

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

REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2026

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

Meeting Call to Order at: 10:10 AM

Adjourned at: 4:26 PM

HEHSC MEMBERS

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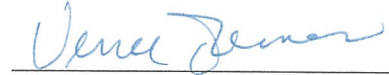
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SIGNATURES

Vince R. James (C)

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Germaine Simonson (vc)

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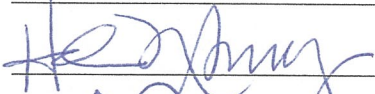
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Helena Nez-Begay, Member

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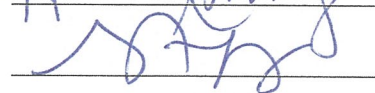
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Dr. Andy Nez, Member

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George H. Tolth, Member

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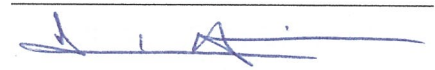
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Curtis Yanito, Member

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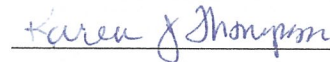
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Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant



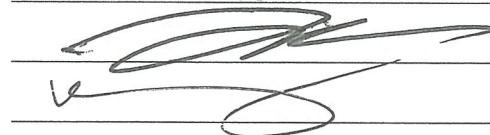
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Candace D. French, Legislative Counsel

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Jason John, Legislative Staff Asst.



Mary J. Nez, Executive Assistant-OOS



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	<u>VISITORS/GUESTS</u>	<u>TITLE/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMAIL ADDRESS</u>
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3.	Jessica Deschne	Shonto	
4.	Tiffanee Bryant	Shonto	
5.	Kode Bryant	Shonto	
6.	Michael Oppelt	IHS - SFC	
7.	David Harvey	IHS - HQ SFC	
8.	Sam Russell	IHS - HQ SFC	
9.	Alice Franco	IHS - SFC	
10.	Tray Ritter	CDC/IHS	
11.	Maria Pat Carlos	CDC/IHS	
12.	Ra/Melstrom	IHS - Navajo SFC	
13.	Jim SLATE	IHS CONTRACTOR	
14.	Dr. Deborah Belone	DDDE-ODAC	
15.	Wilfred Jones	UNHS	
16.	Lorissa Jackson	UNHS BOD	
17.	Natalie Exum	Johns Hopkins	
18.	Reese Cuddy	Johns Hopkins	
19.	Tracy Che	Manager	
20.	Aaren Bitsone	UNHS	

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24. Ashley Thacker	JHCH	
25. Marlinda L	NDCFS	
26. Bobbie Ann Baldwin	NNVA Executive Director	
27. Crescenta TSO	NDCFS	
28. Tommy Tsosie	WYAS	
29. Linda LTV	NDOA	
30. Eugene Badoni	NNBOE	
31. Nancy Badoni		
32. Brenda Anderson	DOJ.	
33. Freda Nells	NNBOE	
34.	ZOOM PARTICIPANTS	
35. Honorable George H. Tolth		
36. Candace French, Atty		
37. Mac Stunt, OLC		
38. Leslie Tsosie		
39. Tatyana Billy		

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45. LT - Leah Lanenerh Tyler		
46. Melody		
47. NAIHS- Yvonne Kee Billison		
48. Rebecca Clatyon		
49. Jason Chavez		
50. Andy Sugrue		
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53. Berili Bry		
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56. Stephanie Singer		
57. Andrew Sugrue - Gov. Katie Hobbs		
58. Aurelia Yazzie		
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60. Manuel Rico, Chief of Staff, Office of the Speaker		
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68. -----verified by Karen J. Thompson, LA (HEHSC) -----		

Jeremy Jimmy

Investment Manager / OOC-Investment Section

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APPROVED AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING

July 13, 2026

10:00 AM

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

PLACE: Budget and Finance conference room
<https://navajonationcouncil-org.zoom.us/j/86818896705>
Join via Audio:
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Window Rock, NN (AZ)

☐ Helena Nez Begay	☐ Germaine Simonson
☐ Vince R. James	☐ George Tolth
☐ Dr. Andy Nez	☐ Curtis Yanito

