

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
~~WORK SESSION~~  
**LEADERSHIP MEETING**

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SIGN IN/ROLL CALL SHEET

Date: February 4, 2026

NAPI Headquarters  
~~Upper Fruitland (Navajo Nation) NM~~  
*ign Huerfano*  
VIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Meeting Called to Order: 10:07am Meeting Adjourned: 3:29pm

RDC MEMBERS

	TIME IN	TIME OUT	SIGNATURE
Brenda Jesus, Chairperson Fort Defiance Agency	<u>9:20am</u>	<u>3:29pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairperson Western Agency	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
Shawna Ann Claw, Member Central Agency	<u>10:12am</u>	<u>3:29pm</u>	<u>Via Telecommunication</u>
Rickie Nez, Member Northern Agency	<u>10:08am</u>	<u>3:29pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Danny Simpson, Member Eastern Agency	<u>9:56am</u>	<u>3:29pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Otto Tso, Member Western Agency	<u>11:29am</u>	<u>3:29pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Peggy Nakai, Legislative Advisor			<u>[Signature]</u>
Ramona J. Nelson, Legislative Assistant			<u>[Signature]</u>
Mariana Kahn, Legislative Counsel			<u>Via Telecommunications</u>

OTHER DELEGATES:

- 1. [Signature]
- 2. X
- 3. X
- 4. X

ATTENDANCE VERIFIED BY: [Signature]

DATE: 2/4/26

**PROPOSED AGENDA  
OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**February 4, 2026  
Leadership Meeting  
10am**

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

Place: NAPI Headquarters, Huerfano, Navajo Nation (NM)

Members Present:

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

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1. Call the Work Session to Order; the Roll Call; the Invocation;
  2. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials
  3. Review the Agenda
  
  4. The purpose of the leadership meeting is to review the historical funding of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP) to develop a strategy.
    - a. NIIP Timeline (history and milestones)
    - b. Master Agricultural Lease Update
    - c. NIIP Litigation v. Non-Litigation Strategy
    - d. Water Rights and Unused Allocation of 300,000-acre feet of water
    - e. P.L. 87-483 Congress authorized construction of NIIP, June 1962; 64 years later, not fully constructed
    - f. Alignment of Consistent Message and Lobbying Efforts
    - g. Ten Tribes Partnership
  
  5. Next steps:
  
  6. Close of the leadership meeting; Written Announcements; Adjournment

*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*



6 FEB '26 AM 10:02

APPROVED

completed

MEMORANDUM

TO : Crystalyne Curley, Speaker  
Office of the Speaker

FROM : e-signature for Brenda Jesus submitted by Peggy Nakai  
Brenda Jesus, Chairperson  
Resources & Development Committee

DATE : February 6, 2026


SUBJECT : **Requesting Change from Work Session to Leadership Meeting  
February 4, 2026 - NAPI Headquarters, Huerfano, NM**

E-MAILED  
JFM-2/9/2026

The Resources & Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council respectfully requests changing the February 4<sup>th</sup> work session to a leadership meeting. The meeting was in a leadership meeting format rather than a work session because quorum was established late and lost. Therefore, Committee members asked for the meeting to be designated as a leadership meeting. The Committee met with the NAPI Board and administration February 4, 2026, at 10am at the NAPI Headquarters Board Room, Huerfano, New Mexico.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated. Meals, lodging and mileage expenses may be incurred, and the Committee funds will be used for this purpose. If there are any questions, please reach out to Peggy Nakai, Legislative Advisor or me.

APPROVAL: [✓] DISAPPROVAL: [ ]

 2/9/2026  
Crystalyne Curley, Speaker Date:

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Visitor Sign in Sheet - ~~Work Session~~ **Leadership Mtg.**  
*ym*

February 4, 2026

*ym* NAPI Headquarters  
~~Upper Fruitland~~ (Navajo Nation) NM  
*Huerfano,*  
VIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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16. <i>----- Via Telecommunications -----</i>		
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Leadership Meeting

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24. Emerson Nutah		
25. M. COOK		
24. Mac stant		
26. Julissa		
27. Lionel Haskie		
28. Jamie Vandever		
29. Natasha John		
30. ————— End of Listing —————		
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