curtis Yanito (9:54 a.m.).

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

Honorable Helena Nez Begay (10:14 a.m.)

Honorable Dr. Andy Nez provided the Invocation.

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

➤ Refer to Sign-In Sheet

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA

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

Honorable Helena Nez Begay entertained an amendment to add New Business (C) Travel to Shiprock Chapter, Shiprock, N.M. to attend the Veteran's Wellness Conference on November 14, 2024; Second by George H. Tolth with a vote of 05 in favor, 00 Opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT/GS/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ)

Motion by: Honorable Curtis Yanito
Second by: Honorable George H. Tolth
Vote: 05 in favor, 00 Opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT/GS/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ)

➤ *Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor (HEHSC) read the approved agenda into record.*

4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S):

- Journal September 04, 2024, Special Meeting
- Journal September 09, 2024, Regular Meeting
- Journal September 18, 2024, Special Meeting
- Journal September 23, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay
Second by: Honorable Germaine Simonson
Vote: 05 in favor, 00 Opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GHT/GS/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ)

5. RECEIVING REPORTS:

A. Update Report

❖ University of Utah College of Law Environmental Justice Clinic

Presenters: Ruhan Nagra, Associate Professor of Law; Director of Environmental Justice Clinic; University of Utah College of Law
Genevieve Benally, Dooda Hydrogen Community Coalition
Eleanor Smith, Dooda Hydrogen Community Coalition

Motion by: Honorable Curtis Yanito
Second by: Honorable George H. Tolth
Vote: 05 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ)

B. Report:

- ❖ Child Maltreatment Study in the State of New Mexico, including Native American communities with the Navajo Nation.

Presenters: Dr. Rebecca Girardet, Study Administrator, University of New Mexico, School of Medicine
Sarah H. Adeky, Community Liaison for the Child Maltreatment Study

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

Second by: Honorable George H. Tolth

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

6. OLD BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Travel:

- ❖ 16th Annual Navajo Nation Disability Awareness Conference
8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 30, 2024
Dine College Activity Building, Tsaile, NN (AZ)

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

Second by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay

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

The following members will be attending the conference:

Honorable Helena Nez Begay

Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

Honorable Curtis Yanito

B. Meeting Invitation:

- ❖ Canoncito Band of Navajos Health Center in To'Hajiilee Navajo Nation (NM)
- ❖ Will Host the Meeting in To'Hajiilee, NN (NM)

Requestor: Derrick Watchman, CEO for CBNHC Ophelia Mace, Executive Assistant

- ❖ The committee consented to meet in To'Hajiilee, NM on November 25, 2024.

Motion by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay
Second by: Honorable George H. Tolth
Vote: 05 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GHT/CY;
Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ)

C. TRAVEL:

❖ Veterans Wellness Conference
8:30 am to 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 14, 2024
Shiprock Chapter, Shiprock, NN (NM)

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)

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

- Wednesday, October 16, 2024 10:00 am HEHSC Special Meeting
in-lieu of October
21, 2024
- NNC Fall Session: October 21-25, 2004

Honorable George H. Tolth motioned there was no further business, adjourned at 1:55 p.m.; Seconded by Honorable Helena Nez Begay the vote was 04 in favor, 00 opposed (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not Voting: VJ).