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

2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA:

m: Curtis Yanito s: Dr. Andy Nez v: 3-0-3 Not Voting: Chair Vince James

4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S):

- June 15, 2026 Regular Meeting
- June 29, 2026 Regular Meeting

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5. REPORT(S):

A. Report: Northern Treehouse Shelter – Shiprock, NM

- Update

Presenter: A.J. Bitsouie, MHA, Administrative Support Specialist; Victim Services & Shelters;

Utah Navajo Health Systems, Inc. Trudy Chee, NTH Shelter Manager; Lorrissa Jackson, UNHS Board Chair; Wilford Jones, UNHS Board Member; Rick Henry, BH Director; Michael Jensen, UNHS CEO; Andy Evens, UNHS CFO.

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**B. Report: Navajo Department of Health
Arizona Division of Aging and Adult Services
Department of Economic Security**

Presenters: Navajo Department of Health:
Sherylene Yazzie, Acting Director, NDOH
Leonora Henderson, Health Services Administrator

Presenters via Zoom:

**Arizona Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS);
Department of Economic Security (AZ-DES), Phoenix, AZ**
Rebecca Clayton, DAAS Assistant Director, AZ Dept. of Economic Security
Darlene Vinarskai, Executive Tribal Liaison, AZ Dept. of Economic Security

**Invited via Zoom: Arizona Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS);
Department of Economic Security (AZ-DES), Phoenix, AZ**
Rana Simms, Deputy Assistant Director, DAAS; DES
Jonathan Lucke, Deputy Assistant Director, DAAS; DES
Jeremia Garci Ramadan, Chief of Staff, DES Office of the Director
Patricia Sutton, Intergovernmental Liaison, DAAS; DES
Jason Chavez, Director of Tribal Affairs, AZ Governor's Office
EJ John, Tribal Affairs Advisor, Governor's Office
Andrew Sugrue, Tribal Affairs Advisor, Governor's Office
Leah Landrum Taylor, Assistant Director for the Office of Community Engagement;
DES Office of the Director.

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**C. Report: Navajo Area Indian Health Service Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction (IHS SFC)
Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health (JHCIH)**

- Navajo Area IHS SFC Program Support Contract and Tribal Advisory Committee Formation Update
 - The contract aims to strengthen Navajo Area SFC planning, program management, and infrastructure delivery through data-driven tools, a methodology to identify homes without piped water or wastewater service, and development of a strategic action plan. The proposed SFC Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) is intended to strengthen government-to-government consultation by ensuring continuous Navajo Nation engagement in the planning and delivery of SFC Program's water, sewer, and solid waste services.
- Household Water and Wastewater Assessment Initiative Update
 - Community-engaged methodology to identify and assess homes across the Navajo Nation that lack piped water and wastewater services.

Presenters: Commander Helena Shannon, Acting Director, IHS SFC
*Theresa Galvan, Deputy Area Director, IHS SFC

**(Deputy Director Galvan has a prior meeting commitment.)*
Ashley Thacker, Community Principal Investigator, JHCIH
Natalie Exum, PhD, Environmental Health Scientist, JHCIH
Reese Cuddy, Project Manager, JHCIH

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D. Report: Department of Dine Education – Office of Dine’ Accountability and Compliance

- Status Navajo Nation School’s personnel stabilization

Presenter: Department of Dine Education

Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Acting Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Deborah Belone, Education Program Manager, Office of Dine’ Accountability and Compliance (ODAC)

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6. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Legislation No. 0163-26:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Supporting the Northern Navajo Veterans’ Organization Request to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to Prioritize Utility Hookups for Veteran Housing Projects

Sponsor: Delegate Vince R. James

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- B. Legislation No. 0171-26:** An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Health Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. §§ 1171 et seq. by Rescinding the Existing Veterans Trust Fund Statute and Replacing It with Two New Funds; Establishing the Navajo Nation Veterans Assistance Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. §§ 1171 et seq.; and Establishing the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. §§ [3301] et seq.

Sponsor: Delegate Dr. Andy Nez **Co-Sponsor(s)** Delegates Amber Kanazbah Crotty and, Lester Yazzie

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

- July 20 – 24, 2026 10:00 am Navajo Nation Council Summer Session
- Monday, July 27, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ).