

**Approved Joint Meeting
Agenda of the Law and Order Committee
of the 25th Navajo Nation Council
AND
Resources and Development Committee
of the 25th Navajo Nation Council**

**January 5, 2026
10:00 AM**

Presiding: Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman, LOC
Nathan Notah, Vice Chairman

Brenda Jesus, Chairwoman, RDC
Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairman

Place: Navajo Department of Transportation (NDOT), Tse Bonito,
New Mexico

1. Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call and Invocation

Meeting called to Order by Honorable Madam Chair Eugenia Charles-Newton at 10:21 a.m., Roll Call taken by Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor/OLS, with Four (4) members present.

Honorable LOC Members Present: *Eugenia Charles-Newton (9:59 a.m.), *Arbin Mitchell (9:41 a.m.), *Herman M. Daniels Jr. (9:53 a.m.) and *Nathan Notah (10:04 a.m.)

Honorable LOC Member Excused: Steven R. Arviso

Roll Call taken by Ramona Nelson, Legislative Assistant/OLS, with Three (3) members present.

Honorable RDC Members Present: *Brenda Jesus (10:20 a.m.), *Danny Simpson (10:06 a.m.), *Rickie Nez (9:53 a.m.) and Shawna Ann Claw (1:03 p.m.)

Honorable RDC Members Excused: Casey Allen Johnson
Honorable Member Not Present: Otto Tso

Invocation provided by Honorable Rickie Nez.

2. Recognize Guest and Visiting Officials

Review Sign in Sheet

3. Review and Adopt the Agenda:

Agenda Read into record by Laureen Spencer, Advisor/OLS

Amendment #1: To remove item 4 letter e. Report from Northern Agency (Representative) regarding Hemp fields in the Northern Agency.

Motioned by: Honorable Brenda Jesus
Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

LOC Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/SRA)

RDC Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: DS/RN/BJ;
Nays: None: Not Voting: CAJ/SAC/OT)

Main Motion:

Motioned by: Honorable Nathan Notah
Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

LOC Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/SRA)

RDC Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: DS/RN/BJ;
Nays: None: Not Voting: CAJ/SAC/OT)

4. Receiving Reports:

- a. Report from Jesse Jim, Agriculture Manager, Department of Agriculture, DNR - Grazing Regulations
- b. Report from Navajo Police Department, Michael Henderson, Executive Director, NDPS - Police reports
- c. Report from Resource Enforcement, Hope Wilson, Resource Enforcement Manager - Cattle Rustling
- d. Report from Land Department, Byron Bitsoie, Sr., Department Manager III/Delegated Department Manager, GLDD - Homesite Lease
- e. Recommendations:

Directive: Directive to the Navajo Nation Department of Justice from the Navajo Nation Law and Order Committee and the Navajo Nation Resources Development Committee in preparation for the February 19, 2026 Leadership Meeting.

The Navajo Nation Department of Justice is directed to work with the Navajo Division of Public Safety and the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources enforcement personnel and Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, to create a cross-deputizing program for:

The Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency.

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Seconded by: Honorable Danny Simpson

LOC Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/SRA)

RDC Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: DS/SAC/RN;
Nays: None: Not Voting: BJ/CAJ/OT)

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business: None

7. Close of Meeting, Announcements and Adjournment.

Honorable Madam Chair Brenda Jesus called adjournment at 4:07 p.m.

Motioned by: Honorable Rickie Nez
Seconded by: Honorable Shawna Ann Claw

LOC Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/SRA)

RDC Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: DS/RN/SAC;
Nays: None: Not Voting: BJ/CAJ/OT)