

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

REGULAR MEETING

**June 23, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

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

PLACE : Diné College Tsaile Campus, Ned Hatahlie Center Room
101- First Floor/ Tsaile, NN)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION; ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting called to Order by Honorable Germaine Simonson, Vice-Chairperson at 10:23 a.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 Germaine Simonson (10:20 a.m.); *Honorable Helena Nez Begay (10:00 a.m.); *Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (9:00 a.m.); and *Honorable George H. Tolth (9:45 a.m.).

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

Honorable Curtis Yanito (Excused) and Honorable Vince R. James (11:31 a.m.).

Honorable George H. Tolth provided the Invocation.

Announcements: None

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

- Honorable Carl R. Slater
- 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 23, 2025, has been read into record by Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor/OLS.

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

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

5. REPORT(S) :

A. Follow-Up: Chinle Agency Veterans Organization and the
Office of the President and Vice-President

- Warrior Home in Chinle, NN (AZ)
- Pinon Wellness Center (pilot project)
- Further Issues and Concerns

Presenter: Tim Johnson, Commandeer, Chinle Agency
Santana Yazzen, Vice Commander, Chinle Agency

Invited: Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren
Kris O. Beecher, Chief of Staff, Office of the
President and Vice-President
Bobbie Baldwin, Executive Director, Navajo Veterans
Administration

Invited-NUTA:

Rex P. Kontz, Deputy General Manager, Navajo Tribal
Utility Authority
Rayni Nelson, Associate Deputy General Manager, NTUA
Judy Chavez, Assistant Manager for the Deputy
General Manager, NTUA

- Honorable George H. Tolth entertained a motion to suspend floor rules to add three presenters: Wayne Claw, David Nez, and Bartin Hasteen to the agenda under Reports A; second by Honorable Helena Nez Begay. The vote was 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/HNB/GHT; Nays: None; Not voting: GS/VRJ/CY).

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez
Second by: Honorable Helena Nez Begay
Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: HNB/VRJ/AN/GHT; Nays:
None; Not voting: GS/CY)

- Honorable Vince R. James, Presiding Chair

B. Report: Navajo Technical University

- Annual Report
- Status of Federal Funds granted to NTU
- Additional Issues and Concerns

Presenter: Dr. Elmer Guy, President, Navajo Technical University
Jason Arviso, Vice President of Operations, NTU
Dr. Colleen Bowman, Provost, NTU
Daryl Begay, Government Relations Office, NTU

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

C. Report: Diné College

- Annual Report
- Status of Federal Funds granted to Diné College
- Additional Issues and Concerns

Presenter: Glennita Haskey Acting President
 Bo Lewis Vice President of Finance and Administration

 Dr. Alysa Landry Provost
 Malcolm Bob Acting Vice President of Student Services

 Raychelle Leonard Controller
 Leon Jackson Director of Projects Operation
 Karen Francis Chief of Staff

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez
Second by: Honorable Germaine Simonson
Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GS/GHT; Nays: None; Not voting: VRJ/HNB/CY)

6. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislation 0097-25: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee and Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Approving Navajo Division of Transportation Social Media Policy.

Sponsor: Delegate Brenda Jesus

Co-Sponsor: Delegate Shawna Ann Claw

➤ Deferred to the next HEHSC meeting.

B. Select a HEHSC Special Meeting date in-lieu of Monday, July 21, 2025 - Navajo Nation Council

Presenters: HEHSC Members
Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor

➤ HEHSC Committee consented to July 07, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Window Rock, NN (AZ)

Motion by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

Second by: Honorable George H. Tolth

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

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

- Monday, June 30, 2025 9:00 a.m. HEHSC Leadership Meeting; DHR-DPM; B&F Conference Room; Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Tuesday, July 1, 2025 9:00 a.m. HEHSC Special Budget Meeting; B&F Conference Room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:00 a.m. HEHSC Special Budget Meeting; B&F Conference Room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, July 14, 2025 10:00 a.m. Navajo Nation Summer Session Commences
- Monday, July 21, 2025 9:00 a.m. HEHSC Leadership Meeting; DHR-DPM; B&F Conference Room; Window Rock, NN (AZ)

