

**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting**

**SIGN IN/ROLL CALL SHEET**

27 OCT '25 PM 5:34

Date: October 27, 2025

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

Meeting Called to Order: 10:10am Meeting Adjourned: 4:49pm

**RDC MEMBERS**

**TIME IN TIME OUT SIGNATURE**

Brenda Jesus, Chairperson  
Fort Defiance Agency

10:08am 4:49pm [Signature]

Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairperson  
Western Agency

9:57am 4:49pm [Signature]

Shawna Ann Claw, Member  
Central Agency

10:25am 4:49pm [Signature]

Rickie Nez, Member  
Northern Agency

Excused - Excused - Excused

Danny Simpson, Member  
Eastern Agency

10:01am 4:49pm [Signature]

Otto Tso, Member  
Western Agency

10:01am 4:49pm [Signature]

Peggy Nakai, Legislative Advisor

[Signature]

Ramona J. Nelson, Legislative Assistant

[Signature]

Kristen Lowell,

Mariana Kahn, Legislative Counsel

Via Telecommunications

Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor

[Signature]

**OTHER DELEGATES:**

1. Andy Nez

2. [Signature]

3. Camthell Amokell

4. X - X - X - X

ATTENDANCE VERIFIED BY: [Signature]

DATE: 10/27/25

**APPROVED AGENDA  
OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
October 27, 2025  
Regular Meeting  
10:10 am**

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

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

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Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brenda Jesus (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shawna Ann Claw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danny Simpson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Allen Johnson (VC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rickie Nez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Otto Tso

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1. Call the Meeting to Order; the Roll Call; the Invocation;
2. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials
3. Review and Adopt the Agenda  
*M: Casey Allen Johnson S: Otto Tso Vote: 4-0 Yeas: CAJ SAC OT DS with 1 Amendment*
4. Review and adopt the Journal: *October 15, 2025*  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
5. New Business  
    **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - a. **Legislation No. 0237-25:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee; Confirming Abiegail B. Yazzie to Serve on the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors for a Term of Three Years Representing Eastern Agency  
Sponsor: Danny Simpson, Council Delegate  
  
**Legislation No. 0241-25:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabikiyati Committees; Approving and Authorizing the Agreement Between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of the Interior under 25 U.S.C. §5301 *Et Seq.* (P.L.93-638 as amended) and the Annual Funding Agreement for the Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Sponsor: Brenda Jesus, Council Delegate  
  
**Legislation No. 0246-25:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabikiyati Committees; Approving and Authorizing the Agreement Between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of the Interior under 25 U.S.C. §5301 *et seq.* (P.L. 93-638 as amended) and the Annual Funding Agreement for the Natural Heritage Program  
Sponsor: Brenda Jesus, Council Delegate  
  
*M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays*
6. Old Business: *none*
7. Receive Reports:
  - a. "Reaffirming NECA P.L. 93-638 Contract Authorization with the Indian Health Service"

Presenters: Theresa Galvan, Deputy Area Director, NAIHS, with Helena Shannon, Commander, USPHS, Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, NAIHS, Lyle Setwyn, Captain, USPHS, Director, Division of Sanitation Facility Construction, NAIHS, Alice Franco, Lieutenant, USPHS, Analyst, Division of Sanitation Facility Construction, NAIHS, Marquis Yazzie, Director, Office of Tribal Partnership & Liaison, NAIHS and Leonard Chee, Program Specialist, OTPL, NAIHS with NECA Board (*executive session requested*)

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- b. Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority Enterprise  
 Presenter: Benjamin Bennett, Chairman, NECA Board with Candice Yazzie, Interim Director, Division of Community Development

- Last reconciled financial report
- Last audited financial report
- Copy of the organization chart with vacancies, if any
- Enterprise Board members information with any vacancies – term expiration dates

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- c. Update on the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply project  
 Presenters: Ryan Gladden, P. E., Deputy Construction Engineer, Four corners Construction Office, Bureau of Reclamation with Jason John, Director, Department of Water Resources, Division of Natural Resources

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- d. Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Enterprise (NAPI)  
 Presenter: Lawrence Platero, Chairman, NAPI Board

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M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

- e. Follow-up report from the Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) Board of Commissioners report on August 4, 2025  
 Presenters; Marcus Denetdale, Chairman, NHA Board of Commissioners with Levon Henry, Interim CEO, NHA

- Housing development on the Navajo Nation
- Native Community Capital
- MOA with Indigenous Design Studio and Architects (IDSA)
- Board terms and appointments
- \$30 million expenditure plan report (revisit)

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

8. Close of the Session; Written Announcements; Adjournment

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

Next meeting: November 3, 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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