

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

**MAY 22, 2025
8:00 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 8:22 a.m. There were four (4) members present, and two (2) members excused when Roll Call was made by Lesile Tsosie, Legislative Advisor/OLS with Office of Legislative Services.

Honorable Members present:

*Honorable Vince R. James (8:00 a.m.); *Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (8:00 a.m.); *Honorable George H. Tolth (8:00 a.m.) and *Honorable Curtis Yanito (8:20 a.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 May 22, 2025, has been read into record by Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor/OLS.

➤ Amendment #1:

- *Honorable Dr. Andy Nez entertained a motion to add under New Business new item A, second by Honorable George H. Tolth. The vote was 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas:*

AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not voting: VRJ/HNB/GS)).

The amendment is as follow:

1. *New Business 6(A) Dear Tribal Leader Letter dated April 15, 2025.*

The Approved Agenda with one amendment for May 22, 2025, has been read into record by Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor/OLS.

Motion by: Honorable Curtis Yanito

Second by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

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. RECEIVING REPORTS:

A. Update: Navajo Nation Library

➤ ONEO Oral History Collection

➤ Kenneth L. Hale Collection

➤ Navajo Language Digital Archive

Presenter: Donovan Pete, Community Library Manager, DODE
Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Assistant Superintendent,
Department of Diné Education
Claudia Edgewater, Acting Superintendent,
Department of Diné Education

The report was presented before the committee prior to the establishment of a quorum.

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

Second by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not voting: VRJ/HNB/GS)

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion Item Letter to BIE and DOI to conduct a special tribal consultation with the Navajo Nation per their April Dear Tribal Leader Letter.

Presenters: HEHSC Community Members

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

Second by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT/CY; Nays:

None; Not voting: VRJ/HNB/GS)

7. OLD BUSINESS:

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

- Monday, May 26, 2025 Memorial Day Observed Navajo Nation Holiday
- Monday, June 2, 2025 Treaty Day Observed Navajo Nation Holiday
- Monday, June 9, 2025 HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F Conference Room; Window Rock, NN (AZ).
- Monday, June 9, 2025 HEHSC work session with Navajo Election Administration; B&F Conference Room; Window Rock, NN (AZ).
- Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC NAC-NVA Work Session; Window Rock, NN (AZ).
- Thursday, June 19, 2025 Juneteenth Observed Navajo Nation Holiday
- June 23, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; Diné College Campus, Tsaile, NN (AZ).

Honorable George H. Tolth motioned there was no further business, adjourned at 9:26 a.m.; Seconded by Honorable Curtis Yanito *With a vote of 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Not voting: VRJ/HNB/GS)*