

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
SIGN IN SHEET /ROLL CALL

REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 25, 2025

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Budget and Finance Conference Room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)

Meeting Call to Order at: 10:02 AM

Adjourned at: 4:48 pm

<u>HEHSC MEMBERS</u>	<u>TIME IN</u>	<u>TIME OUT</u>	<u>SIGNATURES</u>
Vince R. James (C)	<u>1000AM</u>	<u>4:48pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Germaine Simonson (VC)	<u>1014AM</u>	<u>4:48pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Helena Nez-Begay	<u>958AM</u>	<u>4:48 pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Dr. Andy Nez	<u>1000pm</u>	<u>448pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
George H. Tolth	<u>930 AM</u>	<u>448pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Curtis Yanito	<u>955 AM</u>	<u>448 pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor			<u>[Signature]</u>
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**OTHER 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION DELEGATE (S) :**

<u>TIME IN</u>	<u>TIME OUT</u>	<u>SIGNATURES</u>	<u>TIME IN</u>	<u>TIME OUT</u>	<u>SIGNATURES</u>
<u>1. 1:00pm</u>	<u>2:05pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	6.		
<u>2. 4:00pm</u>	<u>4:48</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	7.		
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28. Condace French Jonathon L. Hale
29. Cody M. Begay Alfred Mike
30. Dr. F Jackson, NHS Asst. Sup R Tracy
31. Dr. Guy Gorman Sr. Care Home iPhone (454)
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# AGENDA

## HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING

August 25, 2025

10:00 AM

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

**PLACE:** Budget and Finance Conference Room (In-person)  
Via Telecommunications:  
**Call-In Number: 1-669-900-6833 MTG ID: 979-985-0956 Passcode: 86515**  
Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Helena Nez Begay	<input type="checkbox"/> Germaine Simonson
<input type="checkbox"/> Vince R. James	<input type="checkbox"/> George Tolth
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Andy Nez	<input type="checkbox"/> Curtis Yanito

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

#### 2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

#### 3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA

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

#### 5. REPORT(S):

##### A. Report: Bureau of Indian Education – Navajo Area

- Jurisdiction of All Navajo Federally Funded Schools
- Federal Funds Distribution Listing for Navajo Federally Funded Schools
- BIE's Fiduciary Responsibility to Navajo Federally Funded Schools
- BIE's role in Navajo Federally Funded Schools
  - Tribally Controlled School (TCS)
  - Bureau Operated Schools (BOS)
- Data Sharing Agreement

**Presenter(s):** Emily Arviso, Associate Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Education - Navajo  
Charles Sherman, Education Specialist, Bureau of Indian Education – Navajo  
Dr. Edie Morris, Education Program Administrator  
John McIntosh, Education Program Administrator

Dr. Rena Yazzie, Education Program Administrator, Shiprock Education Resource Center (ERC), Bureau of Indian Education - Navajo

**Invited: Department of Diné Education**

Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Assistant Superintendent; DODE  
Jamey Lowery, Acting Program Manager and Senior Education Specialist; Office of Diné Accountability & Compliance (ODAC); DODE  
Darrick Franklin, Program Manager, COGNIA-DODE  
Dr. Ferlin Clark, Program Manager, ODSI – DODE

**Department of Justice:**

Brenda Anderson, Tribal Court Advocate, Navajo Department of Justice

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**B. Report: Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc.**

- Contract Care
- Potential relocation of elderly clients from Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc.

**Presenters:** Wayne Claw, CEO; Navajoland Nursing Home / Dr. Guy Gorman, Sr. Care Home.  
Angela Claw, Consultant, Navajoland Nursing Home / Dr. Guy Gorman, Sr. Care Home  
Jonathan Hale, President – Board of Directors, Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc.  
David Nez, Vice President – Board of Directors, Navajoland Nursing Home, Inc.

**Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President:**

President Buu Nygren, NN Office of the Present and Vice-President

**Navajo Division of Children and Family Services:**

Thomas Cody, Executive Director, Navajo Division of Children and Family Services  
Sonlatsa Jim, Deputy Director, DCFS  
Crescentia Tso, Department Manager III; Department of Family Services (DFS)  
Delphina Benallie, Principal Social Worker, DFS  
Rhonda Jishie, Contract Analyst, DFS

**Navajo Office of the Controller:**

Sean McCabe, Controller; Navajo Nation Office of the Controller

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**C. Report: Division of Children and Family Services**

- Revisions to the Protection Against Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, and Abandonment of Navajos with Disabilities.
- Organizations and services providing services to Navajos with disabilities.

**Presenters:** Thomas Cody, Executive Director, DCFS  
Sonlatsa Jim, Deputy Director, DCFS

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**D. Update:** Report on the progress of updating/revising information to:

**Legislation No. 0195-24:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Approving Amendments to the Navajo Nation Child Support Guidelines and Child Support Schedule.

- *On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, HEHSC Tabled the legislation for 90-days. The legislation was referred to the Navajo Department of Justice and the Department of Child Support Enforcement within the Navajo Division of Human Resources to re-assess the affordability and to update relevant information to the Child Support Guidelines and Child Support Schedule and thereafter, hold a work session for the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and subsequently conduct public hearings at each Navajo Nation Agency within the timeframe.*
- *On January 6, 2025, an update was provided. The public hearings were conducted. Reviewing the public hearing comments and evaluating the changes in the Child Support Guidelines were proceeding.*
- *On April 28, 2025, an update was provided. The guidelines were being reviewed and revised.*

**Presenters: Division of Human Resources**

Reycita Toddy, Interim Director, Division of Human Resources  
Katherine Benally, Deputy Director, Division of Human Resources  
Judy Platero, Program Manager, DHR/Department of Child Support Services

**Department of Justice:**

Christopher Schneider, Principal Attorney, Navajo Department of Justice  
Brenda Anderson, Tribal Court Advocate, Navajo Department of Justice

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**E. Report:** Navajo Head Start - Department of Diné Education

Department of Personnel Management - Division of Human Resources

- Reported burglary, robbery, theft, larceny and vandalism at the Navajo Head Start Building.
- Copy of the Police Report reporting the incident.
- Investigatory Leave enacted on Navajo Head Start employees.

**Presenters:** Dr. Jackson, NHS Assistant Superintendent

Renee Marianto, Director of Finance  
Falencia Lewis, Delegated HR Manager

**Department of Diné Education:**

Claudia Edgewater, Superintendent, DODE  
Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Assistant Superintendent; DODE

**Division of Human Resources:**

Reycita Toddy, Interim Director, Division of Human Resources  
Katherine Benally, Deputy Director, Division of Human Resources

**Department of Justice:**

Brenda Anderson, Tribal Court Advocate, Navajo Department of Justice

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**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-Sponsors:** Delegate Shawna Ann Claw  
Delegate Germaine Simonson

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- B. Work Session:** Select a date to reschedule the work session with the Navajo Election Administration initially scheduled on June 9, 2025.

**Presenters:** HEHSC Members

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- C. Work Session:** Select a date to schedule a work session with the Navajo Board of Education per Committee Report on December 16, 2025.

**Legislation No. 0262-24:** An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services; Rescinding Resolution HEHSCMY-12-12, Entitled "Relating to Health, Education and Human Services; Delegating Health, Education and Human Services Committee Power Set Fort at 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(4)(b) to the Navajo Board of Education to Increase Efficiency and Streamlining of Government Processes in This Matter Pursuant to the Committee-Approved Administrative Rules and Regulations Governing This Delegation and the Rescission of Such Delegation"; Approving Guidelines for Reauthorization Under Public Law 93-638 and Public Law 100-297 Contract Reauthorization Application and Approval.

**Presenters:** HEHSC Members

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

- Monday, September 8, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Mtg; B&F conf. rm.; Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, September 15, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Mtg; B&F conf. rm.; Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, September 22, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Mtg; B&F conf. rm.; Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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*THIS AGENDA 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 Committees 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 No. 7, and Standing Rule of Order No. 8*