

JOURNAL

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

SPECIAL MEETING
February 26, 2025
3:00 PM

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 Germaine Simpson, Vice-Chairperson at 3:15 p.m. There were four (4) members present, one (1) member excused and one (1) member absent when Roll Call was made by Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant with Office of Legislative Services.

- Angelita Benally announced that Honorable Vince R. James requested to add Sean McCabe, Controller, to the agenda regarding the Stale dated ARPA checks.

Honorable Members present:

*Honorable Dr. Andy Nez (1:39 p.m.); *Honorable Germaine Simonson (3:13 p.m.); *Honorable George H. Tolth (2:51 p.m.) and *Honorable Curtis Yanito (2:51 p.m.).

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

Honorable Helena Nez Begay (Excused) and Honorable Vince R. James (3:37 p.m.).

Honorable Dr. Andy Nez provided the Invocation.

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

- Casey Allen Johnson
➤ Shawna Ann Claw
➤ Kris O. Beecher, Acting Deputy Attorney General
➤ Refer to the attached Sign-In Sheet

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA

- *Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor (HEHSC) read the proposed agenda into record.*

Honorable George H. Tolth received consent to add a report from Sean McCabe, Controller regarding Stale Dated ARPA Checks as new item B under Receiving Reports 7.

Motion by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Second by: Honorable Dr. Andy Nez

Vote: 03 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GHT/CY; Nays: None;

Excused: HNB/VJ; Not voting: GS)

4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNALS: *None*

5. RECEIVING REPORTS:

A. Report:

- Review the legal analysis answering the U.S. Department of Education – Office for Civil Rights Memorandum for the Speaker of the 25th Navajo Nation Council and the Chair of Health, Education and Human Services Standing Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council to send to the U.S. Department of Education – Office for Civil Rights by the morning of February 28, 2025.

Presenters:

- Heather Claw, Acting Attorney General; Navajo Nation Department of Justice
- Dr. Elmer Guy, President; Navajo Technical University
- Kris O. Beecher, Acting Deputy Attorney General; Navajo Nation Department of Justice
- Chris Schneider, Principal Attorney; Navajo Nation Department of Justice
- Brenda Anderson, Trial Court Advocate; Navajo Nation Department of Justice

Motion by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Second by: Honorable Curtis Yanito

Vote: 04 in favor; 00 opposed; (Yeas: AN/GS/GHT/CY; Nays: None; Excused: HNB; Not voting: VJ)

B. Report:

Office of the Controller

- Stale Dated ARPA Checks

Presenters: Sean McCabe, Controller, Navajo Nation Office of the Controller

Motion by: Honorable George H. Tolth

Second by: Honorable Curtis Yanito

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

6. NEW BUSINESS: *None*

7. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

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

- Monday, March 5, 2025 2:00 pm HEHSC Leadership Meeting w/DODE; DBOSBA, Elections Office and OBI; NN Council Chambers, WR, NN (AZ)

