

JOURNAL

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

**REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

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 10:10 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 (9:57 a.m.); *Honorable Helena Nez Begay (10:00 a.m.); *Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (8:30 a.m.); *Honorable George H. Tolth (9:55 a.m.) and *Honorable Curtis Yanito (10:00 a.m.).

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

Honorable Germaine Simonson (10:38 a.m.)

Honorable Helena Nez Begay provided the Invocation.

Announcements:

- Honorable George H. Tolth - 8th Annual National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29, 2025, at Shiprock, NM
- Honorable Curtis Yanito - Will be attending the Bears Ears Meeting in Zuni, NM on March 18, 2025.

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

- Honorable Otto Tso
- Refer to the attached Sign-In Sheet

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA

- *The proposed agenda for March 17, 2025, has been read into record by Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor/OLS.*

Both motioning parties agreed to add the following presenters and corrections under Receiving Reports:

Amendment(s) is a follows:

- *Willis Becenti, Correction to title - Tsalie Chapter Commander; Chinle Agency Vice-Commander (5A)*
- *Perry Slivers, Many Farms Commander (5A)*
- *William Nez, Housing Program Manager (5 A, B, and C)*
- *Richard R. Faulker, Advisor (5C)*

Motion by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Second by: Honorable Curtis Yanito

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

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

5. RECEIVING REPORTS:

A. Report:

- Many Farms Veterans Organization
- Veterans Housing process

Presenters: Willis Becenti, Commander - ~~Lukachukai~~/Tsaile Chapter Commander; Chinle Agency Vice-Commander
Perry Slivers, Many Farms Commander
Jacqueline Begaye, Secretary/Treasurer; Many Farms Veterans Organization
John Draper, Army Veteran
Gary Clah, Navy Veteran

NN Veterans Administration

Presenters: Bobbie Baldwin, Executive Director - NNVA
Alvira Teller, Housing Specialist Housing Officer; NNVA
William Nez, Housing Program Manager

Motion by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Second by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay

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

B. Report: NN Veterans Administration

- Tohajiilee Veterans Housing Update

Presenters: Bobbie Baldwin, Executive Director - NNVA
Alvira Teller, Housing Specialist Housing
Officer; NNVA
William Nez, Housing Program Manager

Motion by: Honorable Germaine Simonson

Second by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

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

C. Report: Introductory Overview

➤ **All-Navajo Veterans Auxiliary (Non-Profit)**

Presenters: Saraphine B. Josley, President
Elouise Brown, Vice-President

Invited: NN Veterans Administration

Presenters: Bobbie Baldwin, Executive Director - NNVA
Alvira Teller, Housing Specialist Housing
Officer; NNVA
William Nez, Housing Program Manager

Invited: Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

- Gabriella Mehl, Chairperson
- Sherilynne Juan, Vice-Chairperson
- Demetria Simms, Secretary

➤ Western Agency Veterans Organization:

Gabriella Mehl - U.S.
Marine Veteran;
Commander NNVAC
Chairwoman

➤ Eastern Agency Veterans Organization:

Sherilynne Juan,
Female Agency
Commander

➤ Central Agency Veterans Organization:

➤ Northern Agency Veterans Organization:

Demetria Simms, Female
Agency Commander
Lloyd Begay, Shiprock
Veterans Organization

- Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization:
Toni Mina, NNVAC
Representative (women)

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)

D. Report:

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

- Updating Resolution: NABIAU-28-21

Presenters: Wayne Claw, CEO; Navajoland Nursing Home/ Dr.
Guy Gorman, Sr. Care Home.
John Billison, Ass't. CEO; Navajoland Nursing
Home/Dr. Guy Gorman, Sr. Care Home.

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)

E. Report:

NN Buildings: Closure and Re-opening authorities and process.

- Safety and Loss Control Program; within the Insurance Services Department; Division of General Services.
- Facilities Management Department: Division of General Services.
- Navajo Occupational Safety and Health Administration (NOSHA); Division of Human Resources.

Presenters: Navajo Division of General Services:

Shawnevan Dale, Director; Division of General Services
Wilfred Keeto, Program Supervisor I; Loss/Safety Program; Insurance Services.; DGS
Marcus A. Yazzie, Senior Planner, Division of General Services

Navajo Division of Human Resources:

Reycita Toddy, Interim Division Director;
Division of Human Resources

Frank Roanhorse, Program Manager; Division of
Human Resources

H.E.H.S.C. members recommended for an update report from both
Division within 60-days (no later than May 16, 2025).

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)

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Travel: To attend the Dine' Bi Olta School Board Association
Spring Conference on April 3-4, 2025, at Firerock Navajo
Casino Meeting Room.

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

7. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

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

- Tuesday, March 18, 9:00 am HEHSC Work Session:
System on NN; DODE;
At the UNM-G conference
center.
- Monday, March 24, 10:00 am HEHSC regular meeting in
2025 B&F conference room
- Thursday - Friday, DBOSBA Spring Conf.;
April 3-4, 2025 Firerock Mtg. Room

Honorable George H. Tolth motioned there was no further
business, adjourned at 5:37 p.m.; Seconded by Honorable
Germaine Simonson. The vote was in Vote: 05 in favor; 00
opposed; (Yeas: HNB/AN/GS/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not voting: VJ)