

## AGENDA

### HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING  
December 11, 2023  
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  
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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 AGENDA

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4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S):  
    > November 20, 2023      Regular Meeting

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5. RECEIVING REPORT:

**A. Report:**

❖ Update: Infectious Diseases and Behavior Health on Navajo Nation

**Presenters:** NDOH – Epidemiology Center

Mr. Del Yazzie, Sr. Epidemiologist; NDOH – Epidemiology Center

**John Hopkins University's Center for Indigenous Health**

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| Dr. Laura Hammit, Director – | Infectious Disease Program at JHU |
| Crystal Austin               | Infectious Disease Program at JHU |
| Leonela Nelson               | Infectious Disease Program at JHU |
| Marissa Begay                | Infectious Disease Program at JHU |
| Dr. Jennifer Richards        | Infectious Disease Program at JHU |

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**B. Report:**

❖ **Insurance Minimums – PSC Tribal Data Resources, Inc.**

**Presenters:** Division of General Services

Dorothea Dedman, Insurance Claims Analyst; Risk Management Program

**Office of Vital Records & Identification**

Melissa DeGroat, Accounts Maintenance Specialist; DNR/Navajo Office of Vital Records and Identification

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**C. Report**

❖ **Lobbying Visit: Washington, DC Federal Office Visit (September 2023)**

- Federal Veteran's Administration (Washington, DC office)
- Navajo Veterans Issues

**Presenter:** Lester Yazzie, Staff Assistant, Office of the Speaker

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**D. Report:**

❖ **Navajo Veteran's Administration**

- Procedure of Eligibility Criteria for FRF Housing Expenditure Plan in HEHSCS-15-21 (HEHSCS-15-21 - Resolution was passed before CJY-29-22)
- Agency listings of eligible Veterans according to the HEHSCS-15-21 criteria and as "Need Base" under CJY-29-22.
- OLC recommendation of updating HEHSCS-15-21 to adhere to CJY-29-23 of "Need Base" criteria.

**Presenters:** Bobbie Balwin, Executive Director, Navajo Veteran's Administration

Ms. Alvira Teller, Housing Specialist Housing Officer; NVA

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**E. Report:**

- ❖ **Update: 60 Day Public Comment Period Timeline Update for the Options for the School Board Apportionment Plan**

**Presenter(s):** Kristen Lowell, Principal Attorney; Office of Legislative Counsel  
Louis Mallette, Attorney, Navajo Department of Justice; Litigation Unit

**Technical Advisors:** NEA and NBOES

Veronica Curley, Interim Executive Director; Navajo Election Administration  
Melvin Harrison, Chairperson; Navajo Board of Election Supervisors

**DODE**

Claudia Edgewater, Acting Superintendent of Schools  
Roy Tracy, Program Manager, Office of Education Research and Statistics, Assistant Superintendent (Delegated), Navajo Head Start  
Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Ed. Program Manager; Cognia Navajo Nation: NCA Accreditation, Certification and Assessment  
Department of Diné Education

**DBOSBA**

Jordan Etcitty, Executive Director; Diné Bi Olta School Board Association

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6.      **OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

7.      **NEW BUSINESS:** *None*

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

- December 14-16, 2023      Diné Bi Olta School Board Association Winter Conference  
Las Vegas, Nevada
- December 20, 2023      Special Meeting in lieu of Dec. 18, 2023–Twin Arrows, Dine’  
Conference Center; 8:00 am – 11:00 am
- December 20, 2023      Legislative Branch Christmas Dinner 11:00 am – 5:00 pm;  
Twin Arrows Diné Conference Center
- January 29, 2024      Regular Meeting - Navajo Technical University; Crownpoint  
Campus – Annual Report

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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.*