

**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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**REGULAR MEETING
SIGN IN/ROLL CALL SHEET**

Date: August 4, 2025

**NDOT Senator John Pinto Board Room
Tse Bonito, (Navajo Nation), NM**

Via Teleconference

Meeting Called to Order: 10:07am Meeting Adjourned at 3:59pm

RDC MEMBERS

	TIME IN	TIME OUT	SIGNATURE
Brenda Jesus, Chairperson Fort Defiance Agency	<u>10:00am</u>	<u>3:59pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairperson Western Agency	<u>10:06am</u>	<u>3:59pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Shawna Ann Claw, Member Central Agency	<u>10:10am</u>	<u>3:59pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Rickie Nez, Member Northern Agency	<u>9:52am</u>	<u>3:59pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Danny Simpson, Member Eastern Agency	<u>9:58am</u>	<u>3:59pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Otto Tso, Member Western Agency	<u>Excused - Excused - Excused -</u>		

Peggy Nakai, Legislative Advisor [Signature]

Ramona J. Nelson, Legislative Assistant [Signature]

Mariana Kahn, Legislative Counsel [Signature]

OTHER DELEGATES:

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2. X - X - X

4. X - X - X

ATTENDANCE VERIFIED BY: [Signature]

DATE: 8/4/25

**APPROVED AGENDA
OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
August 4, 2025
Regular Meeting
10am**

Presiding: Brenda Jesus, Chairwoman
Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairman

Place: NDOT Senator John Pinto Board Room, Tse Bonito, Navajo Nation (NM)

Members Present:

Brenda Jesus (C) Shawna Ann Claw Danny Simpson
 Casey Allen Johnson (VC) Rickie Nez excused Otto Tso

1. Call the Meeting to Order; the Roll Call; the Invocation;
2. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials
3. Review and Adopt the Agenda
M: Danny Simpson S: Casey Allen Johnson Vote: 4-0 Yeas: CAJ SAC DS RN With 2 Amendments

4. Review and adopt the Journal: *July 28, 2025*
5. New Business:

Consent Agenda:

- a. **Legislation No. 0177-25:** Legislation No. 0177-25: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee, Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Tommy Platero as the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation
Sponsor: Brenda Jesus, Council Delegate

Legislation No. 0178-25: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Extending the Time for a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Through September 30, 2029 to Allow the Navajo Nation to be Sued in Federal District Court Regarding Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act in Carrying Out United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Grants and Authorizing the Navajo Nation President to be the Certifying Tribal Official to Execute Form 7015.15

Sponsor: Brenda Jesus, Council Delegate
M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- b. Scheduling a leadership meeting with Division of Economic Development at 9am Business Site Lease Administrative and Management Amendments presented by Elaine Young and Frances Sjoberg and at 2pm New Market Tax Credits presented by Sharlene Begay-Platero, August 26, 2025 in the DED conference room, St. Michaels, Arizona
M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- c. Scheduling attendance/presentation at the Navajo, Hopi and U.S. Department of Energy Triannual Meeting at Fire Rock Casino, Churchrock, NM August 27-28, 2025, starting at 8am each day

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- d. Scheduling a leadership meeting at Alamo Chapter, August 29, 2025 at 10am
M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

6. Old Business: *none*

7. Receive Reports:

- a. Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) Board of Commissioners strategy report
Presenters: Marcus Denetdale, Chairman, Board of Commissioners with
Interim CEO Levon Henry, NHA

- o Federal employment reduction
- o Tariffs impacting construction costs
- o Proposed policy changes
- o Proposed Federal budget cuts for tribal housing
- o Investment strategy
- o Safeguards for financial stability

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- b. Wind Power Project at Big Boquillas Ranch
Presenter: Michelle Henry, Project Manager, NTUA

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- c. Update on the Antelope Point Marina (*Executive Session is requested*)
Presenters: Elaine Young, DED, Frances Sjoberg, DOJ with Stan Sapp, CEO,
Navajo Hospitality Enterprise (NHE) and Christine Brunke, CFO, NHE

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- d. Update on Vertical Bridge on Tier 1 and Tier 2 co-locators
Presenter: Mike Halona, Director, Division of Natural Resources

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nay

8. Close of the Session; Written Announcements; Adjournment

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

Next meeting: August 11, 2025

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. The public is advised that the Navajo Nation Council Agenda and the Agendas of the Standing Committees are not final until adopted by a majority vote of the Navajo Nation Council or the Standing Committee at a Navajo Nation Council or a Standing Committee meeting pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§163 and 183, Navajo Nation Council Rule of Order

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