

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

**June 18, 2025**  
**12:00 P.M.**

*(Or after the conclusion of the morning work session)*

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

**PLACE :** Budget and Finance Conference Room (In-person)  
Window Rock, NN (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 12:21 p.m. There were four (4) members present, and two (2) members excused when Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with the Office of Legislative Services.

**Honorable Members present:**

\*Honorable Vince R. James (12:00 p.m.); \*Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (12:00 p.m.); \*Honorable George H. Tolth (12:00 p.m.) and \*Honorable Curtis Yanito (12:00 p.m.).

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

Honorable Helena Nez Begay (Excused) and Germaine Simonson (Excused).

Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson provided the Invocation.

Announcements: None

**2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS**

- Recognition of all committee members, staff and zoom participants.
- Refer to the attached sign-in sheet.

**3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA**

The Proposed Agenda for June 18, 2025, has been read into record by Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor/OLS.

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

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

**5. REPORTS:** None

**6. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Legislation No. 0121-25:** An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Approving Procedures for Oversight Committee Budget Meetings for Use in the FY 2026 Program Budgets Meetings and for Future Fiscal Year Budget Meetings; Rescinding Previously Approved Procedures Adopted in HEHSCJY-05-24

**Sponsor:** Delegate Vince R. James

*Honorable Dr. Andy Nez, Chair Pro Tempore*

➤ *Honorable Vince R. James motion for an amendment to the Legislation, Second by Honorable George H. Tolth. The vote was 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: VRJ/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not voting: AN/HNB/GS)*

➤ *The amendment is as follows:*

1. Page 1, Number 3 of Exhibit A:

Delete: ~~a single Budget Meeting duration of up to five (5) consecutive workdays~~ and Insert: special Budget Meetings.

2. Page 1, Number 4 of Exhibit A:

Delete: ~~5-day Budget Meeting~~ and Insert: special Budget Meetings

3. 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, including calculation adjustments, to this legislation and its exhibits to implement the Navajo Nation Council's intent. This Amendment supersedes inconsistent language in any other amendment(s), which language shall be conformed to this Amendment.

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

**B. Legislation No. 0117-25:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget

**Sponsor:** Delegate Vince R. James

*Honorable Dr. Andy Nez, Chair Pro Tempore*

➤ Honorable George H. Tolth motion to defer the Legislation to the next HEHSC Special Meeting, Second by Honorable Curtis Yanito. The vote was 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: VRJ/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not voting: AN/HNB/GS)

**C. Legislation No. 0118-25:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Division of Human Resources and Related Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget

**Sponsor:** Delegate Vince R. James

*Honorable Dr. Andy Nez, Chair Pro Tempore*

➤ Honorable George H. Tolth motion to defer the Legislation to the next HEHSC Special Meeting due to no presenters in attendance, Second by Honorable Curtis Yanito. The vote was 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: VRJ/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not voting: AN/HNB/GS)

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

- Thursday, June 19, 2025      Juneteenth      Observed Navajo Nation Holiday
  
- Monday, June 23, 2025      10:00 a.m.      HEHSC Regular Meeting;  
Diné College Campus  
Tsaile, NN (AZ)

➤ Monday, June 30, 2025                      9:00 a.m.      HEHSC Leadership Meeting; DHR-DPM; Window Rock, NN (AZ)

**ANNOUNCEMENT (S) :**

➤ Honorable Vince R. James:

a) Special Budget Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 01, 2025, for all HEHSC oversights.

b) Cross reference FY 2026 Budget Binders with OMB for final review and submit to Office of Legislative Services by Thursday, June 26, 2025, no later than 12:00 p.m. Electronic Copies will need to be emailed to Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor/OLS.

Honorable Vince R. James motioned there was no further business, adjourned at 1:03 p.m.; Seconded by Honorable Curtis Yanito *With a vote of 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: VRJ/GHT/CY; Not voting: AN/HNB/GS).